



MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 SEPTEMBER 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Festive Lighting in the Normanton and Peartree Areas

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note 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. The dates for the erection / switching on and off of the lights vary according to the date of the festivals.
- 2.2 This year Diwali falls on 21 October and Eid on 24 October (Eid ul Fitr) and 31 December (Eid ul Adha). As last year, because of the closeness of the Diwali and Eid festivals in October it is proposed to put up both Diwali and Eid displays initially. The timetable would be as follows:
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| Friday 13 October 2006 | Diwali and Eid displays: lights switched on |
| Week beginning Monday 13 November 2006 | Change displays to Christmas |
| Thursday 28/Friday 29 December 2006 | Change displays to Eid (Eid ul Adha 31 December) |
| Saturday 6 January 2007 | Lights switched off |
| April 2007 | Baisakhi lights (dates to be confirmed) |
- 2.3 The festive Christmas lighting in the city centre will be switched on Sunday 19 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 to **improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods.**