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

6 There was submitted 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 2023/24 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 next Partnership meeting;

(5) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2023/24 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;

(6) 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; and

(7) that if the total cost of delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide clarity on

(i) as the cost of £3,600 allocated to the Partnership for Festive Lighting was set and could not be split between two sites, would the community councils be permitted to privately fundraise for a further £3,600 to provide Festive Lighting at a second location and pass on the monies to NRS to carry out the works on their behalf;

(ii) where there was a permanent tree planted with power cables for permanent lights, the costs would still be £3,600; and

(iii) whether there was a permanent electricity supply at the current Christmas tree location on Baillieston Main Street.