

**Title of meeting:** Communities and Central Services

**Date of meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Subject:** Coronation of King Charles III

**Report by:** Director Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the proposed activities which the Council would like to support communities with to mark the Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 **That the Cabinet Member agrees to allocate £10,000 to enable communities to come together to host a series of street parties across the city, building on those which took place as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022 to mark this specific and unique occasion.**

**3. Background**

3.1 In 2022 the Platinum Jubilee for Queen Elizabeth II was celebrated over an extended Bank holiday weekend with a series of community events and activities across Portsmouth.

3.2 Of particular note in these celebrations were the 100+ community organised street parties which took place all across the city over the four days of the Jubilee weekend.

3.3 At the current time only very outline information has been released by the Palace as to the nature and focus of the events to mark the Coronation. The event will be celebrated across the UK and the commonwealth with the formal ceremony taking place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May during which King Charles III will be crowned alongside the Queen Consort. An additional Bank holiday has been confirmed for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.



- 3.4 Based on the success of the street parties across the city in 2022 we would like to propose that a further option of street parties be considered to enable communities to come together a mark this particular occasion - the first coronation of a new sovereign for over 70 years.
- 3.5 It is anticipated that community organised street parties will be a popular options again for the Coronation and we need to allow sufficient time for the necessary arrangements to be put in place. In order to launch the application process and support the necessary road closures we are asking this meeting to agree to this proposal prior to any further information being issued by the Palace as we have identified that there will be insufficient time if we wait for the next scheduled Communities and Central Services meeting to put the road closures in place.
- 3.6 We understand that the Council will be unable to directly provide insurance cover as we did for the Jubilee street parties through our insurance broker and therefore we are seeking alternative ways for the organisers to ensure that their events are covered. However this is likely to be a cost which will have to be met from the allocation of funds.
- 3.7 Sponsorship would also be required if the road closure infrastructure is to be provided at not cost to the street party organisers and work has already commenced to explore options for how this can be achieved.
- 3.8 Further information can be brought back to the next Communities and Central Services committee once more information has been published by the Palace if this is required.

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

- 4.1 The Jubilee Street parties were an unexpected success in 2022 and the Council is keen to support and develop such community cohesion projects especially where they can be scheduled to enable residents to feel part of wider celebrations which in this instance will be taking place across the UK.

#### **5. Integrated impact assessment**

- 5.1 An Integrated impact assessment is attached.

#### **6. Legal implications**

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendation in this report for the allocation of budget provision.
- 6.2 Legal Services will advise and support the implementation of the arrangements for the celebrations as may be necessary.

**7. Director of Finance's comments**

7.1 Budget provision will be made from a one-off contribution from the portfolio reserve.

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**Appendices:** Nil

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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