Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted etc.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, 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 that

(1) the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme remained the same as previous years, however prices would be undergoing a review, which would be updated at the September Partnership meeting;

(2) the Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for 2025 to 2028;

(3) the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £275;

(4) of the total cost of delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds; and

(5) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2023/24 programme, to be notified by June 2024 and to identify locations where a switch on event could be proposed for either a Christmas or natural tree

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the 2023/24 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme;

(b) highlighted that the natural tree that was located at Mansfield Park was very disappointing; and

(c) continued consideration of funding and locations until the final costs had been submitted, which would be brought to the next meeting for consideration and approval.