

PRESENT

Officers in Attendance

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39 UPDATES ON FESTIVE LIGHTING PROPOSAL

Members received the report prepared by the Clerk in conjunction with the General Services Manager regarding the introduction of festive lighting across the Community Council area.

It was explained that various locations had been investigated, with the following routes identified as the most suitable to provide the greatest visual impact:

- **Route 1:** Tonteg to Road Runner – **7 lighting columns**
- **Route 2:** St David's to Beddau – **8 lighting columns**

Officers advised that other locations had been considered; however, the existing lamp columns were either below the required minimum height of 8 feet or were wooden structures, making them unsuitable for supporting Christmas lighting.

Members acknowledged that this proposal represented the first phase of the Christmas lighting programme and that there would be opportunities to expand and enhance the scheme in future years.

Officers further advised that a budget of **£20,000** had been allocated for Christmas lighting in **2026/27**, with the estimated cost of the first phase being approximately **£16,500**.

In relation to the Efail Isaf Ward, Members were informed that there may be an opportunity to install a live Christmas tree near the Remembrance Bench, as the existing lamp columns within the area are unsuitable for festive lighting at present. A Member also requested that officers investigate the feasibility of installing hanging baskets on suitable lamp columns within Efail Isaf and report back with costings, where appropriate.

Following further discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to:

- 1.1 Note the contents of the report and the updated Feasibility Report attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Approve the introduction of Christmas lights within the Llantwit Fardre Community Council area for Christmas 2026, based on the routes and locations identified in the updated Feasibility Report.
- 1.3 Agree that officers select the Christmas lighting motifs for the proposed scheme.
- 1.4 Authorise officers to notify the Unitary Authority of the Council's decision by the first week of August 2026, enabling the necessary preparatory works to be undertaken in advance of the Christmas installation programme.
- 1.5 Agree in principal to consider placing hanging baskets on suitable lamp columns if the feasibility report comes back positive

**Meeting Closed 4.30pm
Councillor G Warren**

(Chair)

Signed.....Date.....

