Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the 2024/25 Festive Lighting Programme, 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 within the ward, advising that

(1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;

(2) of the festive lighting locations for the ward delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25, as detailed in the report;

(4) 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 September Partnership meeting;

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

(6) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, and that should any new locations be proposed, NRS required to be notified by 28th April 2024 to allow feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed and allow the 2024/25 programme to be finalised by 30th June 2024;

(7) that the partnership would be invited to identify locations where a switch-on event was proposed to be held for either a Christmas tree or a natural tree and that column mounted features would come on at the same time as the street lights on the day of installation;

(8) that is the total cost of delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds; and

(9) that the cost to repeat the 2023/23 programme in 2024/25 would be £11,450.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted that members could submit proposals of new locations to NRS festive lighting team by June 2024 and that approval of funding and locations would be confirmed at the next area partnership meeting.

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability remove the on-road Christmas tree permanently at the Couper Institute.