

REPORT TO: **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –
29 APRIL 2002**

REPORT ON: **STREET PARTIES FOR QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE –
PUBLIC HOLIDAY – 3 JUNE 2002**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to explain arrangements for considering applications to hold street parties in connection with Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 This report recommends arrangements for considering applications to hold street parties in connection with Golden Jubilee celebrations.

- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee agree:

- a that street parties may be held on minor roads without the need to make a formal temporary road closure in the circumstances outlined below; and
- b to authorise the Director of Planning and Transportation in consultation with the Director of Support Services and the Chief Constable to approve such requests for street parties.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications for the Council.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 As these events are street parties, they encourage the residents of the street in question to abstain from using their car on the day of the party as the street has been closed.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 These street parties allow all people to participate in a "community event".

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 It is anticipated that requests will soon be received to hold street parties associated with celebrations of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Such requests are normally made by groups of local residents for the closure of an individual street or part of a street and if a formal closure is made by Order, they would be required to meet the cost of advertising which can amount to £150.00. Such a cost will on most occasions prove prohibitive to such residents groups.

- 6.2 There have been instances in the past where permission to hold street parties and erect tables, etc in quiet residential streets were given without making a formal temporary Order and it is suggested that the same approach be adopted under the following circumstances :
- i the street is either a cul-de-sac or a minor road with a suitable alternative vehicular route close by;
 - ii the street is not a bus route;
 - iii the closure does not extend over the whole day;
 - iv the closure does not prevent pedestrian access.
- 6.3 The organisers of any street party would be responsible for giving advance notice to all affected frontagers and erecting and removing suitable signs and barriers.
- 6.4 The organisers of the street party would also require to give an undertaking to maintain access to the affected area for emergency vehicles if required.
- 6.5 Where a request is received for a street party in any other circumstances, the normal requirement to make a formal temporary closure Order would apply and the organisers would be responsible for the associated costs involved. Where such an Order has to be made, all applications must be received by 31 May 2002.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Economic Development and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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