

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT AND LEISURE
ASSETS, CULTURE AND HOUSING,
AND
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
CABINET MEMBERS**

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS 2016

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a scheme of potential support for community groups to celebrate the queen's 90th birthday in 2016.
- 1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.
 - We need to decide if grant support will be provided to enable groups to plan events.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Queen celebrates her 90th birthday in 2016. Many communities plan to mark this occasion. To help communities celebrate significant events in the past, a sum of money has been made available from the community grant fund.
- 2.2 The initiatives requesting financial support are likely to range from large celebrations, street parties and small community events, to marking the occasion by supplying commemorative mugs or coins to young people.
- 2.3 Town and Parish councils, constituted community groups and even informal groups of neighbours will need support. Many people may be thinking of ways they can celebrate, but organising events does not come cheap. A lot of time is spent planning for the event and with that comes the associated costs.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The proposed scheme criteria are set out in Appendix One.

3.2 The options available to the Cabinet Members are as follows.

- approving the scheme as proposed;
- refuse support; or
- offer grant support at a reduced level.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Supporting demand for help to meet the cost of celebrations will help facilitate a wide range of community activities.

4.2 Rejecting the scheme or offering grant support at a reduced level could mean that the projects will not progress.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The council will allocate £25,000 of Community Grant funding to support the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

5.2 There are no other resource implications to consider.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 Enabling individuals and communities across North Lincolnshire to become involved in community projects is an excellent way to encourage participation from a wide and diverse range of social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds in support of our diversity aims.

6.2 Getting more people to take part in community activity can have a positive impact towards reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

6.3 There are no other implications to consider.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 Bringing people together to participate in community events can help significantly in building and nurturing long-term relationships as a first step in community development. Multiple benefits can be realised as new individuals and organisations across our communities are included and involved. This leads to building stronger and safer communities.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Members approve the scheme of grant aid for communities to celebrate the queen's birthday in 2016, as set out in the criteria attached in Appendix 1.
- 8.2 That a sum of £25,000 is made available for this scheme from the community grant revenue budget for 2016/17.

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Queen's Birthday Grants

1. What you can apply for:

Town and Parish Councils, Voluntary Community Groups and Village Hall Committees in North Lincolnshire can apply for funding towards the cost of events and activities for the queen's 90th birthday. If your group has been brought together with the sole purpose of celebrating the queen's 90th birthday but is not legally constituted, you may also apply for funding.

Grant aid will be based on the estimated net cost of the work involved. Any VAT payments can only be covered by grant aid if they are non-reclaimable.

2. How to apply

Application forms, help and guidance are available on request via telephone on (01724) 297257 or email community.recreation@northlincs.gov.uk.

Applications must be fully completed and will not be considered unless full supporting information is provided.

Retrospective applications will not be considered.

3. Grant aid conditions - important things to note

You must complete your project and spend the entire grant by 31 December 2016.

Grant aid will payable on receipt of a signed acceptance of offer and may be subject to scrutiny of the appropriate invoices and/or receipts.

All grant aided projects must be open to inspection by North Lincolnshire Council officers. In respect of grant aided events North Lincolnshire Council must be allocated four complimentary tickets.

Applicants must give due acknowledgement to any support given by North Lincolnshire Council and must include the North Lincolnshire Council logo on all relevant publicity material.

North Lincolnshire Council is committed to the promotion of equal opportunities and no applicant will be treated less favourably because of their sex, age, marital status, race, creed, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or disability. It is expected that applicants will be similarly committed to equality and opportunity.

In accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986, as amended, applicants must not engage in the publication of any material designed to affect public support for a political party.

North Lincolnshire Council is committed to minimising its impact upon the environment. Where appropriate we will expect groups receiving grant aid to show how their projects will reduce the impact upon the environment.

Public events and activities must be adequately and appropriately insured.

4. How are the applications assessed?

Applications will be assessed against the scheme criteria and ambition in terms of quality and community engagement. The level of any grant offered to approved projects may depend upon the volume of applications and the amount of funding available.