

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Financial assistance for Christmas lights switch-on and other celebration events 2013
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Total Value:

£4,000 (Type: Capital and Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

Financial assistance to provide for the costs of Christmas lights switch-on and other cultural and Christmas community celebrations/ events in December 2013 and future years in the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward. Costs to be funded include publicity, purchase, installation, maintenance and storage of Christmas lights, activities, decorations, community refreshments, electrical connection and power usage.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Councillors have seen the benefits to community cohesion from previous and other local community and cultural celebration events and want to encourage community involvement, ownership and development of these events and activities. There is a need to reach new residents and engage with residents of all ages and different communities in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward. It will reduce social isolation for new and emerging communities, disabled residents, carers and older people. There is a recognised need to engage with young people and children on an ongoing basis with different activities which reflect changing multicultural needs and a variety of interests. As the lights currently remain outside throughout the year there is a need for yearly maintenance and checks. These events provide an additional opportunity to share information with ward communities and citizens on current community projects, schemes and for community consultation.

Other Options Considered: Not to contribute towards the Christmas and other cultural community celebrations/ events was rejected because this contribution would add value to these events. By encouraging involvement of all ages of the wider Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward communities through the production of flyers for distribution in the WELA ward and posters to be displayed locally and in the surrounding areas. Additionally to provide activities for young people and children. Not providing the publicity flyers and additional activities could affect the engagement of local children, young people and families and therefore reduce the impact of the events and opportunity for enhancing community cohesion, recruiting new volunteers, community consultation and informing and involvement of residents/ citizens in new and existing projects.

Background Papers: n/a

Published Works: n/a

Affected Wards: Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations:
Date: 11/10/2013
Ward Councillors: Sally Longford, Sam Webster
Agreed expenditure

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: These events will contribute towards community cohesion and provide an opportunity to bring all communities in the WELA ward together. Thus reducing social isolation and improve wellbeing. The Neighbourhood Police Beat Team and Community Protection are involved in discussions during planning and often attend the public events. Therefore any risks are minimised.

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not required on this occasion as there is no change proposed to City Council Policies, services or functions. This decision will not have an effect on services

Social Value Considerations: Not applicable as the value of the services to be procured are below the EU threshold. The procurement is for works/goods and services where the dominant purpose of the contract is not for the provision of services.

Decision Type: Ward Councillor

Selected Councillors: Sally Longford, Sam Webster

Advice Sought: Finance, Procurement

Finance Advice: The cost of this decision is £4,000. The funding will come from the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward councillors' revenue budget for 2013/14 which contains sufficient provision to meet the cost.

Ian Greateorex
Finance Business Partner
16 October 2013

Procurement Advice: Given the low value, and the distribution of spend across a range of goods and services, there are no procurement concerns with this decision.

The Ward is advised to make use of corporate contracts and recommended frameworks wherever possible, or seek quotations, to ensure value for money.

Dawn Cafferty
Procurement Category Manager - Leisure/Environment
15 October 2013

Signatures Heidi Jane May (North Locality Manager)
SIGNED and Dated: 21/10/2013