



Item 3

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Canal Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2026/27

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is:

- (1) to advise members of the central funding available and the pricing guidelines for the 2026/27 festive lighting programme.
- (2) remind members of the 25/26 festive lighting programme; and
- (3) to seek agreement on the 26/27 programme and, where necessary, the allocation of additional funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) note the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding.

Introduction

1. The Council took the decision to delegate funding for peripheral festive lighting to the Area Partnerships as part of the budget process for 20/21. A similar arrangement is proposed for the 2026/27 programme.
2. Each Area Partnership is awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting, usually at a single location.
3. Area Partnerships have the option to fund additional festive lighting locations.

25/26 Festive Lighting Programme

4. The festive lighting programme for the Ward delivered as part of the 25/26 programme is shown below.

Location	Feature
Bilsland Drive/Shannon Street/ Murano Street	Natural Trees (3 No)
Bilsland Dr between Hazlet St and Parkbrae Ave	Xmas Tree (On Road)
Liddesdale Square	Xmas Tree (Off Road)
Liddesdale Square	Switch-on Event
Hawthorn Street/Ashgill Street	Natural Tree (1 No)
Cadder Road/Tresta Road	Column features (6 No)

5. 26/27 Festive Lighting Programme

The prices reflect the new contract rates for this festive season. The Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for years 2024 to 2028. The standard pricing schedule for the 24/28 festive lighting programme is set out below

Option	2023 Price	2024/28 Price
15-18ft Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£3,600 / tree	£2,950
15-18ft Xmas Tree (On Road)	£5,000 / tree	£4,200
18-21ft Xmas Tree	£300 surcharge	£ 90
Lights in Natural Tree	£3,600 / tree	£ 1,450
Street Lighting Column Features	£3,600 for 8 No (£450 / column)	£ 120*
Switch-on Event (Off Road)	£105 / event	£ 160
Switch-on Event (On Road)	£800 / event	£ 380
Adaptation of Street Lighting Column for Power	£260 / new feature	£ 360
Structural Check of Street Lighting Column	£45 / new column feature	£ 65

*Price per column feature

6. Area Partnership costs for **2026** Festive Lighting.

Location	Feature	Price
Bilsland Drive/Shannon Street/ Murano Street	Natural Trees (3 No)	£ 4,350
Bilsland Dr between Hazlet St and Parkbrae Ave	Xmas Tree (On Road)	£ 4,200
Liddesdale Square	Xmas Tree (Off Road) (1 No)	£ 2,950
Liddesdale Square	Switch-on Event	£ 160
Hawthorn Street/Ashgill Street	Natural Tree (1 No)	£ 1,450
Cadder Road/Tresta Road	Column features (6 No)	£ 840
	Sub-Total	£ 13,950
	Deduct Central Funding	£ 3,600
	Total Additional Funding	£ 10,350

7. NRS Festive Team have been informed the current Horticultural Contract, which includes supply of Christmas Trees, has come to an end. GCC Procurement will establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees from 2027.
8. The Area Partnership is invited to identify the locations where a switch on event is proposed to be held for either a Xmas or natural tree. Column mounted features will come on at the same time as the streetlights on the day of installation.
9. If the total cost of the delivering the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeds the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding will require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.
10. All new festive requests will be subject to NRS Street Lighting approval for electrical supply
11. **Street Column Features** – Request was received from community to move from Natural Tree Lighting to Street Column Features. After a recent inspection, for NRS Festive Team to install ‘features’ onto the street lighting columns on Bilsland Drive, this will require operatives to drill an external hole into each column to run a cable within to provide electrical source.

As stated within the AP Festive Paper, all proposals must be approved by NRS Street Lighting Team, however due to drilling into the columns being required, we have been informed by NRS Street Lighting Team this will impact the structural integrity of the column and will impact the Councils warranty and manufacturers guarantee and as a consequence proposals which require drilling on columns cannot be taken forward.

Recommendations

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