Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the ward, advising

(1) of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations;

(2) of the 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Linn Area Partnership from other funds;

(5) that 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; and

(6) NRS Festive Team received request for Column Mounted Features and Christmas Tree at Menock Road/Castlemilk Road roundabout, unfortunately due to the age of the lighting columns, did not get approval from NRS Street Lighting, however did obtain approval for Column Mounted Features on Castlemilk Road upwards and towards Castlemilk Crescent.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed to ring-fence £12,000 from the NIIF funding pending further information;

(c) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to

(i) link in with Croftfoot and Mennock Community Council regarding alternative Christmas tree location and lighting at King's Park;

(ii) clarify why the costing of tree lights is the same every year for Lost Lives Garden and to circulate a response to Bailie McCabe; and

(iii) confirm who was responsible for granting permission for the Couper Institute private tree structure.