Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Hillhead Area Partnership

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2024/25

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

(1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme.

(2) remind members of the 23/24 festive lighting programme; and

(3) to seek agreement on the 24/25 programme and, where necessary, the allocation of additional funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

(1) note the 2023/24 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme.

(2) agree whether the 2023/24 festive displays and switch-on events are to be included in the 2024/25 programme.

(3) notify any proposed new locations by June 2024 for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility.

(4) Approval of the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding would be made at the August/September Area Partnership Meetings.

Introduction

1. The Council took the decision to delegate funding for peripheral festive lighting to the Area Partnerships as part of the budget process for 20/21. A similar arrangement is proposed for the 2024/25 programme.
2. Each Area Partnership is awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting, usually at a single location.
3. Area Partnerships have the option to fund additional festive lighting locations.

23/24 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting programme for the Ward delivered as part of the 23/24 programme is shown below.

Location	**Type of Feature**
St Georges Cross	1 No Natural Tree (Off Road)
Byres Road	Natural Trees with Fixed Lights

24/25 Festive Lighting Programme

5. The standard pricing schedule for the 24/25 festive lighting programme is set out below, which remains the same as previous years. These prices are currently undergoing a review and will be updated at the August/September Partnership Meetings. The Festive Lighting delivery programme is subject to a new procurement exercise for years 2025 to 2028.

6.

Option	**Price**
15-18ft Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£3,600 / tree
15-18ft Xmas Tree (On Road)	£5,000 / tree
18-21ft Xmas Tree	£300 surcharge
Lights in Natural Tree (On Road)	£3,600 / tree
Lights in Natural Tree (Off Road)	£1,250 / tree
Street Lighting Column Features	£3,600 for 8 No (£450 / column)
Switch-on Event (Off Road)	£105 / event
Switch-on Event (On Road)	£800 / event
Adaptation of Street Lighting Column for Power	£260 / new feature
Structural Check of Street Lighting Column	£45 / new column feature

7. The cost to repeat the 23/24 programme in 24/25 would be as follows:

Location	**Feature**	**Price**
St Georges Cross	3 No Natural tree (Off Road)	£3,750
St Georges Cross	Switch-on Event	£105
Byres Road	Natural Trees with Fixed Lights	£275 (50%) (1)
	Sub-Total	£4,130
	Deduct Central Funding	£3,600
	Total Additional Funding	**£530**

Note 1: Assumes location is also supported by neighbouring Area Partnership and that the existing lighting passes the electrical check and does not require to be replaced, noting that concerns were raised last year that the lights were reaching the end of their operational life.

8. The Area Partnership can nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 23/24 programme. Locations not included within the 23/24 programme require to be notified on June 2024. This will allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed by the NRS festive lighting team to allow the 24/25 programme to be finalised by 30 June 2024.

9. The Area Partnership is invited to identify the locations where a switch on event is proposed to be held for either a Xmas or natural tree. Column mounted features will come on at the same time as the streetlights on the day of installation.

10. If the total cost of the delivering the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeds the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding will require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

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