

Meeting	Community Development
Date	7 th February 2023
Report Title	Christmas Illumination
Agenda Reference	14
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Officer's Recommendation

- 1) To note the contents of the report.
- 2) To decide whether to proceed with a Christmas illumination project.
- 3) To note the cost of £1,000.00 for the project could be met via grant funding, charging a group joining fee, sponsorship or indeed utilising some of the Christmas Activities and Youth Budgets.

Background/ Purpose

A company has reached out regarding a community project called 'Creative Kids', where a competition is held to create an illuminated motif from a child's drawing. It provides the opportunity for children to get involved in their local community.

For this project, you need to start early in the year (April) so that the winning design is received in time for Christmas. The design is made into a professional and reusable illumination, approximately 1.5m high. The company's design department can help with judging the competition entries if needed and give practical advice of how the designs will turn out when in production. The illumination can be either wall mounted, suspended from catenary wire, or pole mounted.

Financial Implications

The cost of the finished illumination is around £1,000.00. If the Council decide to proceed with this there are several options for budgeting such as via grant funding, sponsorship, considering a joining fee for schools or utilising some of the Christmas Activities and Youth Budgets.

In most cases, the Christmas light is donated to the child's school and this could be done instead of the Christmas Card competition. The competition could be open to children aged between six and nine years old, so they can see the illumination at their school for at least two years.

This project would be a budget aspiration for Community Development in November for 2023/2024 if the project is successful.

Climate Change Implications

The company have stated that sustainability is very important to them, and their products emit the brightest light with minimal usage costs. Unfortunately, until the motif has been designed, they are unable to give any data on how much product is used to create it, and the wattage. The company has said that they have whole projects running at less than 70p per hour.

The motifs are created using recycled aluminium and the 3D structures are printed using Bioprint (made from sugar cane) or Recyprint (made from recycled bottles). The company has recycled over 1.6 million plastic bottles since using Recyprint.



Creative kids

