

**Decision Maker:** EXECUTIVE

**Date:** Wednesday 24 November 2021

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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**Ward:**

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1. Reason for report

HM Queen's national Platinum Jubilee celebrations are planned to take place 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The London Borough of Bromley will be enabling street parties across the borough by waving the road closure fee, taking part in the national lighting of the beacons and the Queen's Green Canopy, and delivering a cultural activity programme.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That Members of the Executive:**

**2.1 Note the contents of this report and the opportunities to participate in HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.**

### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: The events and activities will be delivered through our 14 geographically spread libraries, and Crystal Palace Park (lighting of the Beacon), and accessible to all Bromley residents.
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £25k
  2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost
  3. Budget head/performance centre: n/a
  4. Total current budget for this head: £ n/a
  5. Source of funding: Investment to Community Fund Earmarked Reserve
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 100 hours
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None: Further Details
  2. Call-in: Applicable
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: The procurement implications in this report can be authorised at an officer level.
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): all borough residents.
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 In June 2022 the nation will be celebrating HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This report sets out the measures LBB is taking to celebrate this important occasion.
- 3.2 The decision has already been taken by the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services to waive road closure fees in relation to street parties for 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Applications for road closures from community and resident groups are required to be submitted by February 2022 to ensure they are processed in time for the June bank holiday weekend.
- 3.3 In addition to enabling community street parties across the borough, the borough will participate in the national beacon lighting and Queen's Green Canopy, deliver a cultural activity programme, and make small grants available for the decoration of High Streets and local shopping parades.

#### National beacon lighting

- 3.4 There is a long unbroken tradition in the UK of celebrating Royal Jubilees through the lighting of beacons. London boroughs are invited to take part in this tradition through the lighting of a beacon on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 at 9.15pm. There is an option for music, which has been specially written for the occasion, to accompany the lighting.
- 3.5 The beacon can either be a freestanding beacon fuelled by bottle gas, a beacon brazier or a bonfire beacon. The costs of these options still need to be determined. The location of the beacon will be Crystal Palace Park as set out by the organising committee. The lighting of each beacon is expected to attract a large audience.
- 3.6 The proceeding music is 'Diu Regnare', a piece written for a solo piper or pipe band. Additionally it is being encouraged for choirs to sing a particular song, which is yet to be chosen, at the moment the beacon is lit.

#### Cultural activity programme

- 3.7 A cultural activity programme themed around the Platinum Jubilee will be delivered through a cross-section of libraries.
- 3.8 In addition, a schools arts competition, again Platinum Jubilee themed, is proposed with commended and winning entries across age groups displayed in Bromley Central Library. The Mayor of Bromley will be invited to present certificates to the winning entries at an exhibition opening event.
- 3.9 There is an option for LBB to take part in The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail at a cost. This is a digital trail based on seven locations in the borough, of our choosing, which enable young people to digitally access learning about each decade of the Queen's reign.

#### Decoration of High Streets and Local Shopping Parades

- 3.10 A £20k grant programme will be set up for local business groups and civic societies to apply for funding to decorate their High Street or local shopping parade. Grants of up to £3k will be made available.
- 3.11 The grant application window will open in December 2021 for up to six weeks with successful applicants notified in February 2022. If applications exceed the pot of money available priority will be given to applications that: include match funding, use local

contractors to create/install the decorations, and take the most creative and uplifting approach to the decoration.

3.12 Applicants will be permitted to install the decorations for a maximum period of three weeks between the dates of 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### The Queen's Green Canopy

3.13 All places, organisations and individuals are being encouraged to plant a tree between October 2021 and March 2022, and/or between October and December 2022. Therefore there is an opportunity for LBB to plant trees as part of this and to run a campaign to encourage residents to do the same. Trees planted as part of The Queen's Green Canopy are to be recorded on a national digital map, and commemorative plaques can be used.

3.14 The Lord-Lieutenant has purchased 32 English Oak tree saplings to present to London's Mayors at a special presentation in Hyde Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Therefore LBB will be receiving an Oak for planting in the borough as part of this initiative.

#### Additional opportunities to take part

3.15 It is possible to consider the renaming of a street to mark the occasion however specific rules must be followed with a clear rationale for the street chosen.

3.16 It is expected that a Church Service of Thanksgiving form of service will be provided with an opportunity for special celebratory church services to be delivered.

3.17 There are a number of events scheduled for central London over the bank holiday weekend, such as the BBC concert 'Platinum Party at the Palace' on the evening of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. These events could be televised on big screens in town centre locations and/or parks in the borough depending on cost.

## **4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

4.1 The library locations for the cultural activity programme will include the most deprived areas of the borough, namely Mottingham, Penge and St Paul's Cray, as well as libraries that are often not the focus of the borough's special events and activity which tend to be undertaken at our larger libraries.

4.2 It is anticipated that the events will mainly take place on days that the libraries are normally closed and therefore these events should largely not impact on other users. Additionally these events should attract non-traditional library users which may then lead to more vulnerable adults and children using our library service, not just book borrowing but IT access and other services.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The costs of the activities will be funded by drawdown from the Investment to Community Fund earmarked reserve.

5.2 The waiver of road closure fees for street parties will represent a loss of income to the Traffic & Road Safety budget within Environmental Services, although these fees would not have been anticipated when setting that budget.

## **6. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The procurement implications of this report can be authorised at an officer level.

- 6.2 In accordance with CPR 2.1.2, Officers must take all necessary professional advice.
- 6.3 The actions identified in this report are provided for within the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, and the proposed actions can be completed in compliance with their content.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy implications; Personnel implications; Legal implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	N/A