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DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AUTHORITY

(Item 3 of the delegated powers given to Strategic Directors)

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To be sent to: Portfolio Holder for consent Opposition Representatives for noting	Name: Maureen Christian John Tanner John Goddard Craig Simmons	

What decision needs to be taken?

Incurring of council expenditure and staff time on the architectural lighting of the Saxon Tower, St Michael's (costs to be recovered from Sir Ian Laing, High Sheriff of Oxford)

What are the reasons for the decision?

Inferred but not explicit policy to proceed with opportunities for architectural lighting projects in the city centre. As funder wants project to be completed by easter, timescales do not allow for formal authorisation to be secured via committee.

Why is it in the best interests of the Authority?

In line with the adopted public realm strategy, Community Strategy (theme 3, A Better Living Environment), continuation of project initiated by the council through previously commissioned architectural lighting proposals for St Michael's Tower.

What alternative courses of action have been considered and why were they not taken?

Seeking approval for project via committee/SMB would definitely delay project beyond the funders deadline and probably lose the funding.

Officers should fill in all sections and send a completed form not only to the members of Council involved but also to the Committee Section.

Signed by Strategic Director

Mark L... ..

Date: 17.2.06.

Councillor reply slip

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Return to:

Officer's name(to be completed by the officer): Rebecca Carley
Reference(if applicable, to be completed by the officer):

From: Councillors Christian and Tanner

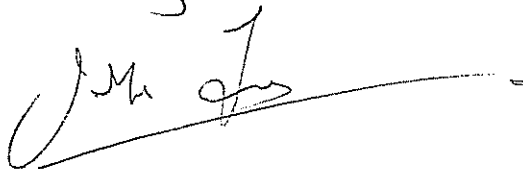
Please tick one:

I agree the decision proposed to be taken and detailed in the attached form, in accordance with delegated power 3 in the Scheme of Delegation to Staff. I have no personal or prejudicial interest in this matter.

I do not agree the decision proposed to be taken and detailed in the attached form, in accordance with delegated power 3 in the Scheme of Delegation to Staff. I have no personal or prejudicial interest in this matter.

Date: 20 February 2006

Signed (1):



Signed (2):



Notes

1. Where the decision that needs to be taken is a key decision, a copy of this pro forma will be circulated by the Strategic Director to all councillors not later than two working days after the decision is taken. Councillors will be told that the decision will come into force and may then be implemented two working days after the circulation of this pro forma unless the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee object to it and calls it in.
2. The form will be submitted in the name of the Portfolio Holder to the first available meeting of the Executive Board.