



Item 5

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Cardonald 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.

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
Cardonald Library	Natural Trees
Berryknowes Rd	Column Features (8 No)
Paisley Rd West (On Road)	Column Features (21 No)
Nazareth House	Natural Trees
Paisley Rd West at ALDI	Column Features (8 No)
Paisley Rd West at Crookston	Column Features (8 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
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*Price per existing column feature

6. Area Partnership costs for 2025 Festive Lighting.

Location	Feature	Price
Cardonald Library	Natural Trees	£ 2,900
Berryknowes Rd	Column Features (8 No)	£ 1,120
Paisley Rd West (On Road)	Column Features (21 No)	£ 2,940
Paisley Rd West at ALDI	Column Features (8 No)	£ 1, 120
Paisley Rd West (Crookston Rd – Boundary)	Column Features (8 No)	£ 1, 120
Mosspark Drive Community Corner	Lights in Natural Trees	£ 1, 450
Nazareth House	Natural Trees (4 No)	£ 5, 800
Paisley Rd West	New Column Material	£ 37, 000
	Sub-Total	£ 53, 450
	Deduct Central Funding	£ 3,600
	Total Additional Funding	£ 49, 850

**Please note: New Column Material is an estimated cost, we have to go through our appointed electrical installer to place the order on our behalf, and they may put a small % mark up to cover administration works.

GCC have conducted a feasibility study during 2025 for the design/installation of Festoon Lighting on central reservation columns from Mosspark Boulevard towards Cardonald/Crookston, however the AP rejected the proposal due to the costs involved to replace the lighting columns to bespoke type.

GCC will supply new lighting for the 4nr trees opposite Nazareth House in 2024. From 2025, the contract charges of £ 1,450 per tree shall apply.

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.

Recommendations

10. 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.

Notes:

AP stated that numerous column features were out 2024/2025 across the Cardonald estate and there was difficulty reporting the faults via RALF service, as such NRS will investigate the possibility of enhancing the 'fault reporting service' with generic email. NRS will also raise the column feature outage with contractor, as all parties agreed the material being tested earlier in the year should therefore be fully operational over the festive period.

NRS note that status to attend faults between the Christmas/New Year period is on an 'emergency basis only, however as above all parties agree material should be fully operational, if not the AP will request a reduction from the costs.

AP raised the lack of information regarding the utilising existing columns for new festive schemes, with NRS Street Lighting not approving to drill 20mm hole into the columns, as such the AP should contact NRS Street Lighting to raise their concerns directly.

An order has been placed with GCC contractor to procure 45no. of new column features from GALA Lights, however due to current timescales, if GCC haven't received the new material by 24th November, we will proceed with the current stock of material that's in storage. The new material will then be utilised for 2026.

All GCC material is stored at our contractor's facility and assets tagged per Glasgow City location. NRS will be attending the facility in the coming weeks to inspect the assets and storage arrangements.

Update:

NRS have received positive news that the new column mounted features for Paisley Road West, Berryknowes Road, Crookston junction and at Aldi are on schedule for delivery by week commencing 24th November. NRS will receive further delivery update on 17th November from the supplier.

NRS have requested the contractor have all lighting installed and switched on for 1st December and requested images to be taken upon completion.