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

2 With reference to the minutes of 18th September 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the festive lighting 2024/25 programme, advising

(1) that £3,600 of central funding was available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting in the ward and that the partnership also had the option to fund additional festival lighting locations;

(2) that the Council had procured a Festive Lighting contract at reduced costs from previous years and that Partnerships would benefit from the fixed competitive contract rates over the next 4 years, as detailed in the report; and

(3) of the festive lighting costs for 2024/25 for the ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) approved funding

(i) for an additional switch-on event at Knightswood Cross on Great Western Rd/Baldwin Avenue, at a cost of £380; and

(ii) totalling £4,640, to be deducted from the Area Budget 2024/25, as detailed in the report and to include the additional switch-on event at Knightswood Cross.

(c) that the 3 community councils would send Stephen Johnstone confirmation of the dates and times of when the 3 switch-on events will take place and that this would be then circulated to NRS; and

(d) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for the land to be cleared prior to the lights being placed on the natural tree at Knightswood cross.

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