



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Agenda No

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Responsible Officer: Helen Ball - Town Clerk

CHRISTMAS

Purpose of Report

To inform members on plans for Christmas

Plans

Members will recall that the Committee determined the Christmas Lighting Tender earlier in the year. Whilst COVID affected production at the Turnocks manufacturing unit, it is hoped that as many of the new cross street displays will be available. Where not some of last year's displays will be utilised. We have received revised costings to reflect these changes.

Switch on was scheduled for Wednesday 25th November. The decision has been made collectively between the three organisers (STC, BID and Shopping Centre) that this should not go ahead but that the lights will be switched on in and around that time. Instead options are being explored to look at activities that encourages people to visit the town and dwell but not create gatherings. Funding has been secured through the Shrewsbury Recovery Task Force to develop these options.

Carols in the Square has also been cancelled due to the likelihood of creating mass gatherings. But instead My Shrewsbury, Shropshire Festivals and BBC Radio Shropshire are looking to broadcast a 30 minute doorstep carol service across the county.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Report be noted

That the Town Clerk be given authority to determine the nature and scale of any Christmas activity in line with national and local guidelines at the time