

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

3 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 asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding;
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Baillieston Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation;
- (5) NRS had been informed that the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end whilst the Councils Procurement team would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees by 15% to 20%;
- (6) that a site visit had been carried out to assess the proposal to have festive lighting at Barrachnie Road and that the report had been updated to reflect the proposed works; and
- (7) that a site visit had been carried out to assess the proposal to light the tree at Broomhouse however this was not feasible as the nearest column was too far away to supply power.

After consideration, the Partnership;

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme; and
- (b) agreed a 10% contingency from the Area Partnership budget towards Christmas trees, with the amount approved totalling £3,590.