

EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Wednesday, 14th July, 2021 at 6.30 pm

26. Platinum Jubilee and Armed Forces Day

PURPOSE

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

REASON FOR DECISION

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.

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.

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.

Armed Forces day in 2022 falls on 25th 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.

DECISION

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

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