

CAPITAL PLAN LIST C – EVALUATIONS

	Project Street Scene Leisure and Technical Services - Environmental Improvements: Riverside Lighting Project		
	1	Specification:	
		(i)	Purpose of the scheme To install new lighting columns/luminaires along the Riverside Route between Town Lock and Vale Road/Cannon Lane, Tonbridge
		(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Objectives (a) National: Public Safety. (b) Council: Sustaining a borough which cares for the environment - encouraging sustainable transport
		(iii)	Targets for judging success (a) Successful operation of the lighting on completion. (b) Improved security for pedestrian access to/from the town centre (c) Project delivered in accordance with timeline and budget
	2	Description of Project / Design Issues: <p>The Riverside Route lighting project is the first phase of the Riverside Improvement Plan. The Council's stated aim is to create a high-quality, cohesive public realm for the entire riverside route with one of the key elements to provide high quality lighting to create a safe and secure public realm, minimising opportunities for crime.</p> <p>This project focuses on the section of the route between Town Lock and Vale Road/Cannon Lane that is lined with trees and shrubbery and contains no existing lighting apart from private low level bollard lighting associated with the housing development incorporating Waterway House, Davit House and Breach House. This route is well used by pedestrians to access the High Street and the retail park off Cannon Lane and also forms part of Public Right of Way MU33.</p> <p>The total estimated project cost is £102,000.</p> <p>This project would fall under the umbrella capital plan scheme River Medway Riverside Environmental Improvements and relates to Section 1 from Town Lock to Cannon Lane.</p>	

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3	Milestones / Risks: Completion of feasibility and design. The detailed design would be completed ahead of procuring the works, awarding the contract and completion of the work on site. Based on previous experience there is a risk relating to UKPN's delivery timescales There is a risk of obtaining approval to proceed from landowners or KCC Public Rights of Way There is a risk of increased costs, due to flooding mitigation and working within a towpath prone to tree roots					
4	Consultation: Consultation has taken place with adjacent landowners, internal officers and Kent County Council. Planning Services has also been consulted and planning permission is not required. The Designing Out Crime Team at Kent Police has also been consulted and have provided the following statement; "I can confirm my approval for the crime prevention measure of the proposal to install column lighting along the section of the Riverside Route between Vale Road and Town Lock. Please can my following comments regarding this be captured within the appropriate report which shall be used to seek approval to move to the design stage. "Lighting - Please note, whilst we are not qualified lighting engineers, any lighting plan should be approved by a professional lighting engineer (e.g., a member of the ILP), particularly where a lighting condition is imposed, to help avoid conflict and light pollution. Bollard lighting should be avoided, Secured By Design Residential (Homes) Guide 2025 states: "19.3 SBD does not advocate the use of bollard lighting to achieve lighting uniformity. Bollard lighting is purely for wayfinding and can be easily obscured or damaged. It should be avoided, as it can increase the fear of crime, because it does not project sufficient light at the right height to recognise facial features." Therefore, we recommend column lighting aligned with a suitable lighting policy to be installed to ensure that members of the public are able to walk along the river safely and to help deflect criminality. External lighting to conform to min standard of BS5489-1:2020."					
5	Capital Cost: £102,000					
6	Profiling of Expenditure:					
	2024/25 (£'000)	2025/26 (£'000)	2026/27 (£'000)	2027/28 (£'000)	2028/29 (£'000)	2029/30 (£'000)
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7	Capital Renewals Impact: The estimated life expectancy of a lighting column is 25 years with LED luminaires requiring replacement circa after 100,000 hours.		
8	Revenue Impact: There will be ongoing revenue costs for maintenance and repair of the new lighting assets and for the ongoing power supply. Estimated maintenance and repair and supply costs per year are £2550.		
9	Partnership Funding: External Capital funding to fund the scheme in full is available from Section 106 funding from developer contributions and Business Rates Pool (Shared Growth Fund). The feasibility and design stages are funded from developer contributions and a grant from the UK Prosperity Fund. external sources.		
10	Project Monitoring / Post Implementation Review: Director responsible: Robert Styles Progress reported to: Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee / Cabinet Post Implementation review to be carried out twelve months after completion.		
11	Screening for equality impacts:		
	Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
	a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	n/a	
12	c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?	n/a	
	Recommendation: Transfer to List B.		