

Festive Lighting 2025/26 update noted – Funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations, advising

- (1) of the 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2025/26 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Baillieston Area Partnership from the area budget.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme; and
 - (ii) that they were extremely disappointed with the report and that no costings had been provided to light up the existing permanent Christmas trees in the ward, however, NRS confirmed that the trees were not mature enough and needed time to grow;
- (b) approved central funding of £2,950 for the 2025/26 festive lighting programme, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) requested NRS investigate the feasibility of Broomhouse Community Council fund raising to facilitate switching on of festive lights on 2 existing Christmas trees.