

Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday Events	19th April 2016
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leadership and Champion
Outcome	Provide Civic Leadership, marking the Queen's 90 th Birthday in a fitting way
Lead Officer	Liz Johnston
Cost: (If applicable)	£8,400

1.0 Background:

The working group established to investigate how the Council might mark Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday in a fitting way (CPR20.10.15) met on 22nd March to consider proposed events and estimated budget provision £25K). A verbal report presented to Council Meeting on 22nd March was discussed and it was agreed that a special meeting of Council be held to settle the programme of events.

The working group met again on 4th April to further consider proposed events. Account was taken of the official birthday events planned 12-15 May and 10-12 June. A report on time critical events was submitted for consideration at a special meeting of Council on 13th April.

2.0 Recommendation

It is recommended:

that the event, as detailed below, be agreed and taken forward by the working group,

Proposed Event	Budget
1. Garden Party recognising local charitable and volunteering organisations, incorporating music and DVD of the Queen's visits to Causeway Coast and Glens area. Date TBC. Guests list to be agreed by working group, in consultation with HML's and networks	£8,400

3.0 Community Grants Programme

The working group also considered the suggestion put forward by a member that the working group consider opening a community grants scheme to fund street parties for community groups to mark the Queen's 90th birthday and options for 'party in the park' or street party in main towns in each of the legacy areas. Council may wish to give further consideration to the arrangements/timelines etc for opening, by a public call, a community grants scheme.

Official Birthday Events Planned

Thurs 12 – Sun 15 May – Pageant celebrating the Queen's life to be held at Home Park in Windsor Castle.

Friday 10 June - National Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral.

Saturday 11 June – The Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade.

Sunday 12 June – The Patron's Lunch

Working group members:

Mayor: Councillor Michelle Knight-McQuillan (Mayor)

DUP: Councillor John Finlay; UUP: Cllr Sandra Hunter (Dep.Cllr Joan Baird); SDLP:Cllr Maura Hickey

TUV: Cllr Boyd Douglas (Dep. Cllr William Blair); SF: -