

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**BUSINESS, INNOVATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
CABINET MEMBER**

CHURCH SQUARE LIGHTING

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Cabinet Member on a proposal for lighting the Church Square area of Scunthorpe Town Centre.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Officers have explored options for improving the environment of the Church Square area of Scunthorpe. This is part of the ambition of the council to reinvigorate Scunthorpe town centre. In consultation with elected members, officers have looked at the opportunities to provide enhanced decorative illumination and more public art in the town centre aimed at improving the public realm. Church Square was identified as an area that could benefit from additional lighting.
- 2.2 A request for information was submitted via YorTender for companies to provide examples of innovative lighting projects from across the country. One such company responded, Ark Lighting. They have previously worked with several local authorities in the area to provide lighting solutions for a variety of different locations.
- 2.3 Working alongside Ark Lighting, officers have designed a lighting solution for Church Square which will improve the night time visuals and aesthetics of the area. The scheme should also enhance public safety by improving visibility in the area.
- 2.4 The lighting solution proposed would see remote controlled LED energy efficient lights installed on Church Square House, 20-21, St. John's Church, the Humber UTC and North Lincolnshire Library. In addition to providing up-lighting to the buildings the lights will also cover Church Square.
- 2.5 The proposed scheme would see changeable coloured lights, installed on the windows of the façade of Church Square House and the Humber UTC. Coloured lights will also be installed to street lights outside 20-21 that would illuminate the former Church building. Soft white light will also light up the former Church and library buildings. All the coloured lights can all be set to the same colour for any events in Church Square.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 To approve the proposal and use existing section 106 funds to cover the project costs and accept the ongoing annual revenue costs.

3.2 To not accept the proposal.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Accepting the proposal will greatly enhance the night time visuals and aesthetics of the area. In addition the lighting would not only enhance the visibility of Church Square it would also enable more evening events to take place with the added potential for development of a vibrant night time economy in the future.

4.2 Not accepting the proposal would see Church Square and the surrounding buildings remain as they are.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 The capital cost of the project in question totals £45,830. Annual revenue costs of around £250 are estimated.

5.2 The council has previously secured section 106 contributions from commercial developments that are available to support projects of this kind. These are sufficient to meet the capital costs associated with this proposal.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 Not applicable.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 Not applicable.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the proposal to enhance the lighting in the Church Square area of Scunthorpe Town Centre.

8.2 That the Cabinet Member authorises the use of previously secured section 106 funding to meet the costs associated with this project.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

- None.