

<b>Her Majesty The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Events</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</b> For information	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Leadership and Champion
<b>Outcome</b>	Provide Civic Leadership, marking the Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday in a fitting way
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Liz Johnston
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	£18,400 (previously agreed)

## **1.0 Background:**

The working group established to investigate how the Council might mark Her Majesty The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in a fitting way (CPR20.10.15) met on 3<sup>rd</sup> May to consider the arrangements for the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration event and community grants programme, following the adoption of the committee's recommendations of 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## **1.1 The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Event:**

It was agreed that the event, 'The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in the Bann Gallery and Gardens, be held end of May/ beginning of June, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm, on a date suitable to the Mayor.

The event will recognise significant contributions and achievements by citizens in various sectors of community life, from charity work, community service and volunteering opportunities for young people, wildlife and the environment. The support of local networks and elected members will be sought in identifying individuals in the various categories.

## **1.2 Community Grants Programme**

The working group discussed the Council's intention to open a community grants scheme to fund street parties for community groups to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

A scheme called "Queen's Birthday Fund Grant Scheme 2016-17" for events to take place on the weekend of the Queen's official birthday (June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) was reviewed and agreed. The availability of the grants of up to £250, have been communicated via community networks, social media and Council

website. Details of the fund and how to apply area posted on the grants/funding page of the Council's website.

Applications close on 18<sup>th</sup> May and recommendations on applications will be made to Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Working group members in attendance:

Mayor: Councillor Michelle Knight-McQuillan (Chair)

DUP: Cllr Trevor Clarke (Dep. For Ald John Finlay; UUP: Cllr Norman Hillis (Dep Cllr Sandra Hunter; SDLP:Cllr Maura Hickey; TUV: Cllr Boyd Douglas.

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