

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Linn Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) that NRS Festive Team had been informed of the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end. Council's procurement would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved in principle £5,480 from the NIIF budget for items below:-
 - (i) Couper Institute Christmas tree and switch-on event;
 - (ii) Carmunnock Christmas tree and switch-on event; and
 - (iii) Castlemilk (Lost Lives Garden) Christmas tree and switch-on event; and
- (c) agreed that Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council would collaborate with Couper Institute to source a sustainable Christmas tree; and
- (d) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to reach out to the festive lighting team to contact Croftfoot and Mennock Community Council regarding column lighting and Christmas tree location.