

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Individual Executive Decision for comment by 4 February 2022 (please send all comments to democratic.services@highpeak.gov.uk)

7 February 2022

TITLE:	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant Fund
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Anthony McKeown – Leader of the Council
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WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

Appendices Attached – None

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The report presents proposals for the Council to support Town/Parish Council's and Community Groups in marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council establishes a Queens's Platinum Jubilee grant fund of £20,000. Grants will be available to parish and town councils in the High Peak based on the size of the council (as detailed in the report) and for community groups in areas not represented by a town or parish council.
- 2.2 That the Council uses a range of tools to promote the anniversary including the use of the Council website and social media channels.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. To mark The Queen's historic 70-year reign, 2022 will see Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK and the Commonwealth as part of a year-long programme of events.
- 3.2 As part of the activities put forward to mark the jubilee, the Government has moved the late May bank Holiday and added an additional bank holiday to

create an extended bank holiday weekend to celebrate this historic milestone from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022.

- 3.3 To support these activities it is proposed that the Council establishes a Platinum Jubilee grant fund of £20,000 to assist communities to hold their own events and activities. Funds will be available to every parish/town council in High Peak and also for community groups in areas not represented by a parish/town council. It is also proposed that the Council uses a range of tools to promote the anniversary and involvement by communities.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 Effective relationship with strategic partners.

5. **Alternative Options**

- 5.1 That the Council creates a £20,000 Platinum Jubilee grant fund as proposed in this report. (Recommended)
- 5.2 That the Council creates a fund of a different amount and/or creates a different mechanism for allocating the grant. (Not recommended)
- 5.3 That the Council does not create a Platinum Jubilee grant fund. (Not recommended)

6. **Implications**

6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

No direct implications.

6.2 Workforce

No direct implications.

6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. Commemorative events are an opportunity to bring together all sections of our community. The Council's guidelines for the Platinum Jubilee grant should encourage grant recipients to think about how they can make their activities and events as inclusive as possible.

6.4 Financial Considerations

An earmarked reserve will be established as part of the accounts process to fund this project.

6.5 Legal

No direct implications.

6.6 Climate Change

No direct implications.

6.7 Consultation

The Platinum Jubilee grant fund will be publicised to town and parish councils and community groups.

6.8 Risk Assessment

No significant risks have been identified. Responsibility for events and activities will rest with grant recipients.

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Background Papers

<https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk>

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7. Detail

7.1 In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. To mark The Queen's historic 70-year reign, 2022 will see Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK and the Commonwealth as part of a year-long programme of events.

7.2 In order to celebrate this significant anniversary the Government has:

- Moved the late May Bank Holiday and an additional bank holiday to create an extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June so the public can take part in the nationwide celebrations to mark this historic milestone.
- Set out arrangements for supporting street parties and 'the big jubilee lunch' and other activities.
- There will also be more than £22 million of National Lottery Funding available to support activities.

Funding Arrangements

7.3 In High Peak it is proposed to establish a Platinum Jubilee grant fund of £20,000 to assist communities to hold their own events and activities. Funds

will be available to every parish/town council in High Peak and also for community groups in areas not represented by a parish/town council.

- 7.4 A grant of £750 will be available for each of the three larger parish/town councils (Whaley Bridge, New Mills and Chapel-en-le-Frith) with £550 available for each of the remaining parish Councils. The balance of the grant fund will be used for events and activities in areas not represented by a parish/town council, to a maximum grant of £750 for each event on a first come first served basis.
- 7.5 It is proposed that town/parish councils and other community groups be advised of the funds available to them for which an application form will be available for completion.
- 7.6 Parishes may wish to make a joint application or the fund could be available to community groups where the town/parish council gives its support to the application. Applications would be assessed by a cross party panel which would ensure that applications meet required criteria. The grant criteria will be that the grant must be used to hold an event or activity directly related to the Platinum Jubilee or for preparations leading up to an event on the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.
- 7.7 Councillors may also wish to encourage community groups to apply for grants via the Councillors' Initiative Fund to undertake commemorative projects.
- 7.8 The decision on grants will be made by the Leader of the Council in consultation with group leaders.

Promoting Community Involvement

- 7.9 It is proposed that the Council uses a range of tools to promote the anniversary and involvement by communities by:
- Promoting the fund via various channels to parish/town councils and community groups.
 - Creating a dedicated page on the Council's website which will help to publicise the events taking place and signpost to other organisations.
 - Issuing media releases and posts on social media channels.