Item 2

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Dennistoun Area Partnership

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2024/25

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

(1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme;

(2) remind members of the 23/24 festive lighting programme; and

(3) to seek agreement on the 24/25 programme and, where necessary, the allocation of additional funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

(1) note the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme;

(2) approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.

Introduction

1. The Council took the decision to delegate funding for peripheral festive lighting to the Area Partnerships as part of the budget process for 20/21. A similar arrangement is proposed for the 2024/25 programme.
2. Each Area Partnership is awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting, usually at a single location.
3. Area Partnerships have the option to fund additional festive lighting locations.

23/24 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting programme for the Ward delivered as part of the 23/24 programme is shown below.

Location	**Feature**
Alexandra Park Gates	Xmas Tree (Off Road)
Alexandra Park Gates	Banner
Alexandra Park Gates	Natural Trees (Fixed Lights)
Royston (Royston Rd / Darnick St)	Xmas Tree (Off Road)
Sighthill	Xmas Tree (Off Road)
Sighthill	Switch-on Event
Drygate	Natural Tree

24/25 Festive Lighting Programme

5. The prices reflect the new contract rates for this festive season. The Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for years 2024 to 2028. The standard pricing schedule for the 24/28 festive lighting programme is set out below

Option	**2023 Price**	**2024/28 Price**
15-18ft Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£3,600 / tree	£2,950
15-18ft Xmas Tree (On Road)	£5,000 / tree	£4,200
18-21ft Xmas Tree	£300 surcharge	£ 90
Lights in Natural Tree	£3,600 / tree	£ 1,450
Street Lighting Column Features	£3,600 for 8 No (£450 / column)	£ 140*
Switch-on Event (Off Road)	£105 / event	£ 160
Switch-on Event (On Road)	£800 / event	£ 380
Adaptation of Street Lighting Column for Power	£260 / new feature	£ 360
Structural Check of Street Lighting Column	£45 / new column feature	£ 65

*Price per existing column feature

6. Area Partnership costs for 2024 Festive Lighting.

Location	**Feature**	**Price**
Alexandra Park Gates	Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£ 2,950
Alexandra Park Gates	Banner	£ 3,600 (*)
Alexandra Park Gates	Banner Repair	£891 (50% 23/24 + 50% 24/25)
Alexandra Park Gates	Natural Trees (Fixed Lights)	£ 1,450 (*)
Royston (Royston Rd / Darnick St)	Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£ 2,950
Sighthill	Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£ 2,950 (**)
Sighthill	Switch-on Event	£ 160
Drygate	Natural Tree	£ 1,450
	Sub-Total	£ 16,401
	Deduct Central Funding	£ 3,600
	Total Additional Funding	**£ 12,801**

* Assumes lighting features pass electrical safety check / don't require any additional repairs.

** The Area Partnership secured funding from Keepmoat Homes for this location for the 24/25 programme.

GCC has procured the Festive Lighting contract at reduced costs from previous years. Area Partnerships will benefit from the fixed competitive contract rates over the next four years. An annual inflationary increase has been included in the above rates to provide a consistency over the contract period.

7. The Area Partnership is invited to identify the locations where a switch on event is proposed to be held for either a Xmas or natural tree. Column mounted features will come on at the same time as the streetlights on the day of installation.

8. If the total cost of the delivering the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeds the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding will require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

Recommendations

9. The Area Partnership is asked to:

   (1) note the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme;

   (2) approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.