Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Authority to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the festive lighting programme for 2023/24, advising

(1) that each Area Partnership had been awarded £3,600 of central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting, with each area partnership having the option to fund additional festive lighting locations and in addition, this partnership as a result of a credit of funding from the 2022/23 programme had an additional £3,100 of funding for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme;

(2) of the festive lighting locations for the ward delivered as part of the 2022/23 programme, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme and the cost to repeat the 2022/23 programme in 2023/24, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the Partnership would be able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2023/24 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability required to be notified by 19th May 2023 to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed; and

(5) that the Partnership would be invited to identify locations where a switch on event was proposed to be held for either a Christmas tree or natural tree and that column mounted features would come on at the same time as the street lights on the day of installation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the 2022/23 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2023/24 programme;

(ii) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability required to be notified by 19th May 2023 of any proposed new locations to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed;

(b) agreed to continue consideration of switch-on events for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme to the next meeting;

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

(i) clarify the costs of providing a tree outside the Couper Institute and for Croftfoot & Menock Community Council;

(ii) look at locations in the Linn Ward where permanent trees could be used for future festive lighting programmes;

(iii) to investigate the potential of community groups being able to procure their own Christmas trees and/or lights;

(iv) to look at more sustainable options in relation to lighting;

(v) arrange a site visit with the lighting team; and

(vi) to provide a breakdown of costs for the festive lighting programme at the Lost Lives Garden; and

(d) authorised the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, in consultation with the chair to make any decisions that were required prior to the finalisation of the festive lighting programme 2023/24 on 30th June 2023.