Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Springburn / Robroyston Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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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) 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**
Springburn Shopping Centre	Xmas Tree (Off Road)
Wallacewell Rd	Xmas Tree (On Road)
Robroyston Rd / Standburn Rd Roundabout	Xmas Tree (On Road)

Revised Locations Requested

The area partnership has requested the lighting team look at new tree locations for this ward. This was reviewed by the festive lighting team and the following comments are made.

1. Current location at Springburn Shopping Centre - Xmas tree off road - proposed re location to Atlas Road- Unfortunately at the proposed position there is no suitable lighting column to take a power supply from. Therefore, this proposed new location is not suitable.
2. Current location at Wallacewell Rd – Proposed relocation of tree from Wallacewell Road to the corner of Ryhill road and Quarrywood Avenue. This has an available power supply although the ground is not owned by GCC and is part of Barmulloch Community Development Centre if permissions can be granted to site it would be suitable location for a Xmas tree.
3. Current location at Robroyston Rd / Standburn Rd Roundabout- Proposed relocation of Xmas tree (a) to the grounds of St Joseph's Nursing Home or (b) – other side of Auchinleck Avenue entrance from Robroyston Road roundabout (closer to St Joseph's Nursing Home).

a) St Joseph's Nursing Home further investigations would need to be carried out re the power supply and Permissions would need to be sought from the Nursing Home
b) The proposed tree looks to be Mature enough to take the lights and a Local Lighting column is available to provide local power which would require to be applied for.

5. After reviewing the revised locations request, we would recommend the following-

a) Springburn Shopping Centre Tree to be left in the same location

b) Wallacewell road tree leave at the existing location this year Xmas 23 with new location Ryhill road and Quarrywood Avenue selected and made available for 2024

c) Leave the tree location at Robroyston Rd / Standburn Rd Roundabout for Xmas 23 and Take forward the proposals A and B into next years tree locations with the view to have the locations agreed early 2024

6. It has also been noted the request from Helen Carroll to remove the switch on event at the Springburn tree location. This will be reflected within the revised pricing schedule in item 7

24/25 Festive Lighting Programme

7. The standard pricing schedule for the 24/25 festive lighting programme is set out below: Please note that these prices may be subject to change as the Festive Lighting delivery programme is subject to a new procurement exercise for year 2025 to 2028. Expected conclusion and update by the end of Sept 2024

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	£3,600 / 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

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

Location	**Feature**	**Price**
Springburn Shopping Centre	Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£3,600
Wallacewell Rd	Xmas Tree (On Road)	£5,000
Robroyston Rd / Standburn Rd Roundabout	Xmas Tree (On Road)	£5,000
	Sub-Total	£13,600
	Deduct Central Funding	£3,600
	Total Additional Funding	**£10,000**

9. 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 to NRS by 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.

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.

Recommendations

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