Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Funding approved.

6 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 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 Drumchapel/Anniesland 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) approved the total additional funding of £6,780 through using the Area Budget fund;

(c) highlighted with regards to the Christmas Switch on date and time for High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council, Ellen Wright would speak to the Head Teacher to clarify timings and would get in touch with Robert Strachan via email; and

(d) requested Christmas Switch on event on Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 13:45pm for Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council.