

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

5 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 asked 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 North East Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme;
 - (ii) concerns raised by Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council regarding the lack of festive lighting arrangements at GESH;
 - (iii) that the Ward councillors would progress with Seven Lochs the option of planting a tree for future use and engage with the relevant officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability on the historical planning issue with the columns;
 - (iv) the inclusion of £380 for switch-on events; and
 - (v) that the Christmas tree at the GESH would only proceed based on external electrical power being available from the GESH building via an external socket and NRS to be updated on progress as tree order would be placed at the end of September/October; and
- (b) approved additional funding of £5,210.