

Dereham Town Council

Markets and Buildings Committee

27th September 2022

Agenda Notes

3. To consider replacing lights and equipment at the Memorial Hall.

When the Hall was refurbished the dimmer rack, which allows stage lighting to dim came second hand to the Hall from the Theatre Royal in Norwich. The dimmer rack was old but functional and has provided good service for more than 10 years for no cost. Unfortunately due to the age of the dimmer rack, spare parts are no longer available which introduces the risk of breakdowns which cannot be repaired.

A replacement dimmer can be purchased for around £4,000, it is recommended that this be purchased to remove the risk of the existing dimmer rack failing being unable to repair.

The stage lighting at the Memorial Hall are all traditional incandescent bulbs. The bulbs vary in size but some of the more powerful lights are 1kw. Having a number of 1kw bulbs on does use a lot of electricity compared to LED lighting.

LED bulbs are becoming cheaper all the time, the Council is being asked to consider, as part of its climate change commitment, replacing the incandescent stage lighting at the Memorial Hall with LED lighting. LED lights vary in price from a few hundred pounds to a couple of thousand pounds.. This could be carried out a number of ways:

The most used lights be replaced immediately setting budget of say £4,000, with the remaining lights being replaced as and when the existing bulbs fail or set an annual budget of say £2,000 a year for 3 years (then review) to replace the lights most used. LED stage lights vary in price from £300 to £2,000.

Alternatively £10,000 could be allocated from the ear marked research for climate change initiatives to replace the most used lights immediately.

Or the Council continues with incandescent bulbs.

Councillors should be aware that it doesn't matter how many lights the Council holds, it will never be enough to cover all events, the strategy has been to have lighting to cover most events rather all events.