

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cabinet

8 February 2022

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| TITLE: | The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant Fund |
| PORTFOLIO HOLDER: | Councillor Sybil Ralphs MBE – 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 mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council establishes a Queen's Platinum Jubilee grant fund of £20,000. Grants will be available to parish and town councils in the Staffordshire Moorlands based on the size of the council (as detailed in the report).
- 2.2 That the Council uses a range of tools to promote the occasion 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 It is proposed that the Council establishes a Queen's 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 the Staffordshire Moorlands. 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 Queen's 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 Queen's 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

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 grant fund will be publicised to town and parish councils.

6.8 Risk Assessment

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

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

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 Staffordshire Moorlands it is proposed to establish a Queen's 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 the district.

7.4 A grant of £1,000 will be available for each of the three Town Councils with the balance of funds divided equally between the remaining parishes (£425 each).

- 7.5 It is proposed that town/parish councils be advised of the funds available to them for which an application form will be available for completion by town/parish clerks.
- 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 for final approval by the Portfolio Holder and must meet required criteria. The grant criteria will be that the grant must be used to hold an event or activity directly related to Queen's Platinum Jubilee or for preparations leading up to an event on these days.
- 7.7 Councillors may also wish to encourage community groups to apply for grants via the Councillors' Community Initiative Fund to undertake commemorative projects.

Promoting Community Involvement

- 7.8 It is proposed that the Council uses a range of tools to promote the anniversary and involvement by communities by:
- Promoting the fund to parish/town councils.
 - 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.