Item 5

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Victoria Park Area Partnership

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2023/24

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

(1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme;

(2) remind members of the 22/23 festive lighting programme; and

(3) to seek agreement on the 23/24 programme and, where necessary, the allocation of additional funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

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

(2) agree whether the 2022/23 festive displays are to be included in the 2023/24 programme;

(3) notify any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility;

(4) approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.

Introduction

1. The Council took the decision to delegate funding for peripheral festive lighting to the Area Partnerships as part of the budget process for 20/21. A similar arrangement is proposed for the 2023/24 programme.
2. Each Area Partnership is awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting, usually at a single location.
3. Area Partnerships have the option to fund additional festive lighting locations.

22/23 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting programme for the Ward delivered as part of the 22/23 programme is shown below.

Location	**Type of Feature**
Dumbarton Rd - Summerfield Cottages	Natural Tree Features (2 No)
Dumbarton Rd - Thornwood Park	Natural Tree Features (3 No)

23/24 Festive Lighting Programme

5. The standard pricing schedule for the 23/24 festive lighting programme is set out below:

Option	**Price**
15-18ft Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£3,600 / tree
15-18ft Xmas Tree (On Road)	£5,000 / tree
18-21ft Xmas Tree	£300 surcharge
Lights in Natural Tree	£3,600 / tree
Street Lighting Column Features	£3,600 for 8 No (£450 / column)
Switch-on Event (Off Road)	£105 / event
Switch-on Event (On Road)	£800 / event
Adaptation of Street Lighting Column for Power	£260 / new feature
Structural Check of Street Lighting Column	£45 / new column feature

6. The cost to repeat the 22/23 programme in 23/24 would be as follows:

Location	**Feature**	**Price**
Dumbarton Rd - Summerfield Cottages	Natural Tree Features (2 No)	£6,600
Dumbarton Rd - Thornwood Park	Natural Tree Features (3 No)	£9,100
	Sub-Total	£15,700
	Deduct Central Funding	£3,600
	Total Additional Funding	**£12,100**

7. The Area Partnership is able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 22/23 programme. Locations not included within the 22/23 programme require to be notified to NRS by 5 May 2023. This will allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed by the NRS festive lighting team to allow the 23/24 programme to be finalised by 30 June 2023.

8. The Area Partnership is invited to identify the locations where a switch on event is proposed to be held for either a Xmas or natural tree. Column mounted features will come on at the same time as the street lights on the day of installation.

9. If the total cost of the delivering the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeds the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding will require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

Recommendations

10. The Area Partnership is asked to:

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

(2) agree whether the 2022/23 festive displays and switch-on events are to be included in the 2023/24 programme;

(3) notify any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility;

(4) approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.