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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

North East 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 the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.

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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
Easterhouse Shopping Centre	Natural Tree Features (1 No)
Molendinar (Langdale St / Langdale Ave)	Natural Tree Features (1 No)
Gartloch Rd	Natural Tree Features (1 No)
Gartloch Rd	Column Features

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

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6. Area Partnership costs for 2025 Festive Lighting.

Location	Feature	Price
Easterhouse Shopping Centre	Natural Tree Features	£ 1,450
Molendinar (Langdale St / Langdale Ave)	Natural Tree Features	£ 1,450
Gartloch Rd	Natural Tree Features	£ 1,450
Gartloch Rd	Column Features to 20nr cols	£ 2,800
	Sub-Total	£ 7, 150
	Deduct Central Funding	£ 3,600
	Total Additional Funding	£ 3, 550

The community have purchased 20nr new column features for inclusion. NRS have updated the costs table to include the Contractor's associated charges (*). The council will have these stored and tested outwith the festive season. Any costs for repairs in the future would be the responsibility of the local community.

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. Site meeting was arranged for Monday 4th August with community representatives from Ruchazie to discuss festive lighting enhancements, however it was agreed to keep same lighting on Gartloch Road (Ruchazie) for 2025/26
11. **Christmas Lighting at GESH** – NRS Street Lighting colleagues have confirmed that, in respect of festive lighting, the lighting columns outside the community centre, where a supply would normally be taken from, are not adopted by GCC and are currently disconnected from a supply. In short, there is no power and reference would need to be made to colleagues at NRS Street Lighting.

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12. **Nearest Adopted Lighting Column at the GESH** - We would need our colleagues at NRS to assess to confirm if this was possible, through NIIF. As stated above, my understanding is there is a few adoption issues with the site around the GESH area that may impact on this but our colleagues in NRS would be better to guide on this.
13. **Christmas Tree at Craigend** - As stated within the AP Festive Paper, all proposals must be approved by NRS Street Lighting Team, however drilling into the columns is required to gain an electrical source, unfortunately we have been informed by NRS SLT this will impact the structural integrity of the column and will impact the Councils warranty and manufacturers guarantee.

The above is impacting several proposals across the city as 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

14. The Area Partnership is asked to:
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