Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Delegated authority approved.

10 With reference to the minutes of 9th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the 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 these 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 Hillhead Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that the Christmas lights switch-on event, to be held by Woodside Community Council on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 4pm, would require a police presence due to the number of children in attendance and requested the presence of Bailie Wardrop who agreed to carry out the switch-on event;

(b) approved funding towards lighting installation of 5 trees at the Church Street/Byres Road triangle, with costs to be shared with Partick East/Kelvindale Area Partnership;

(c) agreed festive lighting funding up to a total of £5,000, including central funding of £3,600; and

(d) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair, in conjunction with Councillor Andrew and Bailie Hoy 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.