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Legal and Civic Services Department
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15th February, 2023

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following items will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 17th February, 2023.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

2. Restricted Items

- (g) Asset Management (Pages 1 - 14)
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Subject:	The Coronation of Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort
Date:	17th February, 2023
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor / Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Sandra Robinson, Protocol and Public Affairs Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to outline a proposed programme to mark The Coronation of HM The King and HM The Queen Consort.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve the proposed programme of events over the bank holiday weekend of Saturday 6th May to Monday 8th May 2023; and ii. approve costs in the region of £25,000 to deliver this programme.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="284 275 456 309">Background</p> <p data-bbox="204 327 1513 510">3.1 The Chief Executive received a request from Councillor McCullough for the Council to consider putting in place plans to mark the Coronation weekend. Members will be aware that arrangements have already been made to provide an early May Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May, followed by a Bank Holiday to mark the Coronation on Monday 8th May.</p> <p data-bbox="204 577 1513 663">3.2 Buckingham Palace has announced details of ceremonial, celebratory and community events which will take place between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May.</p> <p data-bbox="204 730 1513 815">3.3 The Coronation Service will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May. This is one of the designated days for flying the Union Flag by DCMS.</p> <p data-bbox="204 882 1513 1066">3.4 On Sunday, 7th May, the Coronation Big Lunch will take place and will be overseen and organised by the Eden Project, funded by The National Lottery. Its aim is to bring people together to boost community spirit, reduce loneliness and support charities and good causes. A special Coronation Concert will be held on the same date.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1133 1513 1370">3.5 On Monday 8th May, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. This is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has across communities.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1438 1513 1568">3.6 A Coronation Emblem, specially designed for this occasion, represents the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales and the shamrock of Northern Ireland.</p>
	<p data-bbox="284 1635 734 1668"><u>Proposed Programme of Events</u></p> <p data-bbox="284 1736 837 1769"><u>Saturday 6th May – Coronation Service</u></p> <p data-bbox="204 1787 1513 2027">3.7 It is proposed to erect a large screen on the west lawn in the grounds of the City Hall to provide a public space for those who wish to view the Coronation Service and ceremonial processions. In keeping with the community theme of bringing people together, a marquee will be placed on the east lawn to provide family activities through a programme of animation such as craft making and a photo-booth.</p>

	<p><u>Sunday 7th May – The Coronation Big Lunch</u></p> <p>3.8 It is proposed to host a Coronation Big Lunch at City Hall, to primarily acknowledge the role of volunteering across Belfast which will also reflect other themes of community and diversity. This community lunch would be informal in nature to provide a platform for local people to come together whilst encouraging communities in the city who wish to join in by holding events across Belfast.</p> <p><u>Monday 8th May – The Big Help Out</u></p> <p>3.9 Given the theme of this day, to highlight the positive impact volunteering has across communities, it is not proposed to hold any events at City Hall. Rather, it will provide the opportunity for Civic Dignitaries and councillors more generally to visit local areas to volunteer or see volunteering in action.</p> <p>3.10 The Committee is asked to note that local organisations can apply to the National Lottery ‘Awards for All’ to mark this occasion through its small grants programme. Projects are required to meet the priorities and eligibility criteria set out for this programme - http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/northern-ireland.</p> <p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.11 All events will take equality and good relations implications into account.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.12 The cost of delivering the council’s programme of events is estimated to be in the region of £25,000, and will be met from existing budgets, if approved. Discussions are also ongoing regarding a potential contribution towards costs from external partners.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None

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