



Item 4

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Linn Area Partnership

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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; and
- (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	Type of Feature
Carmunnock	Xmas Tree (Off Road)
Carmunnock	Switch-on Event
Castlemilk (Lost Lives Garden)	Natural Tree
Castlemilk (Lost Lives Garden)	Switch-on Event
Coupar Institute	Xmas Tree (On Road)
Coupar Institute	Switch-on Event

26/27 Festive Lighting Programme

5. 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)	£ 140*
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 existing column feature

6. Area Partnership costs for 2026 Festive Lighting.

Location	Feature	Price
Carmunnock	Xmas Tree (Off Road)	£ 2,950
Carmunnock	Switch-on Event	£160
Castlemilk Road	New Material	£ 3,250
Castlemilk Road	Column Mounted Features (5 No)	£700
Castlemilk Road	Supply/Install RCBO	£1,500
Castlemilk (Lost Lives Garden)	Natural Tree	£1,450
Castlemilk (Lost Lives Garden)	Switch-on Event	£380
Couper Institute (Private)	NRS Electrical Works	£ 3,000
	Sub Total	

	£13,330
Deduct Central Funding	£3,600
Total Additional Funding	£9,730

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 for 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. NRS Festive Team received request for Column Mounted Features and Xmas Tree at Menock Road/Castlemilk Road roundabout, unfortunately due to the age of the lighting columns, we did not get approval from NRS Street Lighting, however we did obtain approval for Column Mounted Features on Castlemilk Road upwards and towards Castlemilk Crescent. The above table has been updated to reflect the costs involved.
12. NRS Festive Team are aware of the proposed private tree structure outside Couper Institute, as such we have removed the 'NRS Xmas Tree' from the above table, however we have included the cost to provide standalone electrical supply via NRS Street Lighting for the new structure.

Recommendations

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