

The King's Coronation – Community Celebrations Briefing Note

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To ensure that Wiltshire Council has a robust and straightforward system in place to ensure that communities wishing to celebrate the King's Coronation are signposted to the council's web page where they will find the appropriate tools, support and guidance to apply to hold a community party.

2. Background

- 2.1 Although King Charles officially became Sovereign on Thursday 8 September 2022 when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, passed away at Balmoral, Scotland, there will be a ceremonial Coronation to follow. The Coronation is a religious service that requires the King to take an oath before his country.
- 2.2 King Charles III Coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The service has been carried out here for more than 900 years, and the King will be the 40th Monarch to be crowned in the Abbey.
- 2.3 The Prime Minister has decided to proclaim an additional bank holiday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III next year. The Bank Holiday will fall on Monday 8 May 2023, following the Coronation on Saturday 6 May. This will be an opportunity for families and communities across the country to come together to celebrate.

- 2.4 Similar events have taken place in the county on many occasions with communities holding community parties, barbeques, and tea parties. Wiltshire Council have specified previous guidance and relevant officers will follow the same process as used for past celebrations.

3. Procedure and Management of Applications

- 3.1 The application process will be a combined departmental effort, as with previous events of this nature.
- 3.2 The council's Traffic Orders and Highways teams will need time to ensure that all road closure notices and provisions are in place to allow for a safe and enjoyable event for all guests, while maintaining and facilitating access for emergency services at all times.
- 3.3 The council is committed to managing this process utilising a cross departmental approach. Such departments will include the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Managers, Traffic Orders, Communications, Highways, Streetscene, Wiltshire Police and Waste.

4. Production of Applications and Guidance.

- 4.1 The departments listed above have met and will continue to meet to discuss and agree responsibilities which will include the production of all relevant application and guidance documents. These will be approved by all relevant internal departments and will be signed off by the Communications Team.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Relevant council departments are aware of the importance that community parties are to the residents of Wiltshire to celebrate the King's Coronation.
- 5.2 Planning in preparation for these activities is underway and the Licensing Committee can be assured of the successful delivery for the 2023 celebrations.
- 5.3 The Licensing Committee will be updated by the relevant departments as and when necessary.

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