

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

9 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 the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme; and
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS)
 - (i) investigate and provide information regarding the procurement costs to supply their own Christmas tree and cost to have NRS put lights on that tree;
 - (ii) provide information regarding the environmental and financial impact of the provision of a different kind of Christmas tree that was more sustainable;
 - (iii) provide information regarding the finding of the Barra's lights and provide costings to reinstate for Christmas lighting; and
 - (iv) ensure that a relevant officer was in attendance to answer questions in relation to festive lighting; and
- (c) requested that the Director of Legal and Administration arrange a special meeting for festive lighting.