

## Item no 5.3

### QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Rust for answer by the  
Convener of the Culture and Sport  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 24 November 2016

#### Christmas Lighting

**Question** (1) What is the Festive Lighting budget for the current and each of the past three years?

**Answer** (1) £140,000, unchanged for the last (approx) 10 years.

**Question** (2) Who installs and manages Festive Lighting in the city?

**Answer** (2) Installed under a tender / contract procedure via Procurement and overseen by the Public Safety team.

**Question** (3) Who plans the provision of Festive Lighting in the city each year?

**Answer** (3) The Public Safety team.

**Question** (4) Which locations in the council area have had Festive Lighting in each of the past three years?

**Answer** (4) Summarised in Tables 1 and 2 below for Christmas Tree and Lighting provision. Table 1 shows locations where festive lighting provision has been removed this year due to repair/replacement requirements. Table 2 shows locations receiving provision of festive lighting (same as in previous 3 years).

**Question** (5) What is the cost of repair/replacement of unused stock, including column mounted features, held by the council?

**Answer**

- (5) The cost of repair and / or replacement of the lighting column features is estimated at £27,000, although accurate costings from the market have not been conducted yet (figure based on last obtained costs).

Each year there are unknown variation costs to the base tender figure based on damage that has occurred over the year to permanent lighting installations and which occur during the duration of the Festive period due to weather damage, vandalism etc. This means that some repairs and replacements have to be made at the beginning of the annual install and during the period of the offer on a call out (hourly rate) and repair / replace basis (purchase of equipment). Although standard hourly rates for this are agreed during the tender period the actual cost is estimated

**Table 1 – Festive Lighting Provision Removed in 2016 due to repair/replacement requirements**

City Chambers Star
Lawnmarket poles
Tron poles
High St to C Chambers poles
N Bridge to J Knox poles
Festival Square
Stafford St
George Street catenaries
Morningside Columns
Tollcross Columns
St. Patrick's Square cols
Gorgie / Dalry Road
Corstorphine
Newbridge columns
Kirkliston columns
South Queensferry columns
Davidson Main's columns
Kirkgate columns
Portobello columns

**Table 2 – Current Festive Lighting Provision**

Mound tree
Cockburn St
Victoria St
Festival Square tree
Boulevard permanent trees x3 (Festival Sq)
Festival Square permanent trees x8
George Street power supply x8

George Street catenaries
Grassmarket tree
Oxgangs tree
Bruntsfield tree (permanent)
Morningside tree
Tollcross tree
St. Patrick's Square trees
Prestonfield tree
Marchmont tree
Haymarket Tree
Gorgie Farm tree
Gorgie Memorial tree
Corstorphine tree (permanent)
Stenhouse Cross tree
Colinton tree
South Queensferry tree
Davidson Main's treelights
Drylaw tree
Newhaven permanent trees
Dean Village permanent tree
Stockbridge tree
Kirkgate tree
Restalrig tree
Portobello tree
Parliament Square
City Chambers tree
Princes Street Gardens
Rose Street