

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 11TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

**REPORT ON: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2006**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT NO.: 544-2006**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to the proposals and contract/tender for Christmas Lighting 2006.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Approval is recommended of (1) the Christmas Lighting display proposals as set out in this report and the attached Appendix 1, (2) the acceptance of the tenders submitted by contractors as set out in Appendix 2 and, (3) the undernoted total amount, including allowances, for each project including lease arrangements to 2008.

<b>Project Reference</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Tender Amount</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Finance Available</b>
06-5122A	City Christmas Decorations and Events 2006/2008 - New Displays at City Square	Scotia Animations Ltd, Aberdeen	£33,699.00	£33,699.00	£33,699.00
06-5122B	City Christmas Decorations and Events 2006/2007 - Electrical Installation	Dundee Contract Services and Terkan Ltd	£183,080.00	£211,301.00	£211,301.00

## **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 2.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

## **6 REPORT**

6.1 Specialist suppliers were contacted to discuss proposals for enhancement to the lighting scheme in the City. In terms of the budget availability it was decided to concentrate any enhancement on the City Square area.

Four specialist suppliers submitted proposals and quotations as follows:-

1. Terkan Ltd
2. Scotia Animations Ltd
3. Turnock Lighting & Electrical Products
4. Blachere Illumination UK Ltd

The proposal from Terkan relates to a computer controlled lighting scheme to the colonnades area of the Caird Hall. This will provide a colour backwash to the rear wall and highlighting illumination to the columns. This would be a permanent installation capable of use throughout the year. This proposal is seen by officers as a worthwhile enhancement to the ambience of the Square. The proposals from Turnock Lighting & Electrical Products and Blachere Illumination UK Ltd were discounted in terms of cost and value for money. The proposal from Terkan is therefore recommended which will entail them supplying the requisite equipment and fittings to Dundee Contract Services.

However, if the proposed enhancements to the Caird Hall frontage are approved this will divert budget from the existing allocation. Additional Health & Safety requirements for this year's traditional display necessitate the upgrading of elements of the existing infrastructure (Cables/Circuit Breakers etc) for which an allowance of £43,000 has been made. The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that this balance can be met from Revenue General Contingency.

- 6.2 The Policy and Resources Committee in March 2006 agreed to the use of £46,000 from the Common Good Fund to provide enhancements to the Christmas Lights and it is intended that this budget will be used to fund the proposals from Terkan Ltd for the Caird Hall.

The Caird Hall proposals are subject to the approval of Historic Scotland. Discussions have taken place and although initial advice is that approval is unlikely this calendar year, Architectural Services are pursuing the matter. In the event that the whole scheme cannot be approved then it is intended that the backwash will be installed (with approval from Historic Scotland) and the remaining lighting installed as soon as possible after consent is received.

- 6.3 The general City wide display will be similar to last year with the major change to the City Square where a 14 metre (45 foot) Artificial tree in the traditional festive colours of red, green and white will be used. 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 complement 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.

- 6.4 This City Square display (excluding the Caird Hall proposals) will be a lease arrangement with Scotia Animations Ltd over a 3 year period.

- 6.5 The attached Appendix 1 outlines the full proposals for Christmas Lighting 2006 in and around the City. A colour presentation panel of the proposals will also be displayed at tonight's meeting.

- 6.5 Requests have been received during 2005/6 from the following:-

1. Broughty Ferry Traders Association - additional catenary lights in Gray Street.
2. Ardler Village Trust - tree and lights.
3. Mid Craigie Church - tree and lights.
4. Top of the Hill Community Forum - tree and lights.
5. Panmure Street - catenary lights.

It has not been possible to accommodate these requests this year due to budget constraints.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and the City Architectural Services Officer have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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**DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: 7TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

**CHRISTMAS DISPLAY 2006**

**FESTIVE LIGHTING 2006 SUMMARY OF PROVISION**

**Summary**

The proposed lighting display is the same as 2005 with changes to the City Square display as follows:-

**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 overall effect is crisp, clean and traditional.

The two Fountains will also be illuminated.

A barrier of fir branches will be placed around the base of the tree as in previous years.

The small permanent trees will be fitted with pea lights.

In addition to the temporary festive lighting it is proposed to install a permanent lighting scheme to the colonnades at the Caird Hall. This will provide a coloured backwash to the rear wall and highlighting illumination to the columns. The lighting can be varied in colour to suit the occasion and will be available all year round.

**Broughty Ferry**

6 No Catenary lights in Brook Street.  
Natural tree and lights at the library.

**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.

### **Crighton 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.

<b>CLIENT</b>	Economic Development		Economic Development	
<b>PROJECT REFERENCE</b>	06-5122A		06-5122B	
<b>PROJECT</b>	City Christmas Decorations and Events 2006/2007 New Displays at City Square		City Christmas Decorations and Events 2006/2007 Electrical Installation	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORKS</b>	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 pealight cone trees on top of existing lamp posts. The offer is for a lease over three years.		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 provision and erection of associated Christmas trees and garlands. Extended facilities this year include permanent lighting to the City Square fountains and the Caird Hall columns and walkway. Lighting to the columns requires the approval of Historic Scotland which may not be in place for the Christmas Display but will be carried out at a later date if approved.	
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	Several Works	£102,334.00	Several Works	£183,080.00
	Allowances	£0.00	Allowances	£28,221.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£102,334.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£211,301.00</b>
<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	Economic Development Revenue Budget		2006/2007	
<b>BUDGET PROVISION &amp; PHASING</b>	Lease cost in 2006/2007	£33,699.00	Economic Development Revenue Budget	£98,301.00
	Lease cost in 2007/2008	£34,108.00	Common Good fund (enhanced display)	£30,000.00
	Lease cost in 2008/2009	£34,527.00	Common Good fund (additional enhanced display)	£46,000.00
<b>ADDITIONAL FUNDING</b>	None		Balance met from the Revenue Budget 2006/2007 General Contingency	£37,000.00
<b>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</b>	None		None	
<b>LOCAL AGENDA 21</b>	None			
<b>EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	None		None	
<b>TENDERS</b>	Negotiated offer with specialist (three year total):		Negotiated offer:	
	1 Scotia Animations Ltd, Aberdeen	£102,334.00	1 Dundee Contract Services	£183,080.00
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Approval to enter in to three year lease.		Acceptance of offer.	
<b>ALLOWANCES</b>			Infrastructure Development	£15,000.00
			Planning Supervisor	£895.00
			Professional Services	£12,326.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£28,221.00</b>
<b>SUB-CONTRACTORS</b>	None		Terkan Ltd, Scone	Lights
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	None		None	