Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE DEPARTMENT

THE KING'S CORONATION AND OTHER NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL EVENTS 2023

Purpose of the Report

- 1. To update Members on the plans for three key events and the resources required to support these events:
 - Celebrating The King's Coronation across Nottinghamshire
 - Nottinghamshire County Council's contribution to the Nottinghamshire Show
 - Celebrating Nottinghamshire Day

Information

King's Coronation - 6th to 8th May 2023

- 2. The King's Coronation will see people across the UK and the Commonwealth come together to celebrate. The National Coronation Programme will include the procession and service at Westminster Abbey on 6 May, the 'Coronation Big Lunch' across the country on 7 May (with a concert taking place in Windsor in the evening), and 'The Big Help Out' community activity on the bank holiday, Monday 8 May, which will encourage people to try volunteering and join work being undertaken to support their local community.
- Partners across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire including The Lord-Lieutenant, Local Authorities, Universities, Emergency Services and the Voluntary Sector, are working together to help plan and coordinate local activities and events that will take place over the Coronation weekend across the City and County.
- 4. Nottinghamshire County Council, working with the Lord-Lieutenant, will lead and support a number of key initiatives taking place across Nottinghamshire including:
 - A veterans breakfast and provision of a big screen which will show the Coronation at Thorseby Courtyard on Saturday 6 May 2023.
 - A King's Coronation Service at Southwell Minster on Sunday 7 May 2023, with 600 attendees including Civic Heads, uniformed groups, community, charity and voluntary sector representatives.
 - Facilitation of road closures for Nottinghamshire communities wishing to host street parties and The Big Lunch activity across the weekend.
 - A media and communications campaign to help coordinate and promote Coronation activity across the City and County, working with our partners in the City, District and Parish Councils.

- Promotion through a central Coronation website and social media platforms of all key Coronation related events taking place across the City and County during the Coronation weekend, informing members of the public and encouraging them to get involved.
- Supporting the 'Big Help Out' and encouraging involvement across a number of locations in the County.

Nottinghamshire Show - 13th May 2023

- 5. The County Council and Nottinghamshire Show organisers are working together to ensure the County Council has a significant presence at the Show for 2023 and future years. This will comprise fun and engaging activities aligned with both the objectives of the show and the Council's Nottinghamshire Plan objectives, particularly in relation to the creation of a healthy, prosperous and green Nottinghamshire.
- 6. Key themes will include outdoor education activity, support to rural communities including mobile Libraries, and promoting initiatives to support delivery of the Carbon Neutral plan and the meeting of the Council's target of net zero for 2030.

Nottinghamshire Day – 25th August 2023

- 7. Nottinghamshire Day takes place on the 25 August, and is an opportunity to celebrate the identity, heritage, culture, and local traditions of our county. It is a way to champion our local communities, to better understand and celebrate the histories and traditions of the places we live, work and enjoy in our leisure time.
- 8. A civic event to raise the Nottinghamshire Flag, hosted by the County Council Chairman, will take place on Friday 25th August.
- 9. Digital resources for businesses, schools and organisations and members of the public wishing to celebrate Nottinghamshire Day will be made available.
- 10. Celebration of the Nottinghamshire Day will also be incorporated within the Robin Hood Festival which takes place over the bank holiday weekend of the 26th 28th August 2023 at Sherwood Forest.

Funding

- 11. The service director for finance has confirmed that a budget of £100k has been identified from the contingency budget to support all of the activity reported above in 2023/24. This will cover all costs including:
 - Facilitation of road closures for local community events across Nottinghamshire.
 - Hiring of a big screen and facilities at Thoresby Courtyard to host a Veterans Breakfast event.
 - Promotion and communication materials for all activity.
 - Activities associated with Nottinghamshire Day and the County Council's presence at the Nottinghamshire Show.

- The purchase of official framed portrait photographs of The King which will be displayed at key Council venues and be used for future Citizenship Ceremonies.
- 12. In respect of the County Council's continued representation at the Nottinghamshire show and celebrations pertaining to Nottinghamshire Day it is intended to establish a permanent budget from contingencies of £40k in total.

Other Options Considered

- 13. The Council could opt to take a reduced part in the coordination of Coronation activity, However, it was felt that the Council is best placed to undertake this lead, together with the Lord-Lieutenant, supporting activity being delivered by District and Borough Councils.
- 14. It is important that the Council is able to facilitate and take part in civic celebration of the County's history, heritage, culture and traditions as well as supporting the local economy through its engagement with the Nottinghamshire Show and the role it plays in relation to Nottinghamshire Day.

Reasons for Recommendations

15. To ensure that all Members are aware of the joint partnership approach being proposed by Nottinghamshire County Council to celebrate the Coronation in Nottinghamshire, activity at the Nottinghamshire show, and Nottinghamshire Day, and that all Members and residents of Nottinghamshire are informed of local activity taking place and have the opportunity to participate in the various celebrations.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. 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

- 17. As stated above in paragraph 11, a budget of £100,000 has been identified from contingency which will help support the planned and co-ordinated partnership approach described within this report.
- 18. Paragraph 12 sets out a request to establish a permanent budget of £40k to support future events and support for the Nottinghamshire Show and Nottinghamshire Day.

Human Resources Implications

19. The work required will be undertaken by staff from within the current staffing establishments of both the Place and Chief Executives Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Members note the plans for celebrating The King's Coronation across Nottinghamshire.
- 2) Members note the plans for contributing to the Nottinghamshire Show and Nottinghamshire Day and approve the establishment of a permanent budget of £40,000 to support these events in future years.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 28.02.2023)

20. The report and recommendations can be considered by Cabinet.

Financial Comments (NS 24/2/23)

21. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 12, 17 and 18 of the report. Allocation of funding from contingency will be actioned for 2023/4. Funding for future years will be accounted for in establishing the budget for 2024/5.

HR Comments (HG 27/2/23)

22. The Human Resources implications are contained at paragraph 19.

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.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All