

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

Report by Kevin Anderson, Executive Director - Place

Report for Decision

1 Recommendations

Council is recommended to consider any level of engagement and participation to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

The UK will celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch, in June 2022, which is the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone. The commemorations are being arranged jointly with The Royal Household and the UK Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Council has previously approved an additional day as a public holiday in order to match the change by the UK Government which introduced an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022 and sees the existing UK May Bank Holiday Weekend in 2022, moved to Thursday 2 June, so providing a four day weekend.

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3 Background

The UK will celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch with a planned weekend of celebrations. This historic event will reflect on Her Majesty's reign, and her impact on the UK and the world since 1952.

The four day celebrations will feature an extensive programme of events that mix the best of British ceremonial splendour and pageantry with cutting edge artistic and technological displays. These will be interspersed with the traditional nationwide fanfare and celebrations.

Further details on all aspects of programming, including events and how the public can get involved will be released in the months ahead with current opportunities and events listed in the appended letter received from the UK Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to permit Council to consider any level of engagement and participation to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

There is no allocated Council provision for resource or costs incurred. Alternative public or private funding sources may be considered and National Lottery Funding is being made available.

As an indicative project for the Queen's Green Canopy; a tree planting and education scheme in schools to mark the anniversary in our main town parks has been scoped for Bonnyrigg, Dalkeith, Gorebridge, Mayfield, Newtongrange and Penicuik.

The estimated cost of each tree including a metal guard and a plaque at the above settlements will be approximately £450.00, totalling £2,700.

4.2 Digital

There are no digital implications related to this report.

4.3 **Risk**

There are no risk implications related to this report

4.4 Ensuring Equalities

No equalities implications are anticipated but an EQIA assessment still has to be completed and considered.

4.5 Additional Report Implications

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- Holistic Working
- 🗌 Modern
- Sustainable
- Transformational
- Preventative
- Asset-based
- Continuous Improvement

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

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- Preventative and Sustainable
- Efficient and Modern
- Innovative and Ambitious

A.4 Delivering Best Value

There are no direct implications related to this report.

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Any proposed events would be reviewed by the Council's Safety Advisory Group to provide advice and assistance including road traffic and licensing considerations.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable

APPENDIX 1

Letter from the UK Government Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.