

## Report Purpose:

To update committee on progress and work associated with local service delivery.

## Author:

Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Town Centre Manager and Events Officer.

### 6.1 Events update

Event	Step Into Christmas	Twilight Market
Footfall Week before event	6414	5950
<b>Event figures</b>	<b>17654</b>	<b>10234</b>
Week after event	5952	8559
Previous year	9559	10341

### Northern Light – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Yet to take place at time of writing but we are looking forward to bringing an evening of light to Macclesfield on a dark January Saturday. We have a range of free activities and entertainment including a light-up Helter Skelter and marshmallow toasting. The event will start in the afternoon and more illuminated entertainment will be added as the day darkens.

### Looking Ahead

We're looking forward to another busy year of events – Lunar New Year will be happening shortly on the 1<sup>st</sup> February followed by the return of Easter in Macclesfield, Do Something Summer and the 1261 Festival, which this year will take place on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 6.2 Floral Displays

The winter displays are complete and planning has started for the summer bedding and of course the Britain in Bloom entry.

### 6.3 Festoons

We have been told by Cheshire East Council that the festoon lights as part of the shared prosperity fund are planned to be installed before end of March.

### 6.4 Christmas lights

The Christmas lights tender is out with a deadline of 3<sup>rd</sup> February. After this time, the panel will score the submissions then meet to discuss.