

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY, 28 March 2023
title: CELEBRATING THE KING'S CORONATION
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider how the Council helps celebrate the King's Coronation.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 6 May 2023 King Charles III's Coronation ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey.
- 2.2 The Coronation programme will include not only the procession and service at Westminster Abbey but also the 'Coronation Big Lunch' across the country on 7 May and the 'Big Help Out' community activity on the bank holiday Monday, 8 May.

3 COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

3.1 Street Parties

The Government believes street parties should be encouraged by supporting residents who want to organise parties for their neighbours.

The Council has already set out advice to residents wishing to organise street parties and we recommend we do any road closures free of charge.

The Mayor and Mayoress intend to visit a number of street parties on Coronation Day.

Live Screening of the Coronation

Community Committee have agreed to the siting of two large screens on the Clitheroe Castle bandstand to show the Coronation live.

The BBC have agreed such screenings can take place without the usual licence fee.

Clitheroe Rotary have volunteered to steward the event. The cost of the screens is £3,770.

Grants to Parish and Town Councils

The Council offered grants to Parish and Town Councils of £500 to celebrate and commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This was very successful with most Parishes taking up the grant offer.

I would recommend a grant of £250 to encourage all our Parishes to organise their own events.

A grant of £250 to each Council would cost approximately £10,000.

Big Help Out

The Big Help Out on 8 May is intended to provide an opportunity for people to get involved in volunteering within their communities.

One option we could consider is making litter picking resources available to Parishes if volunteers wanted to improve the appearance of their area. The cost of purchasing 100 litter pickers is approximately £2,000.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The Council currently has a budget of £5,610 left from the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and £10,000 in the parish grant reserve.

The cost of the screens, litter pickers and Parish grants would come to £15,770.

4.2 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Council needs to lead in encouraging communities to participate in the Coronation celebrations.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – None.
- Equality & Diversity – None.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Agree to waive charges for processing street closure orders for Coronation street parties.

5.2 Agree grants of £250 to each Parish and Town Council.

5.3 Consider whether to make litter picking equipment available to Parishes.

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