Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 30th 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 if they 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 Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Gallagher prior to 31st October 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed that £20,000 be reserved from the Area Budget to fund the Festival Lighting programme 2024/25; and

(c) agreed that an additional special meeting would be arranged for October 2024 for festive lighting discussion/approvals.