



MINORITY COMMUNITIES DIVERSITY FORUM 27 September 2007

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

Festive Lighting in the Normanton and Peartree Areas

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the proposals for festive lighting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Each year the Council erects festive lighting in the Normanton/Peartree area for a number of festivals.
- 2.2 When considering a report on the arrangements for 2006, members of the Committee requested consultation on extending the location of displays to include, particularly, the bottom end of Peartree. However, there is no budget available in 2007 for extending the festive lighting or relocating some of the existing.
- 2.3 The dates for the erection/switching on and off of the lights vary according to the date of the festivals. This year Eid ul Fitr falls on 12/14 October, Diwali on 9 November and Eid ul Adha on 20/21 December. Baisakhi falls on 13 April 2008. The proposed timetable for lighting displays is as follows:
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| Thursday 11 October 2007 | Eid displays: switch lights on |
| Thursday 18 October 2007 | Eid displays: switch lights off |
| Friday 2 November 2007 | Diwali displays: switch lights on |
| Monday 19 November 2007 | Change light to Christmas displays: switch lights on |
| Wednesday 19 December 2007 | Change part displays to Eid |
| Monday 7 January 2008 | Lights switched off |
| Saturday 5 April 2008 | Baisakhi displays: switch lights on |
| Wednesday 30 April 2008 | Baisakhi displays: switch lights off |
- 2.4 The festive Christmas lighting in the city centre will be switched on Sunday 18 November.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 None directly arising.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly arising.

Personnel

- 3.1 None.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 Erection of lighting for the festivals helps celebrate diversity in the community and promote equality of opportunity and good relations between people of different racial groups.

Corporate priorities

- 5.1 The Festive Lighting supports the Council priority of **making us proud of our neighbourhoods.**