

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc – Delegated Authorities to the Chair.

7 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 that

- (1) NRS Festive Team had been informed of the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end. Council's procurement would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees;
- (2) planting of Christmas trees at Bane Square and Barrowfield was not achievable due to underground utilities/services;
- (3) planting of Christmas trees at Bridgeton Cross was not achievable due to ground conditions; and
- (4) planting of Christmas trees at Riverbank Primary School could proceed, providing that appropriate permissions to proceed were obtained; and

After consideration, the Partnership agreed

- (a) to a 10% contingency from the Area Partnership budget towards Christmas trees, including the 10% contingency the amount to come out of Area Budget would be £17,115; and
- (b) delegated authority to the Chair should further funding decisions be required for Festive Lighting.