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

9 With reference to the minutes of 23rd 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 Communications 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 Pollokshields Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) highlighted its disappointment at the excessive costs quoted in previous years and requested a detailed breakdown of costs for a tree;

(b) approved festive lighting funding totalling £6,800; and

(c) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair, in conjunction with Councillor Ghani, and Bailies MacLeod and Raja 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.