

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 06 March 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	The King's Coronation Proposals
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun Protect and Enhance the Environment

Purpose:

To outline proposals to commemorate The King's Coronation.

Executive summary:

On Saturday 6 May, the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort, Camilla, will take place at Westminster Abbey.

As well as the additional bank holiday taking place on Monday 8 May, Buckingham Palace have announced further plans regarding the ceremonial, celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation weekend.

On Sunday 7 May, a special Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle and be broadcasted by the BBC. The Coronation Big Lunch will take place across the country on the same day encouraging neighbours and communities to share food and fun together to celebrate at street parties and garden get togethers.

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday 8 May 2023; the additional bank holiday. Organised by The Together Coalition and 25 of the UK's biggest charities, The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation and will encourage communities to lend a helping hand to local groups and charities.

Fareham has a history of marking significant royal events and to commemorate The King's Coronation, Officers have outlined proposals as to how the Borough could mark this special occasion with its residents.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the Council promotes how residents can hold their own street parties and get involved with the national initiatives, The Big Lunch and The Big Help Out over the Coronation weekend;
- (b) commemorative Coronation mugs are gifted by the Council to all primary school children in the Borough;
- (c) a bespoke, commemorative seat is installed at The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park;
- (d) a free community event hosted by the Council, promoted as The Big Lunch, is held at Park Lane Recreation Ground on Sunday 7 May;
- (e) The King's Cypher is engraved into a diamond shaped area of external brickwork on the Fareham Live building and;
- (f) a special Coronation link is added to the Mayoral chain.

Reason:

To provide a series of events and activities to commemorate The King's Coronation

Cost of proposals:

The total cost of these proposals is £44,010 and can be met from general fund reserves, except for the Coronation Link to the Mayoral Chain that can be met from the Civic Ceremonial budget.

Appendix A: Illustration showing the engraved Brickwork design on the Fareham Live building

Appendix B: Images showing the two options for a commemorative link for the Mayoral chains

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by:	Director of Leisure and Community
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INTRODUCTION

1. On Saturday 6 May, the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort, Camilla, will take place at Westminster Abbey.
2. As well as an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May, there will be various other ways that the community can come together to commemorate this historical event.
3. On Sunday 7 May, The Coronation Big Lunch will take place across the country encouraging neighbours and communities to share food and fun together to celebrate at street parties and garden get togethers.
4. The Big Help Out will be held on Monday 8 May 2023 — the additional bank holiday. Organised by The Together Coalition and 25 of the UK's biggest charities, The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation and will encourage communities to lend a helping hand to local groups and charities.

PROPOSALS

5. Fareham has a history of marking significant royal events and to commemorate The King's Coronation, Officers have outlined proposals regarding how the Borough could mark this special occasion with its residents.

The Coronation Big Lunch

6. Communities across the country will be encouraged to come together on Sunday 7 May for The Coronation Big Lunch.
7. The Coronation Big Lunch is presented as an opportunity for people to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Coronation Weekend celebrations.

8. It is proposed that the Council promotes The Coronation Big Lunch as an opportunity for local residents to come together and also provides helpful information and guidance regarding how to hold a safe event, including street parties.
9. Information is already available on the Council's website regarding how residents can hold their own street parties, including information about road closures and advice on holding an event. Further information will be added as arrangements progress. The webpage can be viewed here: [The King's Coronation \(fareham.gov.uk\)](http://fareham.gov.uk)
10. A campaign to raise awareness of Coronation events and activities will include printed publicity, a press release and regular social media posts.

The Big Help Out

11. The Big Help Out will be held on Monday 8 May and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners including The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom.
12. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. It will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and get involved in the work being undertaken to support their local areas.
13. The Council will signpost people to how they can get involved with volunteering locally in Fareham, working with local partners and agencies.

