

10 February 2022

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DAY 2022

Purpose of the Report

- 1. To update the Committee on the plans for celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day in 2022.
- 2. To seek approval for a £100,000 budget to support the Council's contribution to both celebrations.

Information

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- 3. In 2022, there will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign.
- 4. Throughout the year, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion culminating with the focal point of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.
- 5. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022, will provide an opportunity for all communities and people to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.
- 6. Key national events and projects to celebrate the Jubilee year will include the following listed below:
 - The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)
 - Platinum Jubilee Beacons
 - A Service of Thanksgiving
 - Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace
 - The Big Jubilee Lunch
 - The Platinum Jubilee Pageant
 - The Queen's Green Canopy

Further detail on the above can be found in the letter from the Secretary of State attached at **Appendix A**.

- 7. Partners across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire including The Lord-Lieutenant, Local Authorities, Emergency Services and the Voluntary Sector, are working together to help plan and coordinate local activities and events that will take place throughout 2022 across the City and County.
- 8. Resources from Nottinghamshire County Council will be required to support:
 - A Nottinghamshire Jubilee Exhibition to be used at various events in the Jubilee year, including the Nottinghamshire Show on 14 May 2022, and on County Day on 27 August
 - A Veterans Breakfast to include watching Trooping the Colour, to take place on 2 June 2022
 - Facilitating and undertaking local road closures for those communities who wish to hold Street Parties and take part in The Big Lunch
 - Development of education resources, information and promotion across a central website and social media platforms.
 - Lighting of key buildings as part of the Jubilee Beacons on 2 June 2022
 - Reception(s) hosted by the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council.
- 9. It is anticipated that outline plans will be launched by the middle of February 2022, and further information and opportunities on how individuals and organisations can contribute and take part will be communicated through the centrally coordinated website.

Nottinghamshire Day

- 10. The adoption of 25th August as Nottinghamshire Day was approved by the Full Council on 22nd July 2021.
- 11. Nottinghamshire Day is an annual celebration of our County and everything that it has to offer. It is an opportunity for local communities to develop their understanding of the history and traditions of the places they live, to inspire children and young people and to work in partnership across Nottinghamshire to support the local economy.
- 12. The first Nottinghamshire Day was held on 25th August 2021 and was celebrated with a flag raising ceremony, hosted by the Chairman of the County Council, and attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Elected Members, and Civic Dignitaries. On the day, the flag of Nottinghamshire was flown across the county and at Parliament; the Nottinghamshire and union flags have been flown permanently at County Hall since the ceremony. A successful media campaign resulted in 'Nottinghamshire' and '#NottsDay' trending on twitter.
- 13. With the support of a graduate trainee, the plan for celebrating Nottinghamshire Day in 2022 and future years is progressing well and includes:
 - A Civic event at Newark Castle on 25th August 2022, to include a flag raising ceremony, attendance from Civic dignitaries and speeches.
 - Local events, in collaboration with District and Borough Councils and partners and a central celebration at Sherwood Forest on 27th August 2022.

- Education packs for primary schools that promote the history of Nottinghamshire, whilst encouraging students to think about contemporary issues. The packs will encourage children and their families to take part in the celebration and in 2022 will be focused on Robin Hood, the Civil War, the Pilgrims, and prominent historical Nottinghamshire figures.
- A historical display designed to engage residents with their local history by showcasing historical research and objects from the Nottinghamshire archives and historical organisations across the county.
- A promotional pack to encourage residents to shop locally and provide guidance to businesses to promote the day.
- A web-based interactive hub to present and promote Nottinghamshire Day events and resources to engage and involve Nottinghamshire residents and visitors with the celebrations. This will include resources tailored for Elected Members to promote the celebration within their communities. More information on how Elected Members can get involved in the celebration is included in **Appendix B** to this report.
- A campaign to promote the Nottinghamshire Green Rewards App to encourage residents to have a positive impact on their local environment in the lead up to Nottinghamshire Day.
- A social media campaign to promote the celebration and all that the county has to offer, in collaboration with local businesses and organisations.

Funding request

- 14. To deliver the approach to celebrating the Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day 2022, it is estimated that a maximum total of £100,000 is required to resource current plans, split between £75,000 for the Jubilee events, and £25,000 for the County Day events.
- 15. It is proposed that this contribution be funded from County Council contingency funds. It is further proposed that sponsorship is sought to reduce the amount of County Council contingency funds ultimately required to fund the Jubilee Events.
- 16.On top of the financial contribution, the County Council will also provide staff resource to support and deliver the plans.

Other Options Considered

17. Smaller celebrations, that do not require County Council funding. The more detailed celebrations outlined in this report are favoured, to build on the success and momentum created by last year's Nottinghamshire Day and to ensure the Queen's Platinum jubilee is celebrated in a befitting manner.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 18. The approval of the approach outlined in this report will ensure that the Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day are celebrated in a befitting manner.
- 19. The approval of a maximum of £100,000 funding will ensure that the approach is deliverable.

Statutory and Policy Implications

20. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

21. It is requested that contingency funding of up to £100,000 is made available to support the Council's contribution to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day in 2022 celebrations. Sponsorship will be sought to attempt to reduce the amount ultimately required.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

22. The promotion of the Nottinghamshire Day would encourage people from across Nottinghamshire's diverse communities to celebrate the history and heritage of the County.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

23. Residents will be encouraged to be environmentally conscious in the lead up to the event and download and use the Council's Green Rewards app to capture their carbon savings.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Committee is asked to:

- 1) Approve the approach outlined in this report to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day 2022.
- 2) Approves funding of up to £100,000 to deliver The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day celebrations in 2022 (with potential external sponsorship contributions to be pursued to cover elements of these costs) and requests that the Section 151 Officer seeks approval from the Finance Committee for an allocation of up to £100,000 from the General Contingency to cover this funding.
- 3) Approve that further updates be shared with Members as appropriate.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities, Tel: 0115 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (KK 12/01/2022)

24. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Policy Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 01/02/2022)

- 25. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 21 of the report. The report proposes that contingency funding of up to £100,000 is made available to support the Council's contribution to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day in 2022 celebrations. Sponsorship will be sought to attempt to reduce the amount ultimately required.
- 26.A request for an allocation from contingency of up to £100k subject to receipt of external sponsorship is to be submitted to the Finance Committee.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

• <u>Policy Committee Report - July 2021 - A County Day for Nottinghamshire</u> (Nottinghamshire day)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

• All