

**Democratic Services Section  
Chief Executive's Department  
Belfast City Council  
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City Council**

1st November, 2018

**MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Tuesday, 6th November, 2018 at 4.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

**AGENDA:**

5. **Operational Issues**

- (l) Festive Lights in Belvoir Open Space (Pages 1 - 4)

6. **Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

- (b) Request to Present - The Belfast Advice Group - Councillor McReynolds





<b>Subject:</b>	Christmas lights on living Christmas tree in Belvoir open space
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director, City and Neighbourhoods Department
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To provide approval for Christmas lights to be erected on a living Christmas tree in Belvoir open space.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide approval for festive Christmas lights to be erected on a living Christmas tree in Belvoir Open Space, subject to Belvoir Area Residents Association receiving approval and license from Belfast City Council, as owner of the street light, for provision of public liability insurance from the contractor installing the cabling, lights.</li> <li>An application has been made to NIE by Belvoir Area Residents Association and a response is attached as Appendix 1.</li> </ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	Members are reminded that on 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 the People and Communities Committee granted permission for the Belvoir Area Residents Association to erect a living Christmas tree on Belfast City Council land at Belvoir open space.
3.2	Belvoir Area Residents Association received external funding to purchase and plant the Christmas tree. The tree will be planted during the month of November 2018. Belvoir Residents Association have received further external funding to supply festive Christmas lights on the tree.  <u>Key Issues</u>
3.3	Committee approval is requested to grant license to connect to a council owned street light in Belvoir Park, subject to a successful application by the Belvoir Area Residents Association to NI Electricity to use the electricity supply.  <u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.4	There are no financial implications for Belfast City Council. All costs will be the responsibility of Belvoir Area residents association including cost of electricity.  <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.5	There are no known implications.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Response from NI Electricity.

Dear Customer,

## **NIEN NOTE OF APPROVAL FOR BELVOIR AREA RESIDENTS GROUP**

Thank you for your recent application for an electrical supply for festive lighting in the **BELVOIR AREA RESIDENTS GROUP** area. I can confirm our approval for festive lighting/decorations **only** to be connected to the supply points as identified in your schedule of items in your application.

We have assigned you a **GMPRN will advise when created AND A TMPRN will advise when created** . for your festive lighting account these uniquely identify your account and these MPRNs should be used as a reference in any further communications.

If you intend to connect your festive lighting to Infrastructure NI street lighting columns or any other private supply you must seek permission from Infrastructure NI Roads service or the relevant persons concerned.

Regardless of where your supply is taken from, if you intend to erect festive decorations on or above a public highway you must obtain a 'Licence to place Festive Lighting on Roads' from Infrastructure NI Roads service. For further information please contact your local Infrastructure NI Roads Service Division or visit their website at <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/>

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above.

Yours sincerely

Craig Chism

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