

6. AVON RIVER BRIDGES LIGHTING

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Avon River bridge lighting project.

INTRODUCTION

The Central City Lighting Strategy provided for the Avon River area as a lighting 'corridor'. Private and Council initiatives focussed on the need to upgrade lighting on central city bridges as part of this strategy. A suggestion was also received that lighting of the bridges would make night punting on the river an enjoyable experience. A subcommittee investigated the existing lighting and proposed a range of lighting approaches. Provision for lighting was made in the Parks and Waterways budget for \$30,000 this financial year.

LIGHTING DESIGN AND COSTING

Several meetings were held by the Urban Design Team with staff from City Streets, Parks and Waterways and City Solutions. An inspection showed that most of the bridges have some lighting currently provided. It was decided to focus design efforts on lighting upgrades for three bridges initially. The Bridge of Remembrance, the Hereford and Worcester Street bridges provide examples of the most typical bridge construction in the central area. Successful lighting of these bridges would therefore provide a basis for lighting designs of the remaining bridges, as finances allowed.

A brief was provided to the City Solutions lighting engineer who is dealing with the lighting manufacturers for detailed design and costing information. This has included overseas design advice. This design study is expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.