

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	25 January 2022
Title:	Events Celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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Purpose of this report

1. To Inform the Executive Member of the County Council arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and to ask for approval for the planned events and for a grant to Winchester Cathedral for a Marquee relating to the Jubilee celebrations.

Recommendations

2. The Executive Member is asked to review and endorse the proposals for the County Council's Platinum Jubilee programme shown in Appendix 1.
3. That the Executive Member approves that the sum of £6,000 be awarded to Winchester Cathedral to erect a marquee in the Cathedral grounds so that refreshments can be served by the Women's Institute following the special County Service marking Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Executive Summary

4. This report outlines the proposed activities and initiatives that the County Council will undertake to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee within the context of the national programme and plans. Activities will be spread throughout Her Majesty's Platinum year, but the primary focus is during the extended bank holiday weekend of Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022.
5. The Leader is asked to consider a grant of £6,000 to Winchester Cathedral to enable them to hire and erect a marquee in the Cathedral grounds. The Women's Institute will provide teas in the marquee following the special County Service 29 May 2022, celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Contextual Information

6. On 6 February 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking seventy years of service. The coming year and the extended bank holiday weekend will provide an opportunity for the nation's communities to celebrate and reflect.
7. The national programme of events for the bank holiday weekend was published on the Royal website on 10 January. It includes:
 - The Queen's Birthday Parade
 - Platinum Jubilee Beacons
 - Service of Thanksgiving
 - The Derby on Epsom Downs
 - Platinum Party at the Palace
 - The Big Jubilee Lunch
 - The Platinum Jubilee Pageant
8. In addition, The Queen's Green Canopy and The Platinum Pudding Competition will run during the year.
9. Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire has overall responsibility for Platinum Jubilee arrangements in Hampshire. He has held several planning meetings and the combined proposals for Hampshire will be published on the Lieutenancy webpages during February.
10. The proposed County Council-led activities are outlined in Appendix 1 of this report. These activities are still in the planning stages and are subject to change. They include:
 - A tree planting programme to support the Queen's Green Canopy
 - An archive footage video of Hampshire during the Queen's reign
 - An interfaith event unveiling the statue of Licoricia
 - The Chairman's Concert
 - The Big Lunch in the Country Parks
 - Beacon lighting
 - A 'climb Everest' event at the Calshot Climbing Wall.
11. As part of the Hampshire-wide celebrations there will be a County Service at Winchester Cathedral on 29 May. The Cathedral has requested a grant of £6000 from the County Council to be used by the Cathedral to hire and erect a large marquee which will be used by the Women's Institute to serve teas to attendees and guests after the Service. This has excellent fit within the overall programme of Jubilee events.
12. The County Council will continue to liaise with Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant and keep him informed of activities. The County Council is also supporting the Lord Lieutenant to co-ordinate the web site listing of the activities planned by the, County Council, the Church of England and District and Unitary Councils so that a comprehensive list of events is developed.
13. A communications strategy is in place within the County Council for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and all associated initiatives.

Finance

14. A budget of £100,000 has been allocated for activities relating to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The grant of £6,000 would be drawn down from this budget.

Key Assumptions

15. Planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is now well underway but the proposals are subject to change at this stage. Various assumptions have been made including the availability of large screens for hire and purchase of the required licences associated with live streaming the "Platinum Party at the Palace". Any significant changes will be discussed with the Executive Member.

Consultation and Equalities

16. Diversity and inclusion are key themes within the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. The proposed offer from the County Council reflects this as shown in Appendix 1.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

17. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation; Carbon Mitigation.

18. No detailed assessment has been completed by there are several key considerations.
19. The Queen's Green Canopy is focused on planting trees, and this will support Hampshire County Council's Climate Change targets and is good for the environment.
20. Lighting of Beacons are a historic and cultural tradition but involve burning wood or gas thereby being damaging to the environment and therefore the County Council's involvement in Beacon Lighting will be limited to two.

