The Queens Platinum Jubilee Briefing Note

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

1. Purpose

1.1 To update Area Boards on arrangements to support communities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2. Background

2.1 In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee (70 years of service) having acceded to the throne in February 1952.

2.2 An extended Bank Holiday, from Thursday 02 June - Sunday 05 June 2022 will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone by means of community street parties.

2.3 These four days of celebration will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on the Queen's 70 years of service.

2.4 Similar events took place in 2012 for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, with many communities holding street parties, barbeques and tea parties in honour of the milestone. Wiltshire Council have specified previous guidance and relevant officers will follow the same process as used in 2012.

3. Procedure and management of applications

3.1 Wiltshire Council has a robust and straightforward system in place to ensure that communities wishing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are signposted to the council's web page where they will find the appropriate tools, support and guidance to apply to hold a street party. See here – <u>Platinum Jubilee celebrations – useful information and guidance</u>

3.2 The application process will be a combined departmental effort, as with previous events of this nature.

3.3 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. A minimum of eight weeks' notice is required to process applications if a road closure order is required.

3.4 The council is committed to managing this process utilising a cross departmental approach. Such departments will include the Community Engagement Managers, Traffic Orders, Communications, Highways, Streetscene, Wiltshire Police and Waste.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Relevant council departments are aware of the importance that street parties are to the residents of Wiltshire to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

4.2 Planning in preparation to support these activities is well underway to ensure communities will have what they need to celebrate this unique occasion.

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