

Report on	Policy on Illuminating Council Properties - for Discussion
Date of Meeting	Thursday 2 nd July 2020
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To discuss and consider the council's existing policy and associated arrangements for the lighting up/illumination of council properties.
2.0	Background
2.1	The council has a policy and associated arrangements in place which allow it to consider and facilitate requests, where approved by Council on recommendation from Policy and Resources Committee for the illumination of its properties. The policy aims:
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To ensure opportunities are available for charitable organisations to promote their particular cause through illuminating Council properties across Mid Ulster district, and that requests are processed in a fair and consistent manner</i>
2.3	The scope of the policy extends only and specifically to those bodies which are charitable organisations to promote their cause on a particular date or set of dates of significance to the charity making the request. It does not extend to requests to mark and commemorate occasions and calendared anniversary dates.
	In summary, the policy is in place to facilitate requests received from charitable organisations wishing to promote their charitable causes across the Mid Ulster district. Please refer to appendix A.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council meeting of 25 th June 2020 considered a request from the floor of the meeting to light up the councils designated properties for Black Lives Matter. It was deemed that that the council' current policy on the Illuminating Council Properties did not extend to cover this request and movements/organisations sited outside our district. The meeting agreed that the request would require further review and consideration by members and officers.

3.2	The Council meeting resolved that the Council's existing policy be brought to a Policy and Resources Committee with a view to discussion taking place on its current scope in promoting requests other than from charitable organisations.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Not applicable
	Human: Not applicable
	Risk Management: Not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Any amendment and review of the existing policy will be subject to an Equality Screening for adverse impact on Section 75 categories and Good Relations
	Rural Needs Implications: Any updated policy will be subject to a Rural Needs Assessment
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the committee consider the current scope if the Council's Policy on Illuminating Council Properties.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Policy on Illuminating Council Properties