



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Joint Strategic Committee  
8 February 2022

Key Decision [~~Yes~~/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All

## Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### Report by the Chief Executive

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#### Executive Summary

##### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the proposed programme of activities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to release funding to support the proposed programme of events.

##### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Joint Strategic Committee is asked to endorse the proposed programme of celebrations and release the following funding to allow for the delivery of the programme from the Capacity Issues Reserve of each Council as follows:

- Adur District Council £20,000
- Worthing Borough Council £28,500

### 3. Context

- 3.1 Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952.
- 3.2 An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together and celebrate this historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.
- 3.3 A programme of national celebrations has already been developed which include:

#### **October 2021 to March 2022**

- **The Queen's Green Canopy:** The Queen is inviting people to recognise the Jubilee by planting trees and establishing new woodland areas.

#### **Thursday 2nd June**

- **The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour):** The Queen's official birthday, usually held on the second Saturday in June.
- **Platinum Jubilee Beacons:** The United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will be continued to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

#### **Friday 3rd June**

- **Service of Thanksgiving:** A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral.

#### **Saturday 4th June**

- **The Derby at Epsom Downs:** Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.
- **Platinum Party at the Palace:** The BBC will stage and broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace. Members of the public will be invited to apply to attend this special event and details of the ballot for UK residents to secure audience tickets will be released in due course.

## **Sunday 5th June**

- **The Big Jubilee Lunch:** The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship and bringing the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community.

### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 An officer working group has been convened to consider how to support the Jubilee celebrations and a programme of local events are being developed.
- 4.2 Local celebrations led by the Councils and supported in the community will reflect the national programme of celebrations and include:

### **Green Canopy Projects**

- An English Oak Tree will be planted by each civic head in Adur & Worthing in a high profile park location. Beach House Park in Worthing and Buckingham Park in Adur have been identified as potential locations as they have a high foot fall and existing civic significance.
- Platinum Jubilee Memorial Woodland areas in both Adur and Worthing will be planted and established in 2022. These woodland areas will be a lasting memorial and celebration enhancing our greenspaces for recreation and wellbeing plus assisting the Councils in their work to enhance local biodiversity and achieve carbon net zero. The potential woodland areas identified are Buckingham Park in Adur and Brooklands Park in Worthing.
- In partnership with the Woodland Trust, local schools are being contacted to take part in the canopy project, planting trees and hedges.
- Support for Communities, groups and charitable organisations is also available for tree planting through the Woodland Trust and information on how to get involved will be made available to the local community through our online tool kit.

### **Jubilee Seafront Gallery**

- This project involves the commissioning of a series of Platinum Jubilee themed displays on the Seafront Gallery in Worthing over the summer season. The commission will include community participation and we are encouraging artists to consider how the images selected will engage passers-by in a multi-dimensional way and this could include linking to media online.

## Thursday 2nd June

- **Highdown Gardens:** The Queen has connections with Highdown Gardens, and following the programme of extensive development during 2021 we are exploring the possibility of hosting a dawn torch lighting event that could be linked to the Beacon lighting later in the day.
- **Town Criers** have been invited to announce a Proclamation on the 2nd of June in the afternoon. Worthing has a designated Town Crier who can fulfil this role in both Adur & Worthing
- **Platinum Jubilee Beacons:** Beacons are to be lit at 21:45 hrs with a service of celebration:
  - **Worthing** – Civic Heads, all Councillors and VIP guests will be invited to a ceremony at the Beacon on the promenade.
  - **Adur** - Civic Heads, all Councillors and VIP guests to be invited to a ceremony at a location to be confirmed.

## Friday 3 June and Saturday 4 June

On Friday the 3rd of June in Worthing's Steyne Gardens, a Jubilee concert will be held with an accompanying light show, celebrating popular music during the 70 years of The Queen's reign. This will be followed on the 4th of June by a second evening of film and music, including a Jubilee finale (ticketed commercial event).

## Sunday 5th June

The Big Lunch campaign will see many communities taking the opportunity to come together to host a street party and celebration.

- The Community Street Party application process is already in place and road closure fees have been waived for the period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June. Information, guidance and support is available through the tool kit provided on our Jubilee web page. The closing date for applications is the 15th of April.
- Street Party on the Prom: Previously held in 2012; there are plans to host a street party on Worthing promenade inviting local residents to come together to celebrate.
- Shoreham Vintage Fair: A new four day event will take place over the Jubilee weekend offering Adur residents an opportunity to celebrate together on Adur Recreation Ground with entertainment, a jubilee afternoon tea, stalls and outdoor cinema.

