

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

Middlewood Way Lights

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Town Clerk

Background

The Town Council dating back to 2019 has been pursuing the project of lighting part of the Middlewood Way. After receiving several quotes for Cheshire East Highways and full council approving the last of the quotes for £37,047.38 on 14th June 2021, in November 2021, CE Highways informed us the project could not go ahead without a Lighting Design and that the lights cannot be solar.

The first quote for a lighting design was £3,625.08 + VAT.

The clerk has liaised with CE Highways and Cheshire East Council Director of Place stating the current situation and the Town Council received an apology from CE Highways (via CEC) on 21st December 2021, apologising 'for the time this has taken as well as any confusion and frustration this has caused and (CE Highway) is now working with you to ensure that this scheme is moved forwards.'

The clerk sought a meeting with the Director of Place and CE Highways but was informed that the cost for the Lighting Design is now £2,398.42 + VAT and has to be paid for the project to move forward.

During many discussions with CE Highways, they have stated that LED lights would be suitable and cost effective rather than solar powered lights.

Plus the maintenance of the lights should be cost effective however the expectation is that the Town Council will pay for ongoing costs and maintenance.

Action: To move the project forward The Town Council must decide if it is to accept the quote for the lighting design from CE Highways.