

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted 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 2026/27 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 Victoria Park Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) NRS Festive Team had been informed the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end. Glasgow City Councils Procurement 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%.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised concern and disappointment around how it is inappropriate to cost one visit to put lights in three trees next to each other as three separate jobs. A second and third tree should add very little to the cost of putting the lights in a single tree; and
- (c) agreed to refer Festive Lighting 2026/27 until September 2026 when new costings had been received.