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## Events

**Date:** 12 December 2022

**Title:** Coronation of King Charles III Report

**Purpose of the Report:**

To provide an overview of the plans to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

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<b>Corporate Objective/s</b>	<b>LLTC Five Year Plan – Aim: 3.</b> Vibrancy and Vitality of Town and Town Centre
<b>Implications:</b>	
<b>Financial</b>	Yes – additional budget allocation for delivery of event.
<b>Human Resources</b>	Yes – to be included in workplan for 2023 for officers
<b>Operational/Service delivery</b>	Yes - Delivery of the events programme in calendar years 2022
<b>Procedural/Legal</b>	
<b>Risk/Health and Safety</b>	
<b>Environmental Aims</b>	

### 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

Should the Committee be minded, the proposals are:

- 1.1 To endorse the proposals for the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**
- 1.2 To endorse the proposal to establish a working party to ensure community groups are engaged in and involved with the planning of the celebrations.**

## **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Timings for the day are currently unknown so some fluidity is required in the planning of activities until times are released by Buckingham Palace.
- 2.2 To ensure the availability of equipment and staffing resources throughout the day, swift action should be taken to confirm provisional bookings.

## **3 PROPOSED OUTLINE OF CELEBRATIONS**

- 3.1 Officers have considered several ways in which the coronation could be marked within the town. The purpose to provide a high-quality, family friendly atmosphere whilst not detracting from other events which are undertaken by Leighton-Linslade Town Council or local community groups.
- 3.2 A suggested outline of the celebrations is as follows:
  - 3.2.1 A live screening of the Coronation ceremony to be shown at Parson's Close Recreation Ground.
  - 3.2.2 A live concert band performance during the afternoon from the Band Stand in Parson's Close Recreation Ground.
  - 3.2.3 Performance of suitable street theatre throughout the late afternoon into the early evening.
  - 3.2.4 A second live band performance during the early evening, to incorporate sunset.
  - 3.2.5 A Firework display viewable from Parson's Close Recreation Ground set to suitable background music.
  - 3.2.6 Red, White & Blue Festoon lighting along the pathway as well as lighting of the treeline between Parson's Close Recreation Ground and Pulford School.

Throughout the day, members of the public will be encouraged to bring a picnic and their own seating to use within the park; an opportunity to meet up with family and friends to enjoy the celebrations together.

During the day there are several times when community-led activity can take place within the park as well as in the wider town centre.

## **4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING PARTY**

- 4.1 Members have requested for a working party to be established to ensure the local community is engaged with the event and can be part of the celebrations throughout the day.
- 4.2 It is suggested that this working party should seek to meet in early January to establish itself and ensure a suitable lead-in time for the activities which it seeks to support and encourage.
- 4.3 The working party will look to enhance the activities outlined in section 2.3 and at any legacy projects which may be linked to the Coronation Celebrations.
- 4.4 It is suggested that in order that the group is of a manageable size, that a maximum of four councillors are appointed to the group, with up to six community representatives as well as Town Council officers.

## **5 INDICATIVE BUDGET**

- 5.1 A budget of £15,000 has been included in the events budgets for 2023 to deliver activity related to the coronation.
- 5.2 An estimated £11,500 will be used for the delivery of core activity outlined in section 3.2 (Live screening, 2 x live bands and a firework display) which also includes health & safety requirements such as stewarding, security, medical cover etc.
- 5.3 To facilitate ancillary activity (street theatre performances, festoon lighting and the lighting of the treeline) an additional £1,500 would be allocated.
- 5.4 The remaining budget (circa £2,000) would be available for the working party to determine how this is spent. It is expected that the working party will provide direction on community activities as well as any legacy projects which it deems suitable.

## **6 CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 Leighton-Linslade has a long history of running well supported events and an opportunity exists to ensure the Coronation of King Charles III is marked in a suitable way.
- 6.2 Due to the fixed date of the coronation and other local authorities seeking similar styles of activity to mark the occasion, an officer decision was taken to secure key elements of infrastructure as soon as the coronation date was announced.

**End.**