



Christmas Event Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Christmas installations budget proposal requires approval for 2022.
- 1.2 To note the annual switch on for the Christmas tree is scheduled for Saturday 3 December 2022 between 4:30pm - 5:00pm.

2.0 Report Details

- 2.1 The proposed budget is attached as appendix A to this report.
- 2.2 Sponsorship of £1,100 is required to cover the budget shortfall. If the sponsorship can not be identified then WPC must decide to approve the overspend or reduce the Christmas lighting provision. Removing the lamppost lighting would reduce the projected spend by £1,240 and bring the projected spend under budget.
- 2.3 The public switch on event will remain in the usual format of previous years with local school children switching on the village lights at 17:00 on 3 December 2022. Wroughton Country Market will also be running a stall event in the Ellendune Community Centre, supplying hot food and drink.
- 2.4 WPC has been instructed by the property management company of the Ellendune Shopping Centre that the small Christmas trees will no longer be permitted. There are safety concerns relating to the overhanging structures fascia. Seven trees can still be installed on the Tick Tock building providing the manager is satisfied.
- 2.5 The community engagement aspect of the small trees was appreciated by groups/individuals in the village and alternative engagement opportunities are being reviewed.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 To approve the expenditure of up to £6,500 (Christmas budgets £6,500 remaining).
- 3.2 To consider reducing the lighting display in the village or overspending £1,100 on the event.
- 3.3 To note the Christmas event and village lighting.