

## **RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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meeting date: 14 MARCH 2023

title: KINGS' CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.

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### **1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To provide Committee with an update on a proposal for the use of large screens to enable people to watch the Coronation ceremony in the grounds of Clitheroe Castle.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives - To help make people's lives healthier and safer.
- Corporate Priorities - To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley.
- Other Considerations – The coronation is an historic event which people will wish to share the experience together.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Coronation of King Charles is an historical event with many community-based events being organised on and around the day.

2.2 The Council has been asked about the provision of large screens in the grounds of Clitheroe Castle to enable people to have a picnic and watch the celebrations from London.

2.3 Prices have been obtained for options including two screens to be in the bandstand area. The screens would be 2m high and 4m wide, which would be visible from the terrace in front of the bandstand, though beyond that onto the grass banking the screens would be harder to see, because of the distance involved. This option is £3770, including sound.

2.4 Another option is for a single screen sited on the back of a lorry, which would need to be parked on the Castle field, a 9m x 5m screen is £6363. That is the basic cost without sound and the additional costs for security overnight as it would need to be set up on the day before. Therefore, the additional costs would take this figure close to £10,000, though unlike the bandstand option, if the ground is not dry enough the large vehicle needed would be unable to access the site, due to the risk of getting stuck on the field. All prices are excluding Vat.

### **3 ISSUES**

3.1 There will be no Council staff on duty to help with the event, the Rotary Club have offered to help steward in the bandstand area. The screens would be set up by contractors and they would supply a technician for the duration the screens are on site

in both quotes. Though the Council would have to provide a separate company for the sound if the lorry-based screen were chosen. Plus, that would also necessitate having a member of staff present to liaise between the screen and sound contractors.

3.2 BBC have announced they will suspend the licence requirement for the day, so live feeds can be used for outdoor screenings.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The event will be an occasion which many people will wish to celebrate, there will be no Council staff on duty for the staging of this proposal, though the Rotary have offered to steward. There may be issues of litter after the event, which may require additional Council resources on the Sunday to address the issue.

#### 4.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- Resources – The Council currently has a budget of £5,610 for the Coronation Celebrations.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – the bandstand is a logical location for the screening as it has the power and infrastructure to stage such an event and does not carry the risk of sound ground inherent with the field-based option.
- Political – None in the context of this report
- Reputation – The Council is already providing funding to Parish Councils to help them celebrate the day, this would further assist people in that aim.
- Equality and Diversity – the bandstand is accessible to all.

#### 4. RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

4.1 Decides if the Council provides a large screen.

4.2 If 4.1 is agreed, agree to the bandstand option.

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#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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