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## Grounds & Environmental Committee

**Date:** 6 December 2021

**Title:** HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the funding and endorsing that the Grounds and Environmental Services area would lead to the delivery of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, including a parade, lighting a beacon, augmented reality trail, tree planting and firework display.

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<b>Corporate Objective/s</b>	Five Year Plan Objective no. 24 to continue to deliver quality community events and regularly review their scope and delivery	
<b>Implications:</b>		
<b>Financial</b>	Yes	Circa £8,000 to be taken from the revenue budget during 2022/23
<b>Human Resources</b>	No	None
<b>Operational/Service delivery</b>	No	None
<b>Procedural/Legal</b>	No	None
<b>Risk/Health and Safety</b>	No	None
<b>Environmental Aims</b>	No	None

### 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

Should members be minded, the proposals are:

- 1.1 To consider the funding and endorsing that the Grounds and Environmental Services area would lead the delivery of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, including a parade, lighting a beacon, augmented reality trail, tree planting and firework display.
- 1.2 That up to a maximum of £8,000 be taken from cost centre 4110/230 (with an available budget of £54,675) for the purposes of delivering the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 There is a long and unbroken tradition in our country of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations. Examples include the lighting of beacons - on top of mountains, church and cathedral towers, castle battlements, on town and village greens, country estates, parks and farms, along beaches and on cliff tops. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday.
- 2.2 On 2 June 2022, we will celebrate another unique milestone in our history, Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee. It is a feat no previous monarch has achieved. More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from 2nd to 5 June 2022.
- 2.3 The Grounds and Environmental Services area led the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on 21 April 2016. It is proposed that the service area again will lead on the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Local celebrations will include a parade, lighting of a beacon, augmented reality trail, tree planting, and firework display. Attached is the official guide for taking part.

## **3. CONCLUSIONS**

- 3.1 Should Members be minded to support the delivery of this free community event, Officers consider that a budget of up to £8,000 will deliver a safe and memorable event.

**End.**