

## BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

Mc10

<b>Budget Cut Assessment Form</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</b>	Ref No Mc10	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
<b>Description of Proposal:</b>							
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				
	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.