

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

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| Budget Cut Assessment Form | CHRISTMAS LIGHTS | Ref No Mc10 | Responsible AD | Responsible Finance Manager | Responsible HR Manager | Responsible Lawyer | Responsible EIA Officer |
| Description of Proposal: | | | | | | | |
| Cease decorating Town Centre at Christmas time with electric lighting. | | | | | | | |
| The £35,000 cost covers essentially the erection/maintenance/removing of lights each year. | | | | | | | |
| Human Resources Impacts | | Asset Management Impacts | | Decommissioning Costs | | Cost Shunting | |
| No. of posts to be deleted | 0 | Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues | | In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs | | Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets | |
| No. of potential redundancies | 0 | It would reduce the workload on Highway services that erect, maintain and remove the lighting each season. | | Removal of the lights currently on the clock tower, which is subject to a condition on the listed building consent (estimated £3,000). | | None. | |
| Estimated Redundancy costs | £0 | There should be a slight reduction in the Council's electricity bill. Diminishes Town Centre offer during critical Christmas retail window. | | | | | |

| | Financial Summary | | | | |
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| | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
| Estimated reduction to budget | 0 | 33,834 | 34,510 | 35,201 | 35,201 |
| Redundancy Costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asset Implication | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Decommissioning Costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Known Cost Shunting | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Overheads | 0 | 1,089 | 1,097 | 1,110 | 1,110 |
| NET Budget Reduction | 0 | 34,923 | 35,607 | 36,311 | 36,311 |

Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the proposal's relevance to Darlington Borough Council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Councillors should note that an initial equalities impact assessment screening was conducted and determined that this proposal has no or negligible impacts on protected characteristics and therefore a full EIA was not undertaken.