

Festive Lighting 2022/23 – Consideration continued etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the 2022/23 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

- (1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;
- (2) of the festive lighting locations for the ward delivered as part of the 2021/22 programme, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2022/23 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2021/22 programme in 2022/23, excluding switch-on events, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2021/22 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, the feasibility and cost of the new location would be assessed and reported back to the Chair of this partnership for a decision prior to 30th June 2022; and
- (5) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the 2021/22 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2022/23 programme;
- (b) highlighted concerns at the pricing schedule as detailed in the report;
- (c) requested that Ms F O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, explore the possibility of utilising funding from the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund and bring a report to a future meeting outlining alternative options suggested by members.