

Festive Lighting Programme 2024/25 – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the 2024/25 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

- (1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central 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 2023/24 programme, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 is still to be determined at conclusion of tendering process, which is estimated to be concluded in June 2024, 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 2023/24 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, NRS required to be notified to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed;
- (5) that the Partnership would be 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
- (6) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Partnership exceeded the £3,600 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 report;
- (b) expressed concern in regard to the timescales of the new costings being provided at the next Partnership meeting and approving locations to be part of the 2024/25 festive lighting programme; and
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide details of the tender process outcome to allow for an additional meeting to take place to consider the proposals.