

To receive a report on the Christmas Light Switch On and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Background

A request from the Saltash Chamber of Commerce was received at the Services Committee held on 8th February 2024.

TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM SALTASH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members discussed the request received from Saltash Chamber of Commerce, detailed and contained within the circulated reports pack.

It was proposed by Councillor Gillies, seconded by Councillor Martin and **RESOLVED** to switch on the Christmas and Festoon Lights on Friday 15th November 2024 working in partnership with Saltash Chamber of Commerce, local schools and any other relevant organisation.

Update on event

The working group met on Tuesday 23 July 2024 to discuss the event and how to encourage traders to open later that day with the lights being switched on at 6pm. At the meeting it was agreed to contact all traders on Fore Street to encourage them to open late for the event. The minutes of the meeting are appendix A.

Saltash traders have not been receptive to opening later for the event despite being encouraged to do so through the Saltash Chamber of Commerce. The only traders wishing to open are

- Nicky's Glow Beads
- Gallery 53
- Community Enterprises PL12
- Lovingly Local

Due to this, the decision has been made jointly with the Chair of the Saltash Chamber of Commerce to not proceed with the late-night shopping event. The event will run the same as in previous years, the Mayor will travel up Fore Street on Santa's sleigh which is kindly organised free of charge by The Rotary Club of Saltash. Primary Schools will be invited to sing carols and the Mayor will switch the lights on at 6pm.

End of report

Mayor's Secretary/Receptionist