

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

7 There was submitted a report by 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 they 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 Southside Central Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) 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%.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) requested
 - (i) that the Partnership discuss with local businesses and Housing Associations regarding contributions towards festive lighting;
 - (ii) costings to be brought back to the next meeting for lighting locations for Allison Street and North Lauriston; and
 - (iii) that dates and times for all switch on events be discussed with NRS and community councils.