

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision:

Ian Browne, Head of Property & Assets

Officer Making the Decision

Justin Henry, Strategic Director - Commercial & Economic Development

Recommendation

The proposed works to remove the obsolete and inefficient lighting installation to the Council Offices (Main Building Only) are approved.

Reason

The existing installation is obsolete and failing, controls are ineffective or broken, the lamp units are not energy efficient by modern standards and as a result the authority is spending large amounts of revenue on maintenance/upkeep and energy costs associated with this installation.

Authority for Decision

The Strategic Director – Commercial & Economic Development has the delegated power under the constitution.
Delegation to Officers part 2a, section 8.3 Delegation of Executive functions, Page 16, Paragraph 2. To incur expenditure within the Council's approved capital/revenue budget in accordance with approved rules and procedures.

Decision and Date

Approved on 8 Nov 2022



Justin Henry
Strategic Director – Commercial and Economic Development

Background

The existing installation is over twenty years old and beyond life expectancy. As a result, the installation is now obsolete with parts being unobtainable. The installation no longer operates effectively or efficiently with some lighting units being non-functional and others being on 24/7 the overall impact is that maintenance and repair requires significant cost and energy consumption is

very high. The cost of energy having recently increased dramatically due to external factors also has a significant impact on the authority's finances and a cost-effective solution must be implemented to mitigate this impact. Additionally, the council has committed to become a carbon neutral authority by 2030. This project will deliver 35,000Kg of Carbon Dioxide emission savings per annum as part of that commitment.

Financial Implications

Approval to spend the initial Capital investment of £85,000 to be taken from the Carbon Commitment Fund **Z796 Z0104** is required for this project.

Following completion of the works, estimated energy savings are in the order of £39,400 per annum (at present tariff)

The invest to save opportunity is therefore approximately two years and one month and demonstrates value for money.

Is a virement (budget transfer) required to fund this decision? No

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
Project Not Approved	1	3	Low (3 - 4)	Submit bid for budget growth on Utilities and R&M budgets to account for continued use of existing installation.

Key Decision: No

If yes

Date included on Forward Plan dd/mm/yy

Background Papers: Specification of works, Priced return, Cost Efficiency & CO₂ savings calculator.