

## **To review and consider the current Christmas Lights and 2022 Christmas Light Switch on Event and any associated expenditure**

The Christmas Lights for 2021 had various issues mainly associated with the electrical infrastructure, with water ingress playing a major part in the problems encountered. After Storm Arwen, there were significant problems, with further issues encountered as the festive period progressed. The appointed contractor was extremely helpful and responded in an efficient and timely manner to resolve the issues. Subsequently provisional plans for the summer of 2022 are in place for the lighting infrastructure to be inspected, with any defects to be repaired as required so that the same issues are not encountered in 2022.

It is noted that the current display has not been updated for several years. It is not possible to add additional 'cross street motifs' due to the fact there are no poles in place to do so. It is possible to update the 10 lamppost hangers, Fore Street tree snowfall lights and the River of Lights display. The photos below are of displays in other towns that could be considered to update the Saltash display.

It may be possible for the 'spheres' and 'snow fall' lights shown in the photos to be installed on the existing 'River of Lights' in Fore Street using the existing fittings. Note that this will enquire further investigation.

### **Barbican, Plymouth**



Swanage, Dorset

*Station Road at Night*



*'Sphere' close up*



*'Snowfall' close up*



It is recommended that:

- 1. The Festive Light Infrastructure is inspected and any repairs required are undertaken during the summer months of 2022.**
- 2. The updated display lights are researched and associated costs sourced to include 'the spheres' and 'snowfall' lights for the River of Lights.**

**Finance:**

Budget: 6572 SE EMF Festive Lights

Available Budget: Approximately £11,000 for the year 2022-2023

**End of Report**  
**Service Delivery Manager**