

THE CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR BOURNEMOUTH



Report subject	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations - Beacons
Meeting date	24 January 2022
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>In 2022 there will be year long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign.</p> <p>There will be series of Beacon Lighting events across the country on the evening of Thursday 2 June. The Council's Corporate Management Board proposed that the option of holding a beacon lighting event be given to the charter trustees of Bournemouth.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>The Charter Trustees consider whether they wish to take up the opportunity of holding a Beacon lighting event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as part of the national beacon lighting event on 2 June 2022. The provision of the beacon would need to be funded by the Charter Trustees but with organisational support from BCP Council</p>
Reason for recommendations	The Council's Corporate Management Board (CMB) wish to support the national programme of events for the Jubilee

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Wards	Not applicable
Classification	Decision

Background

1. There will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign. 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 6 February 1952 at the age of 25.

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 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom 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.

On Thursday 2 June the United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will be continued to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

There will be series of Beacon Lighting events across the country on the evening of Thursday 2 June. CMB proposed that the option of holding a beacon lighting event be given to the charter trustees of Bournemouth and Poole and the Town Council of Christchurch. Applications and management would still be through the events team (if on BCP Council land) and the events team can assist in some of the organisation.

Historically, beacon lighting events in the BCP area have not attracted large audiences and would require the support of the local community to be on board and be a part of the national event. Alternatively, it is recommended that the Charter Trustees consider holding a beacon lighting event as part of a wider event, possibly one that is already planned, rather than as a standalone but it may be that it would not be part of the wider celebrations on 2 June.

Options Appraisal

2. N/A

Summary of financial implications

3. The estimated cost of purchasing a beacon for the Bournemouth area would be around £500 and this cost would need to be met by the Charter Trustees.

Summary of legal implications

4. None anticipated

Summary of human resources implications

5. None anticipated