## **Jubilee Emblem, Town Dressing and Road Naming**

A national emblem specifically designed for the Platinum Jubilee has been created. The emblem will be used for all official merchandise and events commemorating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and across digital and social media.

- **In both Adur and Worthing** flag poles will fly with either the Union Flag or the national Jubilee Emblem flag.
- **In Worthing** town centre we will work in partnership with the TCI to place jubilee bunting in Warwick Street & Montague Street
- **In Adur** we will use existing lamp post banner sites, adding Jubilee emblems to the existing banners. In addition we will seek to hang bunting in East Street in Shoreham, Southwick Square, Brunswick Road and Coronation Green.
- **In both Adur and Worthing** we will also explore the possibilities of naming new streets and buildings as part of our commemoration celebrations.

## **Celebrating Local Community “heroes”**

The Jubilee provides an opportunity to recognise local individuals and organisations whose contributions and endeavours to the local community could be acknowledged and celebrated. Following public nominations, winners could for example be invited to the Civic offices to receive a framed certificate and a commemorative gift e.g. a Platinum Jubilee coin for example.

## **5. Engagement and Communication**

- 5.1. The national programme has provided the Councils with a steer to enable us to collaborate with other local authorities and the Palace to ensure our programme of celebrations reflects the country's recognition of the Queen's achievements.
- 5.2. The national programme also provides a platform to enable us to raise awareness, engage and involve our local communities.
- 5.3. A web page has been created to raise awareness and provide information to the public about the national programme of celebrations. As the detail of the local programme of activity comes together the information will be updated to reflect the local celebrations taking place.

- 5.4. An online toolkit will be developed to allow for community engagement to capture the activities taking place within our towns and provide support for local groups and organisations to host their own celebrations and tell us their stories.
- 5.5. Engagement with local schools will take place to particularly encourage them to get involved with the Green Canopy project.

## 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The overall programme of works is expected to cost £48,500 across the two Councils which can be broken down as follows:

	Adur £	Worthing £
Civic tree planting	750	750
Public Green Glade memorial	5,000	5,000
Highdown Gardens		3,000
Beacon Lighting Worthing		3,000
Beacon Lighting Adur	3,000	
Street Party on the Prom		6,000
Adur Events	6,000	
Bunting (Worthing)		1,500
Lamppost Banners/Bunting Adur	2,000	
Community Recognition Awards	1,000	1,000
Public Art		6,000
Contingency	2,250	2,250
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>28,500</b>

- 6.2. There are no budgets in place currently to fund the programme of events and it is recommended to use the reserves to fund these one-off costs.

## 7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Councils have the power to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or which is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.
- 7.2 Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 1999 (LGA 1999) contains a general duty on a best value authority to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

7.3 s1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation

### **Background Papers**

- Details of the Platinum Jubilee: <https://www.royal.uk/platinumjubilee>
- Adur & Worthing's Platinum Jubilee Webpage:  
<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/queens-platinum-jubilee/>

## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

- The events planned will stimulate and support the visitor economy in both Adur and Worthing. As we get closer to June we anticipate more and more businesses will be engaging with the opportunities afforded by this historic occasion and the extended Bank Holiday. The Councils will continue to actively promote and support these opportunities through the TCI and other business groups and forums.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

- The Jubilee will provide many opportunities for communities to come together, deepening relationships and affirming shared bonds. After much sorrow and difficulty through the pandemic it is hoped these celebrations will be part of the recovery and healing process. The street parties for example will provide neighbours with the opportunities to both recognise and build on the bonds of friendship developed over the past 2 years.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

- Equality issues are being considered carefully throughout the programme, for example, for the commissioning of artwork on Worthing seafront we will require the project to both engage local people and reflect the diverse makeup of our communities.

#### **2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

- It is hoped that in undertaking activities that support community cohesion and the development of shared bonds that the broader objectives of our community safety work will be supported.

#### **2.4 Human Rights Issues**

- Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **3. Environmental**

- The canopy projects will actively contribute to the Councils' commitments to enhance recreation opportunities and develop green spaces, thereby improving health and wellbeing outcomes, enhancing biodiversity and

increasing opportunities for carbon sequestration. Through the engagement of communities and school groups in these projects, understanding, awareness and appreciation of the natural world will be enhanced.

#### **4. Governance**

- Matter considered and no issues identified.