

**COMMITTEE:** CENTRAL AREA **REF NO:** CAC/22/17

**DATE:** 1 MARCH 2023

**SUBJECT:** PROVISION FOR FUNDING OF THE KING'S CORONATION COMMUNITY GRANTS

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***Short description of report content and the decision requested:***

It is proposed that the Area Committees consider funding a community grant scheme for the King's Coronation Weekend.

***List of Appendices included in this report:***

None

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*Internal consultees – Area Committee Chairs, Portfolio Holder – Culture & Customers, Portfolio Holder - Communities & Sport, Director – Operations and Place, Head of Commercial Development, Events Programme Manager*

*External consultees – Ipswich Central Management*

***The following policies form a context to this report*** (*all relevant policies must also be referred to in the body of the report*)

*Building a Better Ipswich 2017 – The Council's Corporate Plan*

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW

(papers relied on to write the report but which are not published and do not contain exempt information)

None

## OTHER HELPFUL PAPERS

*(papers which the report author considers might be helpful – this might include published material)*

None

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## **1. Introduction**

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- 1.1 In 2022, IBC delivered a successful programme of Platinum Jubilee events which included a grant scheme for community groups to apply for funding to hold their own events such as street parties or in community halls and libraries.
- 1.2 It has been announced that the Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023.
- 1.3 It is proposed to provide the opportunity for each of the Area Committees to agree an allocated fund for applications for Coronation events within their committee boundary.

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## **2. Background**

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- 2.1 In June 2022, celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II provided an opportunity for a community grant fund to be set up to provide groups with funding to hold their own events within their communities to mark the Jubilee, and this process proved to be a success with events taking place across Ipswich.
- 2.2 A total of 18 projects were funded with the Area Committees from the overall budget of £5,300. Each of the project leads also provided a feedback summary of the success of their events, including photographs of the event.
- 2.3 It has been announced that the King's coronation will take place on 6 May 2023.
- 2.4 Buckingham Palace has now released details of the schedule of events for the Coronation weekend. As part of these celebrations on Sunday 7 May, a live Coronation Concert from Windsor Castle will be televised and the nation has been encouraged to again celebrate "The Big Lunch" on the same day and organise street parties and events, as has now become tradition for such occasions.
- 2.5 IBC Events, in conjunction with Ipswich Central will be providing 2 televised events on the Cornhill via a large screen. The Coronation itself on Saturday 6 May, as well as the Coronation Concert on Sunday 7 May, to include provision for The Big Lunch to also be part of the screening in this location.
- 2.6 IBC Events, in conjunction with marketing, will provide an information pack that can be accessed online to assist the public in safely and effectively holding small events in their communities. This pack will provide links to national guidance and schemes, as well as links to Network Assurance process for road closures, for which (as has previously happened) they will be simplifying the application process.
- 2.7 The IBC Events team will provide a contact email address for the public to ask direct questions and seek guidance, and social media will also be monitored for these enquiries.
- 2.8 It is proposed that a Coronation Community Grant Fund will be set up to allow residents of Ipswich to apply for funds to assist them in holding Community Events and Street Parties and that this could be established from money allocated by the

Area Committees. It is proposed that £1,000 is allocated by each Area Committee (save for the South West Area Committee where the sum of £1,300 is proposed due to the number of wards). The Assistant Director for Governance will be authorised to award money to assist community led and based events (to a maximum value of £333 per event) after consultation with the relevant ward Councillors. Any monies remaining unspent would be returned to the Area Committees.

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### **3. Relevant Policies AND Area Action considerations**

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#### **3.1 Building a Better Ipswich underlying principles:**

- An Enjoyable Place to Live, Work and Study
- A Healthy Community

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### **4. Options Considered / Under Consideration**

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4.1 **Option 1** – Agree to fund a community grant scheme for the King's Coronation events within each Area Committee via committee funding.

4.2 **Option 2** – Choose not to fund.

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### **5. Consultations**

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5.1 Culture & Customers Portfolio Holder, Cllr Sophie Connelly and Communities & Sport Portfolio Holder, Cllr Rudkin. Chairs of each committee, Cllr Wright (NWAC), Cllr Riley (CAC), Cllr Hughes (SWAC), Cllr Lankester (SEAC) and Cllr Cracknell (NEAC).

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### **6. Risk Management**

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6.1 The Events Team have undertaken a full Risk Assessment in relation to Coronation Events.

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### **7. Environmental Impact Assessment**

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7.1 There are no environmental impacts identified within this report.

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### **8. Equalities and Diversity Implications**

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8.1 The range of activities provide opportunities for people of all genders and backgrounds to participate. All activities are made inclusive.

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### **9. Financial Considerations**

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9.1 The proposed allocation for the Coronation Community Grant is £1,000 for each Area Committee, save for the South West Area Committee where the allocation is £1,300, with a maximum payment for each event of £333.

- 9.2 The grant application process will include the need for the applicant to provide an itemised plan of what the funds will be spent on and an event evaluation report including photographs post event.

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## **10. Legal Considerations**

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- 10.1 Each Area Committee is asked to make a delegated executive function decision in relation to this service-spending proposal.
- 10.2 The proposed project is to provide the opportunity for each Area committee to fund the King's Coronation events within their Area Committee boundary, under the delegation from the Executive for each Area Committee.

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## **11. Performance Monitoring**

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- 11.1 The Commercial Development Service will report to the Committees with the final evaluation of the project.

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## **12. Conclusions**

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- 12.1 This initiative provides the opportunity for the community to enjoy the benefits of engaging, and enjoyable family events within the local vicinity of their homes.

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## **13. Recommendations**

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- 13.1 That the Area Committee authorises the Assistant Director for Governance to invest up to £1,000 for each Area Committee [up to £1,300 for South West Area Committee] in community led and based events, at a maximum value of £333 per event, to celebrate and mark the King's Coronation on Sunday 7 May 2023; prior to deciding whether or not to commit any funding, the Assistant Director for Governance should consult with the relevant ward Councillors for the event area.**

Reason: To provide funding to assist community led and based events held to commemorate the King's Coronation.