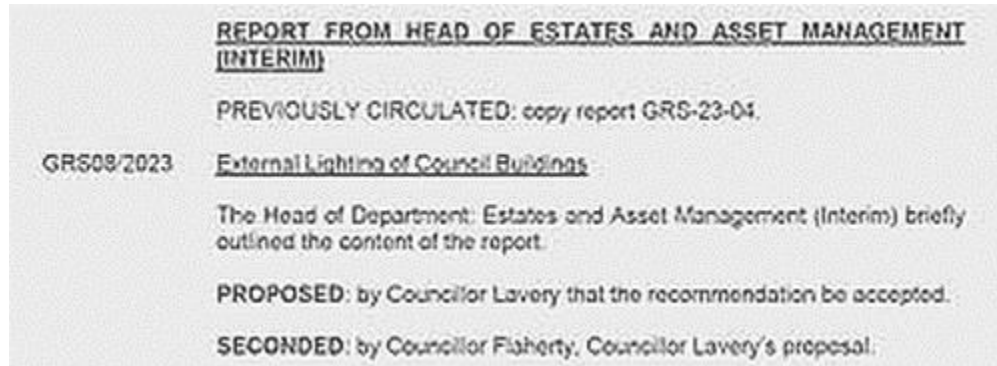


## Record of the minutes of the Council committee meeting where the DUP were silent!

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In particular item 4.2.

**Nothing in Alderman Baxter's speech below indicates any objection to lighting of Council Buildings on Pride Day.**

**HIGHLIGHTED:** by Alderman Baxter that whilst the Light Ups were cost neutral there was a cost in relation to Officer time as Councillor Flaherty had pointed out and including Dromore Viaduct would have an added impact on this. He referred to the high number of charities which requested Light Ups and wondered if this meant that it had lost impact to some extent. He recalled that previously when there was a small number of Light Ups each year and Council posted information on social media this had a significant impact. He was unsure whether this was still the case due to the number of requests which were currently received. He was not sure if anything could be done to change the situation and he added that it was likely that more requests would be received as time went on. If Dromore Viaduct was lit up then this would increase interest even further. He suggested that consideration should be given to treating all requests the same and that at a later stage some discussion could take place in relation to the large amount of Light Ups and some thought be given to how charities were promoted. He added that the aim for charities was to raise awareness which Light Ups did, however this meant that a greater number of charities were coming forward and the effect had been diluted. He added that the Civic Centre in Craigavon was often lit up a different colour on a number of nights each week and people may not know the reasons behind these. He believed that a further discussion at some stage may be useful.

All Members were in agreement with the recommendation.

**All members were in agreement. No DUP councillors voted against.**