



Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Southside Central Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2026/27

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

- (1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2026/27 festive lighting programme;
- (2) remind members of the 25/26 festive lighting programme; and
- (3) to seek agreement on the 26/27 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 2026/27 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 2026/27 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.

2025/26 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting programme for the Ward delivered as part of the 25/26 programme is shown below.

| Location | Type of Feature |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Queen's Pk (Langside Halls) | Xmas Tree (Off Road) |
| Govanhill Millennium Sq | Xmas Tree (Off Road) |
| Govanhill Millennium Sq | Column Features (9 No) |
| Govanhill Millennium Sq | Switch-on Event |
| Govanhill Dixon Hall | Xmas Tree (Off Road) |
| Victoria Rd (Queens Dr to Dixon Ave) | Column Features (8 No) |
| Richmond Park Terrace | Xmas Tree (Off Road) |
| Richmond Park Terrace | Switch On Event |

2026/27 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 2026 Festive Lighting.

| Location | Feature | Price |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Queen's Pk (Langside Halls) | Xmas Tree | £ 980(3-way split) (*) |
| Govanhill Millennium Sq | Xmas Tree | £ 2,950 |
| Govanhill Millennium Sq | Column Features (9 No) | £ 1,260 |
| Govanhill Millennium Sq | Switch-on Event | £ 380 |
| Govanhill Dixon Hall | Xmas Tree | £ 2,950 |
| Victoria Rd (Queens Dr to Dixon Ave) | Column Features (8 No) | £ 1,120 |
| Richmond Park Terrace | Xmas Tree | £ 2,950 |
| Richmond Park Terrace Switch On Event | Switch On Event (Off Road) | £ 160 |
| | Sub-Total | £12,750 |
| | Deduct Central Funding | £ 3,600 |
| | Total Additional Funding | £ 9,150 |

* Assumes that the Langside Halls location is supported by the other 2 contributing Area Partnerships.

7. NRS Festive Team have been informed the current Horticultural Contract, which includes supply of Christmas Trees, has come to an end. GCC Procurement will establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. All new festive requests will be subject to NRS Street Lighting approval for electrical supply

Recommendations

11. The Area Partnership is asked to:

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