

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 10 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT ON: BAXTER PARK LIGHTING WORKS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

REPORT NO: 307-2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek authority for the upgrading of the existing lighting system in Baxter Park and to authorise the appointment of the street lighting partnership to undertake the works.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee is asked to:

- approve the upgrading of the existing external lighting system in Baxter Park subject to planning permission being approved: and
- agree to the appointment of the street lighting partnership to undertake these works at a cost of £73,050.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that funding for the above project can be met from allowances within the 2012/13 capital plan for Open Space. The upgrading of the existing ground level lighting with new LED lanterns, will provide an estimated revenue saving of £5,500 per annum.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following a series of recurring faults to the existing ground level lighting of the footpaths, access road and the terrace adjacent to the pavilion, temporary floodlighting has been installed to ensure on-going safety for those walking through the park. A subsequent technical review of the lighting was undertaken by the Council's street lighting partnership and a report has been received recommending the upgrading of the existing ground lights.
- 4.2 The existing lighting will be upgraded with fifteen LED street lights and four LED illuminated bollards. The column design will be in keeping with the park landscape and will be painted to match the existing Baxter Park street furniture. Ground mounted lanterns around the pavilion will also be upgraded.
- 4.3 The provision of the new LED system will improve the quality of the lighting within the park whilst at the same time reducing carbon emissions and energy costs. The estimated saving in energy costs is estimated to be £5,500 per annum based on current costs.
- 4.3 The proposed designs have been developed by the street lighting partnership and an offer

has been received to undertake the works. Future maintenance of the system will be carried out through the street lighting partnership.

- 4.4 Consultation has been undertaken with the Friends of Baxter Park, the Heritage Lottery and the new lighting system is subject to approval of a current planning application.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainable Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of City Development and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted on this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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