Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Funding approved – Delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair.

10 With reference to the minutes of 12th April 2024, there was submitted and noted 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

(1) of the 2023/24 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether they should be included in the 2024/25 programme;

(2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility;

(3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding, which could be approved by delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair during October 2024, following receipt of the updated pricing table; and

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Newland/Auldburn Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report

(b) approved funding towards the tree at Nether Auldhouse Road;

(c) agreed festive lighting funding up to a total of £5,000, including central funding of £3,600, could be approved under delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair, to approve additional lighting within the ward, to be deducted from the Area Budget fund, after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024.