

## **QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report has been prepared following the Council decision in support of Councillor Capon's motion, which requested that officers consider and report back on possible initiatives to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 (Minute 86/2001).

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The focus of the Jubilee celebrations will be to thank the public for their support during the Queen's reign and the volunteer services for their contribution to the community. The Jubilee months will be May, June and July, with a service taking place at St. Paul's on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2002. However, the theme throughout the period will be on local rather than national events.
- 2.2 As far as Essex is concerned, the County has not been allocated any visits by H.M. The Queen during the Jubilee celebrations period and from discussions with other Essex Authorities, few events or celebrations appear to have been proposed to date.
- 2.3 Public funds from the Government will not be available for street parties. However, certain initiatives may be eligible for National Lottery funding, with awards between £500 and £5,000. However, such projects must involve one or more of the lottery good causes - the arts, heritage, charities, sport, environment and health education and will be subject to normal lottery criteria.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 In terms of possible initiatives for this Authority to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, the following are put forward for Members' consideration:

#### **3.2 Schools Initiative**

All schools in the District could be invited to take part in a poster competition to commemorate the Golden Jubilee. The winning entries could be framed and hung in the Civic Suite. The age categories envisaged comprise under 7, 7 to 11 years and 11 to 16 years. The prize giving ceremony could be linked with the Chairman's Reception below.

#### **3.3 Chairman's Reception**

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The Chairman's Reception in July could be used as a point of celebration. Voluntary services in particular could be invited to the reception in line with the overall Jubilee theme.

**3.4 Jubilee Fund for Parishes**

Similar to the Millennium Time Capsule initiative, a special fund could be established and all 14 Parish/Town Councils invited to apply. Eligible bid submissions would revolve around local initiatives which celebrated the Golden Jubilee.

**3.5 Planting Initiative with Parishes**

A rose or tree with an appropriate plaque could be presented to each Parish/Town Council to mark the occasion. This could be similar to the recent initiative involving schools to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

**3.6 Commemorative Plaque Ceremony**

A commemorative plaque, together with an appropriate ceremony, could be arranged, with the plaque being hung at the Civic Suite.

**3.7 Beacon Ceremony**

The Council has already been approached by Beacon Millennium Limited to participate in lighting the Beacon as part of a national chain on the evening of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2002.

The above list is presented to Members in no priority order and clearly Members could choose one or more of the options listed, none of the options listed, or other possibilities for consideration.

However, if Members do decide that the occasion should be marked with one or more celebrations, it is important that sufficient budgetary provision is set aside in 2002/2003 to fund these initiatives.

**4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the above will involve varying degrees of staff resources both in their organisation, attendance and supervision, where appropriate. However, to enable Members to give further consideration as to what is appropriate, the following broad estimates are given (net of staff costs).

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| 4.2 | Schools Initiative | £200 - £400 approximately |
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Chairman's Reception	£7.50 per additional guest
Jubilee Fund for Parishes	For the Millennium Initiative an allocation of £500 per Parish/Town Council was made. Therefore, the total would be £7,000
Planting Initiative	Between £40 to £80 per school
Commemorative Plaque A4 Brass on wooden surround with logo	£225 approximately
Beacon Ceremony	£250 - £500 approximately

## **5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Involvement of Parishes dependant on option adopted.

## **6 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That this Council determines whether to progress one or more local initiatives to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, and if so, which initiative(s) will be pursued. (CEX)

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### **Background Papers:**

None

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