

**CORONATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023**

No	Item	Summary of Key Recommendations
1.	Apologies	<i>None</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>
3.	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	<i>To recommend that Council approve Chair: Alderman Knight-McQuillan; Vice-Chair: Councillor Storey</i>
4.	Draft Terms of Reference	<i>To recommend that the Draft Terms of Reference be adopted accordingly</i>
5.	Discussion, King's Coronation Events	<i>To recommend that Council increase the funding pot for Small Grants Funding and postpone a large event for the time being in anticipation of a Royal Tour in the coming months</i> <i>to recommend that Council plan towards and make preliminary arrangements for a Choral Festival and reception to coincide with a Royal Tour, in light of the tight timescale and school commitments for May examinations.</i>
6.	Date of Next Meeting	<i>Information</i>

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CORONATION SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE ON
WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM**

- Chair:** Alderman Knight-McQuillan (R) (Item 4 and 5)
Councillor Storey (C) (Item 5 and 6)
- Present:** Alderman Baird (R), Alderman S McKillop (R)
- Officers Present:** M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (C)
I Owens, Committee and Member Services Officer (C)
- In Attendance:** C Thompson, ICT Operations Officer (C)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies recorded.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Director of Corporate Services sought agreement from the Sub Committee that Item 4 – Election of Chair and Vice Chair, could be considered next in order to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. All in attendance were in agreement.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Director of Corporate Services invited nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Proposed by Alderman Baird
Seconded by Councillor Storey and

AGREED - to recommend that Alderman Knight-McQuillan be appointed as Chair.

Proposed by Alderman Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

AGREED - to recommend that Councillor Storey be appointed as Vice-Chair.

- * **The Chair assumed her position remotely and Chaired the meeting.**

4. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

The Chair invited suggestions or proposals from the Sub Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Storey
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

AGREED - to recommend that Council approve the Draft Terms of Reference be adopted accordingly.

5. DISCUSSION, KING'S CORONATION EVENTS

The Director of Corporate Services advised that Council had committed to booking a large screen for Coleraine Town Centre to facilitate the Coronation and Celebratory Concert viewings.

The Director of Corporate Services referred to correspondence from Northern Ireland Office via a Solace NI Update which had invited Councils to register for a grant of £35,000 to screen the Coronation on Saturday 6th May and Coronation Concert on Sunday 7th May and confirmed that Council had registered an interest in availing of this funding.

The Director of Corporate Services referred to other suggested events including a Choral Festival involving local schools and a Mayoral reception for Choral participants as well as Small Grants Programme for local community groups for which there was an inclusive budget of £15,000 (included in Estimates 2023/24).

The Director of Corporate Services provided an update in relation to Community Festival Funds and referred to Item 4 of Leisure and Development Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21st March 2023 for which groups had applied for funding for Coronation events.

At the request of Alderman Baird, the Director of Corporate Services advised that four groups had applied for Community Festival Funding which was 50% funded by Department for Communities, in relation to the King's Coronation and the amount of grant varied from between £750 and £3,000 per group depending on the duration. The Director of Corporate Services advised that this funding opportunity had opened on 12 December 2022 and closed on 3 February 2023 and the process was subject to confirmation at the Leisure and Development Committee meeting on Tuesday 21st March 2023 and ratification at Council Meeting on 4th April 2023.

Alderman Baird referred to the need for equity and pointed out the difference in monetary value of the two different grants being discussed.

In response to Alderman Baird, the Chair suggested that a caveat be included which dis-allowed the four groups who had applied for the Community Festival Fund from reapplying, in the interest of fairness.

Alderman Baird questioned the value for money in relation to the provision of a large screen in Coleraine Town Centre and the Director of Corporate Services said that the previous screening had received positive feedback.

The Director of Corporate Services confirmed the funding element was £35,000 from Department for Culture, Media & Sport and £15,000 Council funding. Estimated costs of large screen for Coleraine Town Centre was £10,000.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan suggested that £20,000 be set aside for Small Grants Funding.

Councillor Storey suggested that due to the tight timeframe for organising events, that at this stage the Small Grants Funding be expediated and one other key event take place, later in the next mandate, in conjunction with a potential Royal Tour. Councillor Storey felt the Small Grants Funding for each applicant could be enhanced to £300 if £20,000 was increased, whilst allowing monies for a Corporate event also.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan agreed with this suggestion and referred to similar Small Grant Funding for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations which proved beneficial to Community groups.

Proposed by Councillor Storey
Seconded by Alderman Baird and

AGREED – to recommend that Council increase the funding pot for Small Grants Funding and postpone consideration of a large event for the time being, in anticipation of a Royal Tour in the coming months.

* **The Chair left the meeting at 7.55 pm and the Vice-Chair presided in the Chamber.**

The Director of Corporate Services referred to the Choral Festival and Mayoral reception for participants.

Alderman Baird felt that schools would be under immense pressure given the short timescale for making arrangements and referred to May examination commitments, suggesting this type of event would be best placed for Autumn.

Councillor Storey felt it would be prudent to agree, in principle, to have these events, but for Autumn, as suggested by Alderman Baird.

The Director of Corporate Services advised the Sub Committee of a Community Choir who had offered to sing a 'Coronation' piece at a Council event.

Alderman Baird said she was delighted that Methodist College had been chosen to sing at the King's Coronation.

Proposed by Alderman Baird

Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

AGREED: to recommend that Council plan towards and make preliminary arrangements for a Choral Festival and Reception to coincide with a Royal Tour, in light of the tight timescale and school commitments for May examinations.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Director of Corporate Services advised the Minutes of the Coronation Sub Committee would be presented to the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee meeting, on Tuesday 28th March, after which, consideration would be given to tabling the next meeting of the Coronation Sub Committee via MS Teams.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8:05pm.

Chair