

## REQUEST TO USE BEACON AT THE MILL FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Members views on the use of the Beacon at the Mill for Rayleigh Town Council for the Christmas Lights celebration.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 A letter has been received from Rayleigh Town Council seeking permission to light the Beacon at The Mill, to support the ceremony for the turning on of the Christmas Lights in Rayleigh.

### 3 USE OF THE BEACON

- 3.1 To date the Beacon has only been used for celebrations of the District Council.
- 3.2 To use the Beacon requires that strict Health and Safety issues are addressed. The beacon requires safety checks to be carried out to the gas burners and inspection of the Beacon itself, to ensure it's integrity.

#### Potential costs

- 3.3 To carry out these safety checks there is a cost to the District Council in the order of £1,000.
- 3.4 Use of the Beacon also requires at least three large gas cylinders at a cost of approximately £100-£150.
- 3.5 To ensure that the Beacon is used correctly, a trained member of Rochford District Council staff would be required to attend the event.

### 4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Use of the Beacon has Health and Safety implications that require trained staff to manage and ensure that all Health and Safety Requirements are adhered to in full, to ensure the safety of the public at such an event. This needs to be managed by the District Council who own the Beacon

### 5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The District Council has not budgeted for such use of the Beacon by a third party.

**6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Should Members agree to this request then the Parish Council would need to adhere to imposed conditions and indemnify the District Council for third party risks.

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) Whether to agree to the use of the Beacon at The Mill by a third party for a celebration.
- (2) On what terms the use should be allowed.

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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