

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2008

REPORT ON: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2008

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO.: 463-2008

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to the proposals and contract / tender for Christmas Lighting 2008.

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 tender submitted by Dundee Contract Services as set out in Appendix II and (3) the inclusion of allowances for 1. Repairing of lights, 2. Replacement of lights, 3. Safety works, 4. Extension of display at Broughty Ferry.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The general city wide display will be the same as last year.

4.2 The City Square display is the third year of a three year lease arrangement with Scotia Animations Ltd and the attached Appendix I outlines the full proposals for Christmas Lighting in and around the City.

4.3 Over recent years a number of the light fittings have sustained damage due to wear and tear and require substantial repairs. An allowance of £15,000 has been included for this work.

4.4 Similarly a number of strings of lights for peripheral trees require to be replaced. An allowance of £6,000 has been included for this work.

4.5 An allowance of £5,000 has been included to enable further safety improvement measures to be carried out.

4.6 Over the last few years the Broughty Ferry Traders Association have requested an extension of the display into Gray Street and Fort Street. Three locations in each street have been identified as suitable. This is subject to further survey and to the consent of property owners to allow the attachment of wire fixings to their property. The estimated cost of this work is £13,200. Within the available budgets the carrying out of all of this work in this financial year is not affordable. It is recommended that an allowance of £6,600 with a view to extending the light provision to Gray Street. The supply of the lights will be funded by the traders. The erection of the lights and provision of fixings is to be funded by the Council.

4.7 In addition to the foregoing a request was received last year from Broughty Ferry Traders Association to devise a scheme which would allow all of the lights to be switched on at one time rather than each set individually. The cost of this proposal has been estimated at £3,000. It is recommended that due to the costs/benefits of this proposal that this request is rejected for the time being.

4.8 Also a request was received last year from traders in Union Street to have the lights operating during the day rather than just when the street lighting was on. The cost of converting the electrical supply has been estimated at £800. It is recommended that due to the costs/benefits of this proposal that this request is rejected for the time being.

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 Article II of the Minute of Meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on 11th September 2006 which approved the acceptance of the lease agreement with Scotia Animations Ltd, Aberdeen for the period 2006-2008.

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DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DATE: 15TH SEPTEMBER 2008

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY 2008**FESTIVE LIGHTING 2008 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 perpetuate a traditional Christmas feeling. 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 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.
Extension of lights in Gray 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.

Commercial Street

2 overhead light features.

Murraygate

3 overhead light features.
6 Curtain lights on lamp posts.
1 Illuminated figure on pole at Wellgate end.

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 2008/2009 Displays at City Square		City Christmas Decorations and Events 2008/2009 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 three years of which this is the final 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	£34,527.00	Several Works	£172,977.27
	Allowances	£210.00	Allowances	£45,090.00
	TOTAL	£34,737.00	TOTAL	£218,067.27
FUNDING SOURCE	Economic Development Revenue Budget	£34,737.00	2007/2008	
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING			Economic Development Revenue Budget	£188,067.27
			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 (three year total):		Negotiated offer:	
	1 Scotia Animations Ltd, Aberdeen	£34,527.00	1 Dundee Contract Services	£172,977.27
RECOMMENDATION	Note: the final year of the lease		Acceptance of offer.	
ALLOWANCES	Planning Supervisor	£210.00	Professional Services	£12,490.00
			Repairs to Lights	£15,000.00
			Replace Lights	£6,000.00
			Safety Works	£5,000.00
			Broughty Ferry Extension	£6,600.00
	TOTAL	£210.00	TOTAL	£45,090.00
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None		None	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	See Main Report.		None	