

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

Mc10

Budget Cut Assessment Form	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	Ref No Mc10	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
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Description of Proposal:
 Cease decorating Town Centre at Christmas time with electric lighting.
 The £35,000 cost covers essentially the erection/maintenance/removing of lights each year.

Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs	Cost Shunting
No. of posts to be deleted	0	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs	Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets
No. of potential redundancies	0	It would reduce the workload on Highway services that erect, maintain and remove the lighting each season.	Removal of the lights currently on the clock tower, which is subject to a condition on the listed building consent (estimated £3,000).	None.
Estimated Redundancy costs	£0	There should be a slight reduction in the Council's electricity bill. Diminishes Town Centre offer during critical Christmas retail window.		

	Financial Summary				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	0	34,000	34,000	35,000	36,000
Redundancy Costs					
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads	0	1,093	1,100	1,114	1,114
NET Budget Reduction	0	35,093	35,100	36,114	36,114

IMPORTANT:
 NOTE THIS BUDGET CUT IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT SHOULD
 "INVESTING IN DARLINGTON'S FUTURE" PROPOSALS ARE AGREED
 FOLLOWING CONSULTATION SEE PARAGAPH 52 OF THE MAIN
 REPORT

Equality Impacts

Overview is EIA needed?			Protected Characteristics							
Put 'x' in relevant box if the proposal:	'x'	Comments, including any charge across the options. Include the number of people affected, where known	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put 'x' in the box in the Impact column if there are positive (P) or negative (N) equality impacts. Leave box blank if there are no potential equality impacts Put L, M, H or ? in relevant column using following descriptions: L = sustainable adjustment in daily routine M = significant reorganisation or change H = life changing or limiting impact on quality of life ? = not known at this stage. 			Explain decision, level of impact and any change across the options		Yes	Brief Details	
Affects	Service users	x	Diminishes Town Centre offer during critical Christmas retail window	Impact	Level					
	Employees	x	It would reduce the workload on Highway services that erect, maintain and remove the lighting each season.	P	N	L/M/H/?		Have Cumulative Impacts been identified? x	It would reduce the workload on Highway services that erect, maintain and remove the lighting each season.	
	The wider community	x	Diminishes Town Centre offer during critical Christmas retail window	Age				Have unlawful impacts been identified?		
	Significantly affects how services are delivered?			Race				Are there opportunities to advance equality?		
	Have a significant effect on partner organisations?		Diminishes Town Centre offer during critical Christmas retail window	Sex				Are there opportunities to foster good relations?		
	Affect services known to be important to particular protected groups?			Gender Reassignment				Have any other options been explored and discounted?	No	May be potential for businesses or charitable organisations to continue the display of Christmas lights.
	Affect different protected groups in different ways?			Disability						
	Relate to service areas with known inequalities			Religion or Belief						
				Sexual Orientation						
				Pregnancy or Maternity						
				Marriage/Civil Partnership						

MTFP – 2016/17 – Equality Screenings. This screening tool is to gather information on potential equality impacts to inform decision making. It is not an equality impact assessment. EIA will be done at a later stage where appropriate. All proposals must have an equality screen document. Decision makers must have equality screening information before any decision is taken. DBC is at risk of legal challenge if decision makers do not have this information.