

## **Festive Lighting 2026/27- Update noted - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

7 There was submitted 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

- (1) of the 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding;
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Govan Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation; and
- (5) NRS had been informed that the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end whilst the Councils Procurement team would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees by 15% to 20%;

After consideration, the Partnership;

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) agreed to
  - (i) a proposed date of 2nd December 2026 to hold a light switch on event at Govan Cross; and
  - (ii) to potentially ringfence £30,000 from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund to be allocated to the 2026/2027 Festive Lighting package; and
- (c) requested that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide costings for the installation of street lighting column features in the Govan ward, along with a larger Christmas tree.