

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

21 APRIL 2022

**REPORT OF
CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET INFORMATION ITEM

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture

PLATINUM JUBILEE PROGRAMME & EVENTS 2022

Summary

In celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, Stockton Borough Council has developed a programme of events and activities in celebration of our Monarch's historic reign of 70 years. In addition to largescale events planned over the four-day bank holiday, the Council has developed a Jubilee digital programme, including competitions, activities and on-line tutorials. The Library and Museums Services also have a range of events, talks and exhibitions planned, and the Council's Community Engagement Team are supporting the Community Partnerships with their local celebrations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the Council's Platinum Jubilee Programme of Events and Celebrations
2. To note the other jubilee events and activities taking place across the Borough

DETAIL

Beacons and large-scale events

1. As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations a series of beacons will be lit across the UK on Thursday 2nd June 2022. This project continues the long and unbroken tradition in our Country of celebrating royal events such as jubilees, weddings, coronations and special birthdays with the lighting of beacons. Stockton Borough Council is supporting this initiative and there are 8 beacon events planned across our Borough, including a Civic beacon lighting ceremony which will take place outside Stockton Town Hall, near the Fountain. The Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham and Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire will be in attendance and invites have been sent to High Sheriffs, Council Members and CMT. Guests will be invited to join the Mayor at Arc for light refreshments, before being escorted to the High Street at 9:00pm.

2. Ahead of the lighting of the beacon scheduled at 9:45pm, there will be a series of musical performances including pipers, buglers and songs from local community choirs who will perform of 'A Song for The Commonwealth' which has been composed specifically for the Platinum Jubilee. The British Legion will be in attendance and the Mayor of Stockton will say a few words and introduce the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of County Durham who will light the beacon. The ceremony event will take place from 9:00pm and finish at 9:50pm
3. In addition to the Civic ceremony, there are 7 other beacon events planned by Town and Parish Councils, Community Groups, including Carlton, Kirklevington, Grindon & Thorpe Thewles, Norton, Billingham, Thornaby and Yarm. Stockton Borough Council are supplying the official platinum beacons, gas cylinders and will also transport equipment as required. General advice and support in relation to individual event proposals and use of equipment will be provided
4. The Council in partnership with Tees Music Alliance (TMA) and KU Promotions will deliver a free live music event on Saturday 4th June located on Stockton Riverside. The event will run from approx. 5:00pm until 10:30pm and is aimed at families and communities to get together and celebrate this special date in the reign of our Monarch. There will be a music stage with artists including all female band, 'She the Show', an 80's six-piece band 'We Tried Kylie' and 'The Moon Dogs', who will all perform songs and music from across the decades of the Queens reign. This approach follows the national jubilee framework/plan, which sees a Platinum Party at the Palace on Saturday, 4th June, broadcasted on BBC One, BBC iPlayer. Stockton's own Platinum Party will bring the celebrations at a local level and encourage a coming together of our communities, residents and families.
5. There will be several street food vendors and a bar concession, together with a Victorian Fairground rides, stalls and street theatre performing throughout the evening. The event will finish with a headliner act, 'Counterfeit Beatles' tribute Band, and there will be 5 minutes of fireworks to mark the end of the celebrations.
6. On the afternoon of Sunday 5th June, the people of the Borough will be invited to bring a picnic to the Tees Barrage site for an afternoon of brass bands, choirs and flag waving.
7. The Mayor of Stockton on Tees will welcome guests, before the programme starts delivered from the Bandstand, which includes Poetry Reading by local Poet, Lisette Auton. There will be music by a specially gathered Jubilee choir made up of local singers and musicians and a School Flag Parade, consisting of 10 primary schools across the Tees Valley who have been involved with the national Thames Festival Trust project. There will also be music performances from 'North Brass Monkey' and we are delighted to showcase the renowned and award winning 'The Reg Vardy Brass Band' who will close the event, together with a canoe 'display' with red, white and blue flares on the white water course.
8. There will be an activity marquee located next to the Archimedes Screws which will feature jubilee flag making by local artist 'Bloominarts', queens origami flower making supported by north-east artist Simon Turner and empire biscuit decorating with British Bake-Off contestant Freya Cox. There will be food stalls within the marquee, including a selection of cakes, pastries which are all locally sourced. In addition, there will be a double decker vintage bus parked on the barrage site, where members of the public can go and share a memory or message about their Jubilee experience, which will be recorded and form part of an audio archive.

