Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising that

(1) the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme remained the same as previous years, however prices would be undergoing a review, which would be updated at the August Partnership meeting;

(2) the Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for 2025 to 2028;

(3) the costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £530; and

(4) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, to be notified by June 2024 and to identify locations where a switch on event could be proposed for either a Christmas or natural tree

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) that costs to fund an additional 2 natural trees at St George's Cross would be provided;

(b) that officers from Connecting Woodside would investigate whether the project could provide funding for lights on the 5 natural trees at St George's Cross which would allow other requests within the ward to be considered; and

(c) that the Christmas lights switch-on event would take place on 3rd December 2024.