

APPENDIX A

Saltash Christmas Lighting

BACKGROUND

Since last Christmas (2016) many people have expressed disappointment at the seasonal lighting display in Fore Street. After formation of the new council, a working party was set up to investigate ideas for a revamped display, and bring forward proposals to the full council. This is a report of that initiative.

A group of 3 councillors and 3 traders was formed, although after the initial meetings the traders had difficulty in attending, and the final proposals have been formulated by councillors alone.

OPTIONS

The scope of implementation has been restricted to Fore Street, where the infrastructure exists and is documented; although a desire to extend this is recognised, current timescales preclude assessment this year. Perhaps an item for the new year!

Due to the availability of power and anchorages, schemes based on the dedicated posts previously installed (and possibly some trees) were assessed. This included replacing the “River of Light” catenary illumination, pole motifs, cross-street banners and tree illumination.

Proposals were discussed with several suppliers, and finally 3 quotations for similar (but not identical) solutions were received. However, it then became apparent that all of these were impractical for installation this year due to the need for a tendering process because of the level of funding required. Buying tree lighting or replacing the “River of Light” would [push expenditure for this proposal above the approval] [increase costs significantly] and result in nothing being achievable this year!

CONCLUSION

Based on these quotations (which were received around the beginning of this month, available to view in hard copy) and subsequent follow-up discussions, one supplier was selected as the best price/ provision option, significantly due to offering to renovate the catenary lighting for this year (albeit not to full operation), and also to provide the tree lighting on a one-year rental agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

That a contract for installation of:

12 column motifs bought and installed

3 existing cross-street banners installed

Lighting of 4 large trees in Fore Street and the 7 smaller ones at the bottom end (Corals)

Partial renovation of existing catenary lighting

be placed with The Christmas Decorators, to a value of 9,600 GBP

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