
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date: 27 March 2012
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Subject:	The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider proposals as to how the Council will mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This year Her Majesty The Queen will become the second Monarch in British history to celebrate sixty years on the throne; the previous Monarch to achieve this was Queen Victoria. The Queen has reigned through some of the most profound changes to have taken place in British, Scottish and World history therefore, it is right and proper that Her Majesty's hard work and dedication be celebrated across the United Kingdom and the wider Commonwealth.
- 2.2 As part of these celebrations, a series of beacons will be lit across the UK with a total of 2012 being proposed. Her Majesty will light the National Beacon on Monday 4 June and Alex Salmond, the First Minister has given his endorsement to the project and asked Councils across Scotland to participate in some way, if at all possible.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to:-
- (1) note the contents of the report and the arrangements in place to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee;
 - (2) agree that the Council host a small ceremony at the Lyle Hill, to light the Beacon already located there, and that the Chief Executive and Provost be asked to lead this ceremony; and
 - (3) agree that it be remitted to the Corporate Communications Manager to publicise the event and the official guidance, "Your guide to taking part" on the Councils web site and through press activity, to encourage participation.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In relation to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Council has agreed that all employees utilise a day's leave on Monday 4 June to complement the public holiday to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Tuesday 5 June 2012.
- 4.2 The Council is participating in a Service to mark both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Armed Forces day, which will take place on 21 April 2012. This Service will be hosted by Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Councils. In honour of the Queen's Jubilee, the Council will also fly the Queen's Jubilee Flag between 2 and 5 June 2012.
- 4.3 The Council will also provide a public floral display at a location within Inverclyde to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- 4.4 Furthermore, it has been confirmed that the Scouts will be leading a beacon at Ardgowan in Inverkip and that Provost Lawson from Renfrewshire Council has committed to lighting a minimum of one beacon. To date, it has been confirmed that 77 beacons will be lit throughout Scotland.
- 4.5 It is also recommended that the Council host a small Beacon lighting ceremony at the Lyle Hill, at the beacon located there and that the beacon be lit at 10.24pm, in line with the other beacon lighting events in Scotland. The Provost and Chief Executive will lead this ceremony and the event's team will make the necessary arrangements for the event.
- 4.6 A special book listing all the Beacon sites for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be given to the Queen after the event, which will include the Council's contribution.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications - One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Common Good	Events Contingency	2012/13	£3000		

Financial Implications - Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments

5.2 Personnel: None

5.3 Legal: None

6.0 EQUALITIES

6.1 There are no equalities issues.