Festive Lighting 2022/23 – Proposals approved etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the 2022/23 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

(1) that each Area Partnership had been awarded £3,600 of funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining Festive Lighting;

(2) of the festive lighting locations for the Ward delivered as part of the 2021/22 programme, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2022/23 Festive Lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2021/22 programme in 2022/23, excluding switch-on events, 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 2021/22 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, the feasibility and cost of the new location would be assessed and reported back to the Chair of this partnership for a decision prior to 30th June 2022; and

(5) that if the total cost of the delivery of the Festive Lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 of central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) agreed the 2022/23 programme, including locations for festive lighting installations and switch on events, as detailed in the report;

(c) approved

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

(ii) £1,782 of funding for the repair or replacement of the lighting banner for the gates at Alexander Park, which would be split between the Partnership's budget for this financial year and the 2023/24 financial year;

(d) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to seek a guarantee for any repair works carried out on the lighting banner; and

(e) authorised the Chair, in conjunction with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to make any decisions that were required prior to finalisation of the programme.