Commemorative Mugs

14. In 2020, to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, The Department of Education provided a free book to all primary school children in England to commemorate the occasion.
15. At the time of this report being prepared, there are no plans for The Department of Education to do something similar this year for The King's Coronation or for Hampshire County Council to provide a commemorative gift.
16. Therefore, it is proposed that a commemorative Coronation mug be gifted by the Council to all primary aged school children aged 4-11 to help commemorate this historic event.
17. There are 33 primary schools in Fareham with a total of approximately 9,417 children.

Commemorative Seat

18. The recently opened QE II Platinum Jubilee Park would be an ideal place for a bench or large throne like chair to be installed to commemorate The King's Coronation, with a Royal link to The Queen following the naming of the site last year.
19. There are currently only two other seats within the park to commemorate VE and VJ day, so additional seating would be welcome as the area is so vast.
20. The seat would need to be commissioned, and exact timescales would depend on the availability of the design team. It may not be possible to make and install it in time for The King's Coronation in May, but the intention would be to install it as close to the Coronation date as possible.

Community Event

21. A free community event, promoted as The Big Lunch, could be held at Park Lane Recreation Ground, adjacent to Fareham Leisure Centre, encouraging families and friends to come together and bring a picnic for the afternoon.
22. Working in partnership with Everyone Active, who will provide a free, family games area, the event would also include some food concessions and free children's activities which are to be confirmed, subject to availability.
23. The event would take place on Sunday 7 May to coincide with The Big Lunch from 12pm-3pm. It is anticipated that most people will want to watch the Coronation on Saturday in their own homes, so it would be unwise to hold an event on this day.
24. The implication of holding an event on Sunday 7 May would mean that the Council would be competing with other local events that are happening within the area including the Lee Community Celebration Street Party on Marine Parade and the promenade at Lee on the Solent, Titchfield Coronation Day in Titchfield and the Coronation Lunch on the Green in Sarisbury.

Coronation brickwork at Fareham Live

25. To commemorate The King's Coronation being in the same year as Fareham Live was built, a diamond shaped engravement of The King's Cypher could be engraved across 10-12 bricks.
26. The location of the engraved brickwork is still to be determined, but an illustration showing what the image would look like can be seen at Appendix A.

Coronation link for The Mayor's chain

27. A special Coronation link could be added to the Mayoral chains.
28. The Coronation Link is crafted from Sterling silver & vitreous enamel with a hard gold finish.
29. There is a choice of two options for the centre of the link, including the portrait of King Charles III or the symbolic version using the cypher. The designs can be seen in Appendix B. It is possible to add both designs of the link to the Mayoral Chain as this would ensure the chain remains balanced.
30. Costs for this addition to the Mayoral Chain could be met from the Civic Ceremonial budget. The total cost includes collection and delivery of the Mayoral Chain and the fitting of the links. The total cost would be approximately £1,010.00.

COSTS

31. A breakdown of the cost of commemorative mugs is shown below:

Type of mug	Quantity	Cost
Bone China mug (standard design)	9,500	£41,230
Bone China mug – personalised design	9,500	£45,125
Ceramic mug – personalised	9,500	£20,000

32. A breakdown of costs for each of the above proposals is shown below:

Activity	Cost
Community event	£10,000 (Including staff costs for the event)
Commemorative bench/seat	£10,000 (Including design, manufacturing, and installation costs)
Ceramic commemorative mug for primary school children <i>(for the purpose of this exercise we have included the least expensive option)</i>	£20,000 (Including Commemoration mugs, delivery, and distribution to schools)
Coronation brickwork at Fareham Live	£3,000
Total	£43,000

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

33. The total cost of these proposals is £44,010 and can be met from general fund reserves, except for the Coronation Link to the Mayoral Chain that can be met from the Civic Ceremonial budget.

CONCLUSION

34. The Council would like to provide a fitting tribute to celebrate The King's Coronation. As outlined in the report, a series of proposals have been suggested to enable residents of the Borough to come together to commemorate and celebrate this historic milestone.

Enquiries:

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