

DECISION NO:	<i>For Member Services use only</i>
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Concurrence No:	066417
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Action under delegated authority of Chief Executive	
Action under delegated authority of Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Finance	X
Action taken by Chief Executive in consultation with Cabinet Member(s)	

Subject: Virement from Capital Contingency to Fund Feeder Pillar upgrades in town centres

Signature and designation of officer(s) taking action:

22/09/2020	22/09/2020
Chief Executive	Director of Finance
Date	Date
	22/09/20
	Date

Name of Cabinet Member(s) Consulted:

I have been consulted and concur with the proposals set out below:

05.10.2020

Councillor Mason	
Cabinet Member for Finance and Business Services	Signature: Date:
Councillor	
Cabinet Member for	Signature: Date:

Name of any member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to this decision: _____

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The report overleaf sets out the decision to be taken, the reasons for the decision, and the details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected.

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RECOMMENDED that:

Approval is given for a virement of £10,000 from the 2020/21 capital contingency budget to fund upgrades to electrical feeder pillars in Hoddesdon, Waltham Cross and Goffs Oak.

Purpose

To request approval for a virement of £10,000 from the 2020/21 capital contingency budget to fund upgrades to electrical feeder pillars in Hoddesdon, Waltham Cross and Goffs Oak. A new feeder pillar is also proposed in Hoddesdon Town Centre to provide power for town centre events and the Council's markets.

The Project

Three existing feeder pillars are required to be upgraded to provide a low voltage supply to the Christmas tree lights brought into use in 2019. A supply from the same feeder pillars will also be necessary at other times of the year for town centre events.

A new feeder pillar is also proposed in Hoddesdon High Street near its junction with Conduit Lane for town centre events and markets. The location has been agreed giving consideration to the market configuration and the town centre events organised by both the Council and Love Hoddesdon.

Financial, Legal and Risk Management Implications

The upgrades will cost circa £10,000, including contingencies. There is no budget available to fund this and therefore a virement from the 2020/21 capital contingency budget is requested.

If the new feeder pillar is not installed then the quality of the markets and events will be restricted in Hoddesdon Town Centre.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The Council could choose not to progress these works. However, in the interests of public safety and town centre events programmes this is not considered to be an appropriate alternative option.

Contribution to the Council's Objectives and Environmental Sustainability Priorities

The proposed works will contribute to the Council's objective of fostering development of town centres as vibrant locations for leisure by providing an attractive and festive lighting display and a variety of daytime and evening activities and events.

Conclusion

Public safety and the development of town centres are priorities for the Council. The proposed works will support these priorities. Therefore, a virement from the capital contingency budget is requested to fund the works.

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Date 21 August 2020

Action reported to the Cabinet on:
