

Policy and Resources Committee	
Meeting Date	14 December 2022
Report Title	Coronation of King Charles III
EMT Lead	Larissa Reed – Chief Executive
Head of Service	Charlotte Hudson
Lead Officer	Larissa Reed – Chief Executive
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Policy and Resources Committee agree the formation of a cross party working group with one member representing each political party, chaired by the Mayor to receive reports and discuss the detail of the Coronation. 2. That Policy and Resources Committee agree that the Communities Committee receive a further report when more information is known

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the current information known about the Coronation of King Charles III and suggests a way forward to discuss the Coronation as more information becomes available.

2 Background

- 2.1 Buckingham Palace have announced that the Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May at Westminster Abbey. The Coronation is the first since Queen Elizabeth was crowned in June 1953.
- 2.2 On 6 November 2022, The Prime Minister decided to proclaim an additional bank holiday to mark the Coronation. The bank holiday will fall on Monday 8 May 2023, following the Coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023.
- 2.3 The Government has said that in line with the bank holiday to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation in 1953, this will be an opportunity for families and communities across the country to come together to celebrate.
- 2.4 Although there has not been any information shared by the Cabinet Office, it is clear that, as in previous Royal events, there is a desire for communities to come together to celebrate.
- 2.5 It is not known whether there will be requirement or opportunity to hold

Civic services during the weekend of the Coronation, however there is likely to be requests for Communities and Parishes to hold street parties or organised events.

2.6 The Council has not been advised whether any funding will be made available from Central Government for Councils or Parish/Town Councils but officers are assuming that in line with the Platinum Jubilee, there will be no funding made available.

2.7 The council will be holding all out elections on Thursday 4 May with the count being held for Borough and Parish Council elections on Friday 5 May. The date for the retirement of existing Councillors is currently Monday 8 May. The Mayor will remain in post until the meeting of Annual Council, irrespective of whether they are elected on 4 May 2023

2.8 **The proposal**

2.9 As we do not currently know many details of the Coronation, It is recommended that a cross party working group is set up to discuss the Coronation. It is recommended that the group be chaired by the Mayor and consists of one member from each political group on the council. It is further recommended that this group reports directly to the Communities Committee, unless there is a requirement for Policy and Resources to agree any spend.

3.0. **Other alternatives considered and rejected by officers**

3.1 Not to hold a working party but for officers to bring reports to either the Community Committee or Policy and Resources Committee. This was rejected as the role of the Committees are decision making and the benefit of the working group is that it can receive update reports, whilst not making formal decisions.

4 **Consultation Undertaken or Proposed**

4.1 No consultation has been undertaken to date, however subject to the agreement of Policy and Resources Committee the Leader would raise it at the next meeting of the Local Councils Liaison Forum which is due to be held in February 2023.

5 **Implications**

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Although the Coronation does not affect the corporate plan, the coming together of communities does meet the ambitions of the plan

Financial, Resource and Property	There is currently no identified budget to undertake any coronation celebrations or provide money to local groups to do so
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	There are no implications.
Crime and Disorder	There are no implications.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	There are no implications.
Health and Wellbeing	Community events can aid Health and Wellbeing
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	There are no implications.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	There are no implications.
Equality and Diversity	Equality and Diversity will be considered in the arranging of any events
Privacy and Data Protection	Any data held as part of any potential bid process will be held in accordance with council policies

6 Appendices

6.1 None

7 Background Papers

7.1 None