9. In addition to the planned outdoor events programme, we have developed a series of complementary Jubilee digital activities which can be accessed via the Enjoy Tees Valley website and other social media channels. On-line activities proved popular during lockdown periods, especially for those who do not want to visit events, and where appropriate we are including an online element to event delivery. The online delivery also offers an effective way to promote events ahead of an actual event date/delivery, the Jubilee digital programme will go live week commencing 22nd April.
10. The Jubilee digital programme includes an activity sheet designed by local artists Abbey + Own which features mazes, wordsearches, poetry and online competitions. There is also resources and suggestions for community groups and individuals who want to take part and contribute to the celebrations taking place. These include 'try at home tutorials' making the queens origami flower as detailed above, affordable British baking classics, and Big Sing – digital learning video, featuring a repertoire of commemorative and celebratory songs that groups/individuals can learn ahead of the Big Lunch.
11. The Events Service has received a number of 'how to requests' from various community groups and businesses to get involved, including the Halcyon Centre, Business Centre. Officers and member can signpost any Jubilee requests to events@stockton.gov.uk

Other Events and Activities across the Borough –

Street Parties

12. The Council has operated a Street Party process since 2011 and uses national guidance and best practice. We deliver a pragmatic approach when assessing Street Party requests and we have currently received 60 applications across the four-day bank holiday, all of which are likely to be supported. Where road closures are not possible due to safety or impact on road users, we are considering street parties on green spaces, providing activity is confined to the Street Party parameters. The Council has received 6 applications in this regard which are currently being assessed.
13. We are assisting residents with their Street Party events by paying for road closures, providing appropriate signage, frames, sand-bags and cones. We also have a limited supply of 'jubilee packs' which include bunting, flags, cups, napkins, plates and activity sheets. The Council's Cleansing Team will also issue residents with a supply of refuse bags so they can collect their rubbish and leave on the street ready for collection.
14. The Council's website offers practical advice and information about the application process together with guidance on food safety, music, raffles etc.
15. The closing date for Street Party application is 30 April 2022

Library and Information Services

16. Throughout May and June, the Library and Information service will be presenting a series of special events, family craft sessions and activities across the Borough.
17. Stockton Central Library will showcase past royal moments in the Borough in a special photography exhibition and a screening of the 1959 Coronation and Royal

visit to Stockton High Street archive film. In addition, local historian Ben Roberts will deliver an archival talk around 'Royal Historical celebrations in Stockton' and audience members will be invited to enjoy tea and cake.

18. Young readers (aged 4–7yrs) will be invited to participate in a North East wide 'Right Royal' story time featuring 'The Queen's Handbag' by Steve Antony and story-times for invited schoolchildren will take place in all twelve of the North East's and public library services across the Borough on the same day. Each service has 60 copies of the book to give away as part of the celebrations.
19. Library users will also be encouraged to read from a Jubilee book list that has been specifically selected by The Reading Agency and includes ten titles from every decade of the Queen's reign and one book from each Commonwealth country.

Preston Park Museum

20. Preston Park Museum will deliver a series of events over May half term /Jubilee bank holiday weekend to mark the celebrations. The Victorian Street will be given a 1950s makeover with flags and bunting galore. Families will be welcomed to join a big Jubilee lunch on the Victorian Street and encouraged dress up in their finest party clothes, bring a picnic and pull up a chair and our big Jubilee table. Activities include flag making, decorate your own crown, food demos will also be available for families to participate in.

Community Events Across the Borough

21. In addition to the Council's events programme, there are several other large scale community events planned across the Borough over the Jubilee weekend. The scale and content of these events require full event management plans, which event organisers will need to collate and submit through Stockton's Independent Safety Advisory Group. Whilst the Events Service is working hard to support these event organisers which includes Billingham Town Council, Yarm Town Council, Norton Business Forum and the Friend of Ropner Park, staffing resources are limited and demand for these events, together other small-scale activities is very high.
22. The Council's Community Engagement Team are working closely with the Community Partnerships accessing funding to deliver small scale activities, which are localised and bring residents/communities together. Bright Minds Big Futures (BMBF) are also supporting the Community Partnerships and will be delivering a 'Pride' themed event in the Georgian Theatre in the week leading up to the Jubilee weekend.
23. Community Partnerships are being encouraged to link with the larger scale Jubilee events in their specific areas, which makes sense and assists with resource planning.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

24. The events programme is diverse and designed to reflect the interests of different communities. Every effort is made to make our events physically and financially accessible, they are presented in public spaces and are almost always free to watch or participate in.
25. Jubilee events and celebrations are being supported across the Borough, including street parties, community celebrations and larger scale events.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

26. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

27. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

28. All events presented by the Council or approved for Council land are subject to a full risk assessment.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

29. The jubilee events programme contributes to the Council Plan priorities, including the economic objectives and those relating to community cohesion and wellbeing.

30. Within the 'Our Places' section of the Council Plan, there is a Priority to 'Develop and adapt our events programme across the Borough to respond to the pandemic and inspire confidence about our futures.'

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

31. Many opportunities to participate in or enjoy our events are targeted at our looked after children.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

32. There has been consultation with the Cabinet portfolio holder for Health, Culture & Leisure in the development of the Council's Platinum Jubilee Programme 2022 and support to Communities/residents.

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Background Papers

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Property

