



Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Cardonald 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.

25/26 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
Cardonald Library	Natural Trees
Berryknowes Rd	Column Features (8 No)
Paisley Rd West (On Road)	Column Features (21 No)
Nazareth House	Natural Trees (4 No)
Paisley Rd West at ALDI	Column Features (8 No)
Paisley Rd West at Crookston	Column Features (8 No)
Mosspark Drive Comm Corner	Natural Tree (1 No)
Paisley Rd West/Berryknowes	New Material

26/27 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
Cardonald Library	Natural Trees	£ 2,900
Berryknowes Rd	Column Features (8 No)	£ 1,120
Paisley Rd West (On Road)	Column Features (21 No)	£ 2,940
Paisley Rd West at ALDI	Column Features (8 No)	£ 1, 120
Paisley Rd West (Crookston Rd – Boundary)	Column Features (8 No)	£ 1, 120
Mosspark Drive Community Corner	Lights in Natural Trees	£ 1, 450
Nazareth House	Natural Trees (4 No)	£ 5, 800
	Sub-Total	£ 16, 450
	Deduct Central Funding	£ 3,600
	Total Additional Funding	£ 12, 850

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:

- (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.

Notes:

Report received: Bailie Kavanagh requested to note issues with last year's Festive Lighting as the lights at the Halfway location were out during the festive period. There were also issues when reporting these defects resulting in residents not being able to get through on the helpline provided. It was requested that Festive Lighting officers attend the next Cardonald Area Partnership in April to discuss these issues and the possible option of reimbursement

AP stated that numerous column features were out 2024/2025 across the Cardonald estate and there was difficulty reporting the faults via RALF service, this was also the case in 2025/26 as such NRS will investigate the possibility of enhancing the 'fault reporting service' with generic email. NRS will also raise the column feature outage with contractor, as all parties agreed the material being tested earlier in the year should therefore be fully operational over the festive period.

NRS note that status to attend faults between the Christmas/New Year period is on an 'emergency basis' only, however as above all parties agree material should be fully operational, if not the AP will request a reduction from the costs.

AP raised the lack of information regarding the utilising existing columns for new festive schemes, with NRS Street Lighting not approving to drill 20mm hole into the columns, as such the AP should contact NRS Street Lighting to raise their concerns directly.

All GCC material is stored at our contractor's facility and assets tagged per Glasgow City location. NRS will be attending the facility in the coming weeks to inspect the assets and storage arrangements.