



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

**Item 13 – Town Council 23rd Feb
2022**

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REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL

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Date	23rd February 2022
SUBJECT	Queens Platinum Jubilee – Small Grants

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To remind Members that they considered whether to organise a town wide event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and decided against this.
2. To inform Members that the Community College have enquired as to whether we are leading on any Town Celebrations and that we are starting to receive enquiries in the Town Council Offices as to whether there would be any financial assistance to helping put on street parties/events of a community nature.
3. To inform Members that Calderdale MBC have been asked if they have any plans in place in respect of Todmorden to celebrate this occasion, to date no advice received.
4. To inform Members that Hebdenroyd Town Council have introduced a grant scheme (budget £5,000) to offer up to £500 to community groups and constituted groups of residents to organise community-based events like fun days and carnivals, and in addition individuals will be able to apply for up to £100 for more localised events such as jubilee street parties.
5. To advise Members that should they extend such a grant scheme to individuals wishing to organise street parties, there is a risk of unauthorised use.
6. To ask Members whether they wish to introduce a similar grant scheme to limit awards to £250 for constituted groups, £100 to individuals and in addition each Ward an amount of £250 all within an overall budget of £2,500.
7. To ask Members that if they wish to introduce such a scheme, in view of the short lead in time to the celebratory weekend itself, that delivery of this scheme is delegated to the Town Clerk in Consultation with the Chair of Resources to formulate , simplified terms and conditions, an application process and to take forward promotion of such a scheme.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There is sufficient leeway within General Reserves to establish a budget of £2,500 which if not used by the end of March 2022, will be included in the year end commitments Earmarked Reserve.
9. There is risk associated with the granting of individuals funds in this way in case of unauthorised use, but underling terms and conditions will seek to minimise this potentially through the award of retrospective grant funds.
10. Payments of such funds will be made under the Town Clerks existing financial delegation with such grants awarded reported to Resources Committee

RECOMMENDATION

11. That Town Council considers whether to introduce a Queens Jubilee Grants Award Scheme limited to within an overall budget of £2,500.
12. That if doing so, delegated powers are given to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of Resources to work up other scheme and launch by the beginning of March 2022

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

13. This is a new commitment and has policy implications and therefore should be agreed by Town Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

9. None arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

10. None arising from this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

11. None arising from this report.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

20. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

21. None

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