

## Platinum Jubilee and Armed Forces Day 2022

### REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE



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### PURPOSE

1. To recommend that the council establish a budget for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and for an Armed Forces event in Towneley Park.

### RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Executive recommend to Full Council that a budget of £20,000 is established from the revenue support reserve, for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and an Armed Forces Day event to be held in summer 2022.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.
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 in June.
5. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for the people of Burnley 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. Armed Forces day in 2022 falls on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Councillor Cosima Towneley, through the Covenant group and in her role as Armed Forces champion, has asked the council to help organise an armed forces event in Towneley Park. Councillor Towneley is expected to become Mayor of the Borough in 2022.

### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

7. It is recommended that a budget of £10,000 is established to help parish councils and resident associations in Burnley organise street parties to celebrate the Jubilee. Eligible organisations will be invited to bid for up to a maximum of £1,000. In addition, as part of the celebrations, the council will celebrate the dedication and commitment of our local voluntary sector.
8. An Armed Forces Day parade in Towneley will bring residents from across the borough into the park. An organising committee will be formed to plan a successful event, and a budget of £10,000 is requested. The event will bring all communities together, and will commemorate the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces both now and in the past. If successful, the council may wish to put the borough forward to host the 2023 National Armed Forces day Event. Hosting the national event puts the host town or city in the spotlight, gathering national media and public interest.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

9. A one-off budget of £20,000 is requested from the revenue support reserve.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

10. The Towneley event will bring in visitors to the town centre, promote Towneley as visitor destination, and promote the borough's uniformed youth organisations, which make a positive contribution to youth engagement in the town.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

11. The Armed Forces Covenant supports the proposed Towneley event.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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