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

9 There was submitted and noted a report by the 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 costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £15,505;

(4) if 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 2024/25 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 noted

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

(2) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability remove the off-road Christmas tree at Liddesdale Square as there was already a tree in place; and

(3) agreed approval of funding and locations would not be provided until the final costs had been submitted and that the partnership would confirm approval at the next area partnership meeting in September.