

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Funding approved

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding festive lighting within the Ward, 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 Victoria Park 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 report; and
- (b) approved the total additional funding of £12,050 to be deducted from the Partnership's area budget fund.