

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Monday, 23 January 2023

**Title:** Coronation of King Charles III

**Contact Officer:** Communications & Community Engagement Officer - Polly Inness

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### Background

The Council delegated the planning of Witney's commemorative events for the Coronation of King Charles III to The Mayor, Cllr Liz Duncan and the Chair of Stronger Communities, Cllr Owen Collins. With a budget of £3,000 the first planning meeting was held in December and a draft list of events drawn up. This has been refined and the following events and activities agreed.

### Current Situation

#### List of events

#### Wed 3 May

- Corn Exchange - Tea dance - Seniors- Corn Exchange/External Event. Corn Exchange will be decorated in red, white and Blue and Dancers encouraged to dress up

#### Thurs 4 May

- No events – ELECTIONS

#### Fri 5 May

- Corn Exchange -Jazz – external event but will ask them to theme if possible

#### Sat 6 May

- Best shop window competition with Mayor and Town Crier
- Best Fancy-Dress winners chosen in Market Square
- The Leys - Picnic in the Park. Invite coffee shed, tennis and bowls to organise and run with this
- The Leys -Tug of War - inter sports teams' competition - Invite all teams to take part men's and women's football, cricket, hockey, rugby. Will be held on events side ahead of the bonfire lighting. Town Council side tug of war too?
- The Leys- Bonfire – Invite Air and Army cadets to form a guard of honour - Mayor and Town Crier

- The Leys - God Save the King and the National Anthem - Invite WOAPA to perform and lead on this
- Corn Exchange -It is possible that Got2B may use the Corn Exchange on the Saturday evening to do something for young people
- If Twinning have visitors invite them to all of the above

### **Sun 7 May**

- Church Service – St Mary’s – external event
- Parkrun – afternoon fun run around Witney Lake

### **Mon 8 May**

- Corn Exchange -Children's Fun Day
- Market Square – Day of Dance and Music

### **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Schools – Create a Commemorative Book Project

Bunting Making Project

Admin Window Memorabilia display.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

### **Financial implications**

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- Everything is to be organised within the 3k budget.

### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report.