Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Funding approved, in principle etc.

5 With reference to the minutes of 19th April 2023 when this Area Partnership had agreed that a report be brought back providing festive lighting costings for locations in the ward, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising

(1) of the festive lighting locations for the Ward delivered as part of the 2022/23 programme;

(2) of the costs for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme, as detailed in the report; and

(3) that in view of previous questions and concerns that had been raised by Elected Members from this Partnership over previous festive lighting costs and lack of adequate maintenance, it was agreed that officers from NRS

  (a) moving forward, and in order to identify reduced future savings, propose to buy, rather than rent, future festive lighting features; and

  (b) submit proposed festive lighting costs for 2024 to this Partnership scheduled for 20th February 2024, with a view to these being finalised and agreed by June 2024.

After consideration and having heard Stephen Blanchflower, the Partnership

(i) noted

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

  (B) that officers from NRS would liaise with Elected Members to undertake further dialogue in terms of agreeing an effective maintenance lighting programme, as well as exploring whether it would be feasible to provide additional lighting along an extended section of Paisley Road West; and

  (C) that a visit would be arranged over the forthcoming festive period to view the Cambuslang Main Street festive lighting model with a view to assessing whether a similar model could be used within this ward; and

(ii) approved, in principle, total funding of £10,944 for the festive lighting programme for 2023/24.