Festive Lighting Programme 2023/24 – Authority to Chief Executive.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Festive Lighting Programme 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;

(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 programme and the cost to repeat the 2022/23 programme in 2023/24,;

(4) that the Partnership was 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; and

(5) that if the total cost of delivering the programme selected by this partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding would require to be met by the partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the partnership

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

(b) approved

(i) a Christmas tree and switch on event at Anderston costing £3,600 and £105 respectively, and a natural Christmas tree and switch on event at Townhead costing £1,400 and £105 respectively;

(ii) a £2,600 one-off cost of constructing an underground power supply to the newly planted Christmas tree at Townhead, which was required for health and safety reasons, to be deducted from the infrastructure fund; and

(iii) the remaining £1,610 balance, after the deduction of £3,600 from central funding be deducted from the area budget; and

(c) authorised the Partnership and Development Manager to make any decisions that were required prior to the finalisation of the 2023/24 programme on 30th June 2023.