**Festive Lighting Contract**

**Information Notice**

3rd November 2022

Fareham Borough Council’s 5-year festive lighting contract is due to expire, and it will be advertising a new tender opportunity for a new festive lighting contract in Spring 2023 on the South-East Business Portal.

The current festive lighting scheme will be in situ from 19 November to the 5 January and it is recommended, that those interested in bidding, visit Fareham to look at the scheme (please note officers will not be able to meet companies at this stage).

The current scheme includes star column motifs, light curtains, column wraps and two dressed Christmas trees, one under the Performance Podium and the other, outside Westbury Manor Museum.

The current scheme covers key town centre areas including, West Street and its Performance Podium, Vannes Parade, Harper Way, Station Roundabout, Westbury Manor Museum and High Street trees, and following some feedback from local businesses, the scheme may need to be extended to include the Western end of West Street towards Station Roundabout. Please see the map published to assist with the locations of lights/trees.

It is also important to note, that the Council has recently developed a Climate Change Action Plan and therefore consideration will need to be given as to how the next festive lighting scheme can be more environmentally friendly, while not detracting from the traditional Christmas display that Fareham residents and businesses now expect to see.

Please ensure you indicate your expression of interest on the portal so that when we publish the full details in Spring 2023 you will be alerted and receive the full tender pack/updates.