
CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Constitution Committee

Date of Meeting: 27th January 2011
Report of: Democratic Services Manager
Subject/Title: Queen's Diamond Jubilee

1.0 Report Summary

To ask the Committee to invite the Civic Sub-Committee to make recommendations upon all matters relating to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, including the celebrations scheduled the first week in June 2012.

2.0 Recommendations

That the Civic Sub-Committee's terms of reference be extended to include the following function:

"To determine all matters relating to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and other celebratory events, including the celebrations scheduled for the first week in June 2012, except for those matters which the Sub-Committee considers it appropriate to refer to the Constitution Committee for determination."

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There is no provision in the budget specifically in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Government has yet to indicate if a specific grant is going to be made to local authorities to support the Diamond Jubilee. The Sub-Committee will need to consider the financial implications of its recommendations and report on these as appropriate.

4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Government has announced its plans for a special four-day Jubilee weekend in 2012 which will allow communities time to come together to celebrate and commemorate the events of the last 60 years. This has entailed moving the late May bank holiday to Monday 4 June and adding an additional Jubilee bank holiday on Tuesday 5 June.
- 4.2 Detailed plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012 will be announced closer to the time.

5.0 Risk Management

- 5.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.0 Background

- 6.1 To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre on an extended weekend in 2012 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June.
- 6.2 The Department for Culture Media and Sport will be responsible for co-ordinating the Government's role for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
- 6.3 Buckingham Palace will be co-ordinating the Queen's programme for the Diamond Jubilee, including the arrangements for the central Jubilee weekend in the first week of June 2012.
- 6.4 Local communities are being encouraged to organise and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in their own way. The Department of Communities and Local Government will be working with local authorities on producing guidance to help communities to organise locally-run events in their area. Local authorities in conjunction with their Lord Lieutenant will be expected to provide details of any planned activities in each area.
- 6.5 Cheshire East will need to consider its activities and a local programme of events and the Civic Sub-Committee can fulfill this role, subject to its terms of reference being expanded.

7.0 Access to Information

- 71 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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