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

10 With reference to the minutes of 23rd 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 Cardonald Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) requested additional garland lights be costed for installation along Paisley Road West, from Mosspark Boulevard to Crookston Road;

(b) raised concerns at the excessive costs for festive lighting in previous years; and

(c) agreed that an additional meeting would be held before the end of October 2024, by Microsoft Teams, to agree a repeat of the 2023/24 programme and approve funding for the proposed new site, after final updated costs had been confirmed during October 2024, with additional costs in excess of £3,600 central funding to be taken from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund.