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

6 With reference to the minutes of 23rd April 2024, there was submitted 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 if 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; and

(3) that if the necessary funding for any additional costs was over and above the central funding this could be approved through delegated authority to the Council's Director of Communications and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Kerr prior to 31st October 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that NRS would report back to the Partnership following questions

(A) by Councillor Kerr regarding information regarding the proposed new pricing information which was currently undergoing a review, together with further details on the new procurement exercise for years 2025-28; and

(B) by Councillor Lalley as to whether it might be more cost effective to provide a ground fixed carousel which projected various images onto the Christmas Tree; and

(b) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Kerr 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.