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

9 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

(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

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) concerns regarding faulty lights that had not been changed but still charged, which Karen Venables would follow up with Stephen Blanchflower; and

(b) requested that the Festive Lighting team within NRS attend the next meeting to propose different options for consideration.