

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Neal Brookes, Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Public Safety, Highways and Transport
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Ian Large, Head of Highways and Traffic Management
Implementation Date of Decision:	9 March 2023

KING'S CORONATION- WAIVING OF HIGHWAYS FEES FOR STREET PARTIES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider whether to waive the highways and traffic management fee related to road closures for people and communities who wish to mark and celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King, with a 'street party or street event'.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To agree to waive the charge for road closures for people or communities who wish to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King, with a 'street party or event' on any date between Friday 5 May and Monday 8 May 2023 inclusive.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To waive the fee for a street closure in order that it does not become a barrier to holding an event or activity.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? Yes
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? No

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The alternative is to charge the full amount or a reduced amount for the road closure, but both options could be viewed as negative and prohibitive to holding an event.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

- “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Coronation of His Majesty The King will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023.

5.2 The Coronation Ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

5.3 The Ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort.

5.4 The Coronation will reflect the Monarch’s role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.

5.5 This is a huge event for the nation, across our towns and cities and directly within our communities.

5.6 In terms of the latter, our communities may wish to celebrate the occasion, which could take the form of ‘street parties’.

5.6 To support our communities who are wishing to hold a ‘street party’, it is proposed to waive the road closure fee, in order that this does not become a barrier to local people who wish to mark this special occasion. To facilitate a range of events over the period- the fees would be waived from Friday 5 May to Monday 8 May 2023 inclusive.

5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.8 List of Appendices:

N/A

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Road Traffic Regulation Act.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 The Highways and Traffic Management team will deal with any requests for closures.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 Waiving the charges provides the opportunity for all to potentially apply for a closure.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Revenue consequences of any road closures will be met from the Highways and Traffic Management budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 All applicants will receive risk assessment support.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 N/A

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 N/A

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To waive the charge for road closures for people or communities who wish to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King, with a 'street party or event' on any date between Friday 5 May and Monday 8 May 2023 inclusive.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 To ensure that the fee for a street closure to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King is not a barrier to holding an event or activity.