Item 6

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Hillhead Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2022/23

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

(1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2022/23 festive lighting programme;

(2) remind members of the 21/22 festive lighting locations; and

(3) to seek agreement on locations and, where necessary, additional funding for the 2022/23 programme.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to

(1) note the 2021/22 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2022/23 programme;

(2) agree the 2022/23 programme including locations for festive lighting installations and where switch on events are proposed to be held;

(3) approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding; and

(4) delegate authority to the Chair to make any decisions that are required prior to finalisation of the programme on 30 June 2022.

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 2022/23 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.

21/22 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting locations for the Ward delivered as part of the 21/22 programme are shown below.

Location	**Type of Feature**
St Georges Cross	Natural Trees
Byres Road	Natural Trees with Fixed Lights

22/23 Festive Lighting Programme

5. The standard pricing schedule for the 22/23 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 (On Road)	£3,600 / tree
Street Lighting Column Features	£3,600 for 8 No (£450 / column)
Switch-on Event (Off Road)	£100 / event
Switch-on Event (On Road)	£800 / event

6. The cost to repeat the 21/22 programme in 22/23, excluding switch-on events would be as follows:

Location	**Feature**	**Price**
St Georges Cross	Natural Trees (Off Road)	£1,750
Byres Road	Natural Trees with Fixed Lights (On Road)	£550 (1)

	Sub-Total	£2,300
	Deduct Central Funding	£3,600
	Unallocated Funding	**£1,300**

Note 1: The Byres Road cost assumes that the existing lighting passes the electrical check and does not require to be replaced.

7. As the festive lighting funded by the Byres Road & Lanes Business Improvement District (BID) obtains power from the Council's street lighting network, we wish to bring this festive lighting under the umbrella of the Council programme. This will ensure that the lights are electrically safe and the correct declaration is made for electricity consumption. We propose to enter into discussions with the BID with the expectation that the BID will meet these festive lighting costs.
8. The Area Partnership is able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 21/22 programme. Where a new location is proposed, the feasibility and cost of the new location will be assessed by the NRS festive lighting team and reported to the Area Partnership Chair for a decision prior to 30 June 2022.
9. 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.
10. 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.

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