

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 27TH APRIL 2009

REPORT ON: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2009

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO.: 225-2009

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to the proposals and contracts for Christmas Lighting 2009.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Approval is recommended of (1) the Christmas Lighting display proposals as set out in this report and the attached Appendix I, (2) the acceptance of the negotiated offer by Dundee Contract Services as set out in Appendix II, (3) the inclusion of an allowance for the extension of the display at Broughty Ferry, and (4) the acceptance of the offer submitted by Scotia Animations for the display in the City Square as set out in Appendix II.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Head of Finance has confirmed that funding for the above project is available as detailed on the attached Appendix II.

4 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The cost of providing the city wide displays in 2008-2009 was £253,000.

4.2 The estimated cost of providing the same display in 2009-2010 is £255,000. This is £38,000 in excess of the budget allowance for the work.

4.3 Various options to reduce costs were examined. It was not possible to achieve sufficient savings to bring the costs within the budget without reducing the extent of the display in the city centre.

4.4 In addition to reductions in allowances for repairs to lights, professional fees and efficiency savings by Dundee Contract Services it has been necessary to delete two cross street lights in Commercial Street and Whitehall Street.

4.5 The adoption of these savings will bring the estimated cost within budget whilst still allowing for an extension of the display in Broughty Ferry (subject to property owners consent and further savings).

4.6 The three year lease arrangement for the artificial tree and other decorations in the City Square expired last year. As a result an examination of the cost of reverting to a natural tree was carried out. It was established that this would cost approximately £20,000 more than extending the lease for the artificial tree.

4.6.1 In order for a natural tree to be provided within the available budget further deletion of lights in other areas would be required. Accordingly, that option is not recommended.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Head of Finance.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: 20TH APRIL 2009

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY 2009**FESTIVE LIGHTING 2009 SUMMARY OF PROVISION**

The proposed lighting displays comprise:-

City Square

14 metre (45 foot) Artificial tree in the traditional festive colours of red, green and white. The tree will be festooned with red bows to give daytime effect and thousands of white lights to enhance the appeal in darker hours. The red bows will be repeated on the lamp posts and attached to the east and west buildings to compliment the colour scheme of the tree. Spirals of greenery, bows and lights will be fixed to some of the columns of the Caird Hall, and to complete the display pea light cones will be affixed to the top of the lighting columns.

The two Fountains will also be illuminated.

A barrier of fir branches will be placed around the base of the tree.

The small permanent trees will be fitted with pea lights.

The colonnade at the Caird Hall will be back washed with coloured lights.

Broughty Ferry

6 No Catenary lights in Brook Street.
Natural tree and lights at the library.
2 No Catenary lights in Gray Street.
Extension of lights in Fort Street

Lochee

6 No lights affixed to lighting columns in High Street.
Natural tree and lights on the roundabout at the by-pass.

Westport

Natural tree and lights at the former toilets.

Seabraes (Perth Road)

Natural tree and lights at the garden area.

Whitfield

Natural tree and lights at the police station.

Stobswell

Natural tree and lights at foot of Morgan Academy grounds.

CITY CENTRE**Reform Street**

6 No overhead light features.

Whitehall Street

1 overhead light feature.

Crichton Street

1 overhead light feature.

Castle Street

1 overhead light feature.

Murraygate

3 overhead light features.
7 lights on lamp posts.

High Street

1 overhead light feature.
Some trees fitted with lights.

Nethergate

Illuminated Features on lamp posts.

Union Street

4 No Catenary lights.

CLIENT	Economic Development		Economic Development	
PROJECT REFERENCE	07-5220A		07-5220B	
PROJECT	City Christmas Decorations and Events 2009/2010 Displays at City Square		City Christmas Decorations and Events 2009/2010 Electrical Installation	
DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	Supply, Installation and removal of various illuminated features around the City Square including a 14 metre high artificial tree, bows and spiral decorations to the Caird Hall columns and pea light cone trees on top of existing lamp posts. The offer is for a lease over two years of which this is the first year.		Erection and connection of the Christmas Lighting equipment and features with supply cables as required at Dundee City Centre, Westport, Seabraes, Stobswell, Lochee High Street and bypass roundabout, Whitfield Police Station, Broughty Ferry Library and Brook Street including the erection of associated Christmas trees and garlands.	
TOTAL COST	Several Works	£30,101.00	Several Works	£171,867.00
	Allowances	£210.00	Allowances	£14,822.00
	TOTAL	£30,311.00	TOTAL	£186,689.00
FUNDING SOURCE	Economic Development Revenue Budget	£30,311.00	2009/2010	
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING			Economic Development Revenue Budget	£156,689.00
			Common Good fund	£30,000.00
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None			
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	None		None	
LOCAL AGENDA 21	None			
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	None		None	
TENDERS	Negotiated offer with specialist:		Negotiated offer:	
	1 Scotia Animations Ltd, Aberdeen	£30,101.00	1 Dundee Contract Services	£171,867.00
RECOMMENDATION	Note: the first year of a two year lease		Acceptance of offer.	
ALLOWANCES	Planning Supervisor	£210.00	Professional Services	£8,222.00
			Broughty Ferry Extension	£6,600.00
	TOTAL	£210.00	TOTAL	£14,822.00
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None		None	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None		None	