

## 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 The date for the erection/switching on and off of the lights varies according to the dates of the festivals. This year Eid ul Fitr falls on 2 October, Diwali on 28 October and Eid ul Adha on 9 December. The date of the Baisakhi Festival is yet to be announced. The proposed timetable for lighting displays is as follows:
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| Thursday 2 October 2008  | Eid displays: switch lights on                           |
| Wednesday 8 October 2008 | Eid displays: switch lights off                          |
| Friday 24 October 2008   | Diwali displays: switch lights on                        |
| Tuesday 18 November 2008 | Change lights to Christmas displays:<br>switch lights on |
| Tuesday 9 December 2008  | Change part displays to Eid                              |
| Tuesday 6 January 2009   | Lights switched off                                      |
| Baisakhi April 2009      | Dates to be advised                                      |
- 2.3 The festive Christmas lighting in the city centre will be switched on Saturday 15 November 2008.
- 2.4 Consultation has taken place with Anna Guatama, representative of the Hindu Temple / community centre.

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**Background papers:**

**List of appendices:** None  
Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**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 everyone proud of our neighbourhoods.**