

## Festive Lighting

### Background

Clipstone Parish Council currently own 22 LED column displays which are mounted to lamp posts along Mansfield Road during the festive season. At the Parish Council meeting on 26 July 2023 agenda item CPC23/24 59, Council decided to extend the provision of festive lighting to include Cavendish Estate. Council resolved to purchase 4 new festive LED panels matching Councils current design to be displayed surrounding the roundabout near the Co-op on Cavendish Estate, at a cost of £675 each (total of £2700). In addition, Council approved works to convert the lamp posts to enable them to power the LED displays at a cost £325 each lamppost, a total one-off cost of £1300. Costs are quoted excluding VAT.

### Update

The lighting panels have been ordered and will be ready for the 2023 festive season.

On 29 September 2023 the lighting contractor attended Cavendish Estate in order to fit the new electrical infrastructure to the lamppost column numbers 35, 36, 37 and 38. The contractor found that the way the lampposts have been wired internally is very unusual and means that the standard equipment that fits the majority of all street lighting columns was unsuitable and was unable to be fitted. To enable the lamp posts to be used for the new LED panels, bespoke electrical units to fit inside the columns that are compatible with the unusual heavy-duty wiring are required. The bespoke units are more expensive than those approved by Council.

The contractor reports that nearby lampposts are all of the same type, and therefore the same electrical upgrade would be required should the proposed location of the LED panels be reconsidered.

### Costs summary

Council approved costs of the installation of standard electrical units at £325 each x 4 lampposts = £1,300 total. New bespoke units to suit have been quoted at £546 each, a total of £2,184. This is an increase of £884 to the quote Council has agreed. These prices excluding VAT.

Description	Committed Costs
For testing, installation and removal of LED lighting columns on Mansfield Road, Clipstone, for the 2023-2024 festive season	£3,630
For 4 new LED panels	£2,700
For the installation of standard electrical units to 4	£1,300
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£7,630</b>
Increase in costs for bespoke electrical units	£884
<b>Total including increased costs</b>	<b>£8,514</b>

The 2023-2024 budget for festive lighting is £8000, however there are funds in reserves to absorb these increased costs.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the additional costs of £884 are approved so that the new lighting panels can be displayed.