



Item 6

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Victoria Park Area Partnership

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2025/26

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

- (1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2025/26 festive lighting programme;
- (2) remind members of the 24/25 festive lighting programme; and
- (3) to seek agreement on the 25/26 programme and, where necessary, the allocation of additional funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) note the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme;
- (2) approve necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.

Introduction

1. The Council took the decision to delegate funding for peripheral festive lighting to the Area Partnerships as part of the budget process for 20/21. A similar arrangement is proposed for the 2025/26 programme.
2. Each Area Partnership is awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting, usually at a single location.
3. Area Partnerships have the option to fund additional festive lighting locations.

24/25 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting programme for the Ward delivered as part of the 24/25 programme is shown below.

Location	Type of Feature
Dumbarton Rd - Summerfield Cottages	Natural Tree Features (2 No)
Dumbarton Rd - Thornwood Park	Natural Tree Features (3 No)

25/26 Festive Lighting Programme

5. The prices reflect the new contract rates for this festive season. The Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for years 2024 to 2028. The standard pricing schedule for the 24/28 festive lighting programme is set out below

Option	2023 Price	2024/28 Price
15-18ft Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£3,600 / tree	£2,950
15-18ft Xmas Tree (On Road)	£5,000 / tree	£4,200
18-21ft Xmas Tree	£300 surcharge	£ 90
Lights in Natural Tree	£3,600 / tree	£ 1,450
Street Lighting Column Features	£3,600 for 8 No (£450 / column)	£ 140*
Switch-on Event (Off Road)	£105 / event	£ 160
Switch-on Event (On Road)	£800 / event	£ 380
Adaptation of Street Lighting Column for Power	£260 / new feature	£ 360
Structural Check of Street Lighting Column	£45 / new column feature	£ 65

*Price per existing column feature

6. Area Partnership costs for 2025 Festive Lighting.

Location	Feature	Price
Dumbarton Rd - Summerfield Cottages	Natural Tree Features (2 No)	£ 2,900
Dumbarton Rd - Thornwood Park	Natural Tree Features (3 No)	£ 4,350
	Sub-Total	£ 7,250
	Deduct Central Funding	£ 3,600
	Total Additional Funding	£ 3,650

GCC has procured the Festive Lighting contract at reduced costs from previous years. Area Partnerships will benefit from the fixed competitive contract rates over the next four years. An annual inflationary increase has been included in the above rates to provide a consistency over the contract period

7. The Area Partnership is invited to identify the locations where a switch on event is proposed to be held for either a Xmas or natural tree. Column mounted features will come on at the same time as the streetlights on the day of installation.
8. If the total cost of the delivering the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeds the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding will require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.
9. All new festive requests will be subject to NRS Street Lighting approval for electrical supply
10. NRS received a request from the AP to provide additional festive lighting schemes within the ward, as such the following sites have been inspected:

****Buddies Nursery** – Large tree that would be suitable for festive lighting with nearby lighting column for electrical supply, however concerns raised on the land of the proposed tree (who owns the land/maintains the tree/ GCC or private) **Update** - Due to NRS Street Lighting approval needed, this cannot go ahead due to drilling into columns (see note 11)

****Westland Drive/Westbrae Drive** – Large tree for festive lighting with nearby lighting columns, however with being mid-July the tree(s) doesn't look to be in great health, with branches brittle and not in any form of leaf. **Update** - due to NRS Street Lighting approval needed, this cannot go ahead due to drilling into columns (see note 11)

****Westbrae Drive/Southbrae Drive** – 15-18ft Christmas tree on the pavement area at the mentioned junction.

Update - due to NRS Street Lighting approval needed, this cannot go ahead due to drilling into columns (see note 11)

****Clarence Drive/Churchill Drive** – 3 Large trees for festive lighting with nearby lighting column for electrical supply. **Update** - due to NRS Street Lighting approval needed, this cannot go ahead due to drilling into columns (see note 11)

Jordanhill School Chamberlain Road – 15-18ft Christmas tree within the cornered area at right hand side entrance of the school. Tree would be situated on a 1.5-2T concrete base, with **overhead** electrical supply for tree lighting taken from nearby street lighting column. Due to the proposed location, the community/AP should seek dialogue with the school on the tree proposal. Busy area with lots of footfall/traffic and tree would be noticed by the community. The lighting column for supply is not affected by drilling (see note 11)

11. As stated within the AP Festive Paper, all proposals must be approved by NRS Street Lighting Team, however due to drilling into the columns being required at all proposals, with exception of **Jordanhill School Chamberlain Road**, we have been informed by NRS Street Lighting Team this will impact the structural integrity of the column and will impact the Councils warranty and manufacturers guarantee.

Unfortunately, the above is impacting several proposals across the city, and we must adhere to NRS SLT procedures.

I'm also aware there's been requests to have CCTV mounted on columns in other areas of the city, again this has also been impacted.

Recommendations

12. The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) note the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme;
- (2) approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.