

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc – Delegated Authority to the Chair.

10 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 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and requested that the Partnership confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that NRS Festive Team 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%;
- (3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Partick/East Kelvindale Area Partnership from the area budget.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) agreed
 - (i) to approve the costs for 2026/27 festive lighting which included a Christmas tree (off road) at Mansfield Park, the 18-21ft tree surcharge and a switch on event located at Mansfield Park;
 - (ii) that Partick Community Council and Friends of Partick Parks and Greenspaces would advise Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability of the arrangements for the switch on event; and
 - (iii) delegated authority to the Chair should further funding decisions be required for Festive Lighting.