

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting24th January 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Memorial Lighting Calendar

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Memorial Lighting Calendar.

The extensive use of coloured or controllable lighting in our urban spaces had made it possible to light buildings, open spaces and key features in a particular colour for a time-limited event. In response there had been an increase in the number of requests received from members of the public, charities and community groups to use the lights to commemorate or celebrate specific events. In order to ensure that the use of lights to mark an event had impact it was important to limit the number of occasions on which the Council did so.

Lighting was increasingly being used to demonstrate sympathy with those who had experienced a disaster such as a major fire, earthquake or mass shooting. In such situations the subject was emotive and it was difficult to judge whether or not a local civic memorial lighting response was appropriate.

The report set out a suggested guideline for the use of lights as a memorial to events or causes and incorporates a list of fixed annual commemorations that the Council believed should be acknowledged through the use of the lighting. The annual list would be published and reviewed annually in November each year.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The memorial lights guidance as a basis for determining which events should be marked by use of Council controlled lighting in the Borough be approved.
2. The list of recommended national and international days be approved which will form the 2019 list of memorial lighting and which will then be reviewed annually.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To allow members to determine the guidelines by which certain events or commemoration days will be acknowledged with lighting and to provide clarity to the public. The report will also help members responding to enquiries from residents seeking to commemorate events with which they have an association or which they are seeking to champion.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 1 February 2019

Proper Officer
28 January 2019