

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cabinet Delegated Decision

26 January 2023

TITLE:	Coronation Grant Fund
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Paul Roberts – Leader of the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Linden Vernon – Head of Democratic Services
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

Appendices Attached – None

1. Reason for the Report

1.1 The report presents proposals for the creation of a Coronation grant fund.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Council establishes a Coronation 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 The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. Buckingham Palace has announced that ceremonial, celebratory and community events will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023. These will include a special Coronation Concert, The Coronation Big Lunch and The Big Help Out.

3.2 It is proposed that the Council establishes a Coronation 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 Coronation 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 Coronation 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 Coronation 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 Coronation 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. Applications will be sought prior to the pre-election period for this year's all-out council elections.

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

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7. **Detail**

7.1 The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. Buckingham Palace has announced that ceremonial, celebratory and community events will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023. These will include:

- The Coronation Service that will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday, 6th May 2023.
- On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged at Windsor Castle with several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via public ballot.
- The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will also take place on 7th May 2023 across the country. The Big Lunch will be overseen and organised by the Big Lunch team at the Eden Project and brings millions of people together annually to boost community spirit, reduce loneliness and support charities and good causes. Free downloadable resources will also be made available online by the Big Lunch team at CoronationBigLunch.com, to help people and communities start their Coronation Big Lunch planning.
- Monday, 8th May 2023 has been confirmed as a bank holiday and members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out. This is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith

groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. In tribute to His Majesty The King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

Funding Arrangements

- 7.2 In the Staffordshire Moorlands it is proposed to establish a Coronation 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.
- 7.3 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 (£435 each).
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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 criteria will be that the grant must be used to hold an event or activity (open to the general public) directly related to the Coronation or for preparations leading up to an event on these days.

Promoting Community Involvement

- 7.6 It is proposed that the Council uses a range of tools to promote the coronation and community involvement by:
- Promoting the fund to parish/town councils.
 - Creating a dedicated page on the Council's website.
 - Issuing media releases and posts on social media channels.