Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024, there was submitted 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 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, Councillor Hutchison, 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 Govan Area Partnerships 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted its disappointment at further delays in providing costings for festive lighting within the ward despite being promised figures by June 2024, which were addressed by Stephen Blanchflower, Group Manager, NRS and Tricia Henderson, Assistant Group Manager, NRS, who assured the Partnership that despite being promised over the last 2 years that costs would reduce, NRS would endeavour to provide competitive prices; and

(c) agreed that festive lighting for the ward would be approved by holding an additional meeting, which would be held via Microsoft Teams at the end of October 2024, after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024.