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

3 There was submitted and a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), 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 £105; 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 the report and its disappointment that Stephen Blanchflower, Group Manager, NRS had not attended the meeting to explain why Festive Lighting costs had remained the same, despite being promised that prices would reduce during 2024; and

(b) requested that

(i) Stephen Blanchflower be invited to attend the Govan Area Partnership meeting on 3rd September 2024; and

(ii) the Partnership write to Mr Blanchflower’s manager to express its disappointment with the report and to explain why the promised review and reduction on Festive Lighting costs had not been provided.