

# COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## *Committee Report*

**Public**

**Date of Meeting:**

**29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2001**

**Title: QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

**Report of: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Report reference: LCD 93/01**

### **Summary:**

To consider and approve suggestions for the Council's contribution to celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee

### **Recommendations:**

Members are requested to consider and approve the suggestions for celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee as outlined in the report.

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TO: CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

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## **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS**

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

1.2 The Queen next year celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her accession to the throne.

1.3 Although celebrations will doubtless be held throughout the year, the Government has moved the Spring Bank Holiday to early June with an additional day tagged on to create the opportunity for a long weekend of Jubilee celebrations and Buckingham Palace itself will be the scene for events, concerts and pageants from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June.

1.4 It is suggested therefore that any special 'one-off' celebrations organised by the Council should also take place over that period.

### **SUGGESTIONS**

#### **A. Street Music Festival**

A1) These dates also co-incide with the BBC Music Live Festival which this year will provide a focus for live music events which form part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

A2) Early discussions with the BBC nationally and locally indicate that their principal interest is in music based street festivals and they would be interested in Carlisle as a venue from which to host one of their key regional events.

A3) This would result in obvious benefits including direct involvement by the BBC (although probably not financially) and substantial regional radio, TV and on-line coverage for the City.

A4) It is suggested therefore that a major street music festival could be arranged on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June with a 'Jubilee' theme, with a possibility of some of the performers appearing in the evening in local pubs/clubs to continue the celebrations.

A5) This could be organised with the existing budgets for community events, street entertainment and marketing promotions.

A6) However, as the Spring Bank Holiday is the traditional date for the Upperby Gala, this event would need to be cancelled for this year, as logistically, it would not be possible to arrange it on another date.

#### **B. Street Parties**

B1) It is anticipated that local groups will wish to organise local street parties and community events and as this proved to be an extremely popular and successful activity during the Millennium year, it is suggested that, to encourage community participation, an amount be set aside (between £5,000 and £10,000) from the Grants for Leisure Budget to provide small grants (say up to £200) to groups wishing to organise events or projects between 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **C. Other Events**

C1) Although it is considered that the main thrust for celebration should be on the selected dates of 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June, some of the other events which will form part of the Council's annual programme of special events, could be themed around the Queens 50 year reign, e.g.

## Spring Show - Jubilee theme for demonstrations and displays

- Official tree or rose bush planting for City Council's own tribute

Carnival - Attempts are being made to encourage the Household Cavalry to visit the City for the first time in recent years.

Multi-Cultural Festival - Could be a concentration on Commonwealth cultures

Fireshow - Suitable themes can be considered for the structure

City Centre Floral Display - Local schools have been requested to provide ideas for a 3D floral display in the City Centre.

### **1. CONSULTATION**

2.1 Consultation has taken place between relevant Officers of the Council who have a remit for organising events/promotions.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the suggestions for celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee as outlined in the report.

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 To enable early planning of events particularly advance booking for entertainers, venues, etc.

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