



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Officer Delegated Decision

17 September 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and  
S151 Officer



## Christmas Light Switch On Event

To provide a financial contribution to support the Christmas events programme

<b>Decision made by:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive (s151 Officer)
<b>Decision:</b>	To increase the budget for the Christmas light switch by £5,000, the funding being released from the Grantham SEA reserve.
<b>Date:</b>	17 September 2024
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	Public
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	N/a
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Details of delegation:</b>	The Deputy Chief Executive has the appropriate delegation within the Council's Financial Regulations to provide a contribution of £5k from the Grantham SEA to support the Christmas events programme.

### Contact

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## **1 The Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The responsibility for providing Christmas lights and arranging the Christmas light switch on event currently falls to the Council. Historically the light switch on event has been supported by a budget of £10k for 2024/25.
- 1.2 For Christmas 2023 the event was complemented by the procurement of an enhanced light display for the town which was met very positively. This was also supported by a community event including a market and entertainment programme.
- 1.3 The cost of providing the light switch on event have increased over the years and therefore a one-off financial contribution is required to ensure a high profile and quality event can be provided in line with the expectation of local residents.

## **2 Available Options Considered**

- 2.1 The event could be provided within the original budget allocation. However, following positive feedback around the calibre of event provided last year, this is likely to result in reputational issues for the Council.

## **3 Preferred Option**

- 3.1 To allocate an additional £5k to contribute towards the festive events programme and this additional funding is to met from the Grantham SEA Reserve budget to support the Christmas light switch on event.

## **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The allocation of funds from the SEA reserve is in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

**Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer**

## **5 Legal and Governance Implications**

- 5.1 The Deputy Chief Executive has the appropriate delegation within the Council's Financial Regulations to move the funds from the Grantham SEA reserve.

**Legal Implications reviewed by: Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer**

**Signed by: Richard Wyles**

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**Date: 17.9.24**

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