



Item 3

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Hillhead Area Partnership

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2025/26

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

- (1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2025/26 festive lighting programme.
- (2) remind members of the 24/25 festive lighting programme; and
- (3) to seek agreement on the 25/26 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 2025/26 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 2025/26 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.

24/25 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting programme for the Ward delivered as part of the 24/25 programme is shown below.

Location	Type of Feature
St Georges Cross	5 No Natural Tree (Off Road)
Byres Road	Natural Trees with Fixed Lights
Byres Road Clarice Pears	15-18ft Christmas Tree

25/26 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)	£ 120*
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 column feature

6. Area Partnership costs for 2025 Festive Lighting.

Location	Feature	Price
St Georges Cross	3 No Natural tree (Off Road)	£4, 350
St Georges Cross	Switch-on Event	£160
	Sub-Total	£4, 510
	Deduct Central Funding	£3, 600
	Total Additional Funding	£ 910

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.

Note: Connecting Woodside Cycle Infrastructure may impact the delivery of the St Georges Cross Natural Tree, seek update from NRS Roads

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.
9. All new festive requests will be subject to NRS Street Lighting approval for electrical supply
10. Byres Road Natural Tree removed from Festive Paper due to the tree being cut away by NRS Parks as it was affected by ash-dieback.

Recommendations

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Notes:

NRS Festive Team received confirmation from NRS Roads Improvement, that all works at Connecting Woodside (St Georges Cross junction) shall be complete by November, which will allow Festive Team to arrange install of lighting scheme at 3no. of Trees

As per point 7 of the Festive Report - The AP is invited to identify location of switch-on event, as such NRS Festive Team require a proposed date and time of the event so an electrician can be programmed to attend.