Conclusions

21. A wide and varied programme of activities celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee have been proposed and set out in Appendix 1. These will be pursued, subject to approval, with any significant changes discussed with the Executive Member. Detailed feasibility plans and budget allocations will be closely monitored.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Proposed activities and events within Hampshire County Council

Beacons

Detailed guidance has been issued for Beacon lighting on the evening of Thursday 2 June. Beacons are historically and culturally symbolic but regrettably there is little scope for modern, digital or green options. It is proposed to light one Beacon in the north and one in the south of the County as a proportionate contribution to the national and international Beacon Lighting event.

Calshot Outdoor Activity Centre

The Centre will organise a rock-climbing relay to climb the total height of Mt Everest (the 70th Anniversary of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay who summited Everest on 29 May 1953).

Chairman's Concert

The Chairman's Concert on 7 May will become a Queen's Platinum Jubilee concert performed by various ensembles from Hampshire Music Service with a programme that will include a specially commissioned commemorative piece. A wide range of guests will be invited. The event to be recorded and will then be available to a much wider audience including, specifically, residents of care homes.

Country Parks

Several parks will promote the "Big Lunch" creating a celebratory theme. Food hampers will be for sale, and some parks may have focus on a specific theme.

On Saturday 4 June at Royal Victoria Country Park there will be a food festival celebrating diverse and commonwealth foods, combined with screening the Palace Party.

Hampshire Film

A short video will be produced, focused on the Queen's reign in Hampshire. It is intended that this will be of use to schools, of interest to the wider community, valuable for reminiscence for older age groups and of use for communications and social media broadcasting.

Libraries

A variety of events are planned including using the creation of collections of memories from the past 70 years; work with a writer to develop an e-book from the memories; creation of jubilee scrap books, promotion and support to craft groups to make bunting, collages, quilts, flags etc.

Licoricia Statue

The statue of Licoricia will be unveiled outside Winchester Discovery Centre on 10 February with the attendance of a prominent national figure anticipated. This will be a major interfaith event with national faith representation. It will be followed by a reception in Winchester's Great Hall.

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Queen's Green Canopy

The Leader will be considering a separate report on the Decision Day Agenda on 25 January for up to £500k to be allocated from Invest in Hampshire for Tree Planting to support the Green Canopy initiative.

A new copse is being planted at River Hamble Country Park which will form part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

Planting a Jubilee tree at Queen's Elizabeth Country Park to join trees planted for previous jubilees.

A special Platinum Jubilee tree will be planted at Sir Harold Hillier gardens.

Schools will be encouraged to plant trees where possible and support is available via The Woodland Trust and County Council funding initiatives.

Records Office & Exhibition

The Records Office are creating an exhibition that will be rotated between Discovery Centres and more widely within other public spaces around the County.

Registration Services

A special citizenship event will be held in the Great Hall 27 May.

Commemorative birth certificates will be offered to all babies born in the month of the Jubilee.

Commemorative wedding certificates will be offered to all couples married in June 2022.

Schools

All schools will be making their own arrangements for the Jubilee. The County Council will be supporting their plans with:

- A bespoke resource pack for Key Stage 1 & 2 which schools can purchase.
- Wild seed packs containing red, white & blue flowers to be given to all schools for spring planting
- Offers to schools of trees for planting as part of the Queen's Green Canopy
- Monarchy talks from the Lord Lieutenant and Deputies
- A commemorative commonwealth menu for school meals
- It is understood that a National Education Pack combined with a video will be made available.

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

The Gardens will create 2 new trails: - A tree trail that highlights all the trees planted by or for the Royal Family at the Gardens; and a trail that includes planting from across the Commonwealth.

14 May - **25th Anniversary of the Gurkha Memorial Day at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens.** This comprises a memorial procession and then a celebration. The

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profile will be elevated to a Platinum Jubilee event, celebrating inter-faith and diversity. This is particularly relevant as Hampshire has one of the largest populations of people of Nepali origin in the UK.