

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

24th September 2021

Report of the Head of Streetcare

Mike Roberts

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath

Neath Town Centre Lighting Column Replacement

Purpose of Report

- 1 To seek approval for renewing some ageing lighting columns within Neath Town Centre, utilising one-off energy budget savings resulting from the ongoing SALIX loan funded LED Street Lamp Replacement Project.

Executive Summary

- 2 Some columns in Neath Town Centre are ageing and also not suitable for purposes the Town Council are looking to use them for in terms of hanging baskets and Christmas decorations. As such it is proposed to renew some columns in the commercial core area. The ongoing SALIX funded lower energy LED street lamp replacement project across the County Borough is delivering energy savings but once the project is complete the savings, for around 7 years, need to go towards repaying the SALIX interest free loan. There is however a one-off energy budget saving accruing during the project and it is proposed to utilise this windfall to pay for the replacement columns in Neath Town Centre.

Background

- 3 Some columns in Neath Town Centre are ageing and also not suitable for purposes the Town Council are looking to use them for in terms of hanging baskets and Christmas decorations. The Town Council and retail businesses are therefore seeking that some of the lighting columns are renewed and upgraded.
- 4 During the last 12 months we have been undertaking an energy saving LED street lamp replacement scheme throughout the borough leading to a saving within our energy budget. Once the project is complete the savings, for around 7 years, need to go towards repaying the associated SALIX interest free loan. There is however a one-off energy budget saving accruing during the project and it is proposed to utilise this windfall to pay for replacement columns in Neath Town Centre
- 5 The proposed work is to replace ageing “Balmoral” lighting columns within Neath Town Centre, which will lead in turn to further energy savings.
- 6 If approved, the work will be completed between January and March 2022.

Financial Impact

- 7 The cost of the work is £60,000 to be funded by one-off savings in the lighting energy budget associated with the SALIX LED street lamp replacement project.

Integrated Impact Assessment

- 8 An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. An overview of the IIA has been included in this report in summary form only and it is essential the Members read the Integrated Impact Assessment which is attached to the report at Appendix A, for the purposes of the meeting.

- 9 In summary, there are believed to be no adverse impacts from the proposals

Workforce Impact

- 10 There are no workforce impacts associated with this report

Legal Impact

- 11 There are no legal impacts associated with this report

Risk Management

- 12 This will enable the authority to renew a number of ageing lighting columns, minimising the risk of any failures. Reducing energy usage will help insulate the Council from future energy cost increases.

Consultation

- 13 There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation(s)

- 14 Having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, it is recommended that approval be granted for the proposed street lighting column replacement work in Neath Town Centre to be funded by a £60K one-off savings in the lighting energy budget associated with the ongoing SALIX funding low energy lamp replacement work.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

- 15 To address ageing infrastructure and community needs.

Implementation of Decision

- 17 The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

18 Integrated Impact Assessment

List of Background Papers

None

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