

## **FEES AND CHARGES FOR ROAD CLOSURES RELATING TO THE ROYAL WEDDING**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to waive any fees that may normally be charged for a road closure, specifically for any event being held to celebrate the royal wedding on the 19 May 2018.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This Council has a revised Traffic Management Agency Agreement with the Highway Authority, Hampshire County Council (HCC), valid from 1 April 2017. Under the Agency agreement the Council can charge for certain types of applications/requests. These fees are based on a full cost recovery basis in order to meet the reduction in funds received from HCC to administer the agency agreement.
- 2.2 Applications for special event road closures are processed under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.

### **3. CURRENT FEES**

- 3.1 Currently, the Council do not charge applicants to process an application for a small street party, providing that it meets the following criteria:
- The event is for residents/neighbours only
  - Less than 500 people are expected to attend
  - The road to be closed is a residential road with no through traffic, and only residents' traffic will be affected
  - There is no bus route along the road to be closed
  - There is no taxi rank on the road to be closed
  - There are no shops or other businesses (or access to shops or business premises) on the road to be closed
  - There is no public car park on or accessed via the road to be closed (other than a car park for residents' of the road)
  - The event will only be publicised to residents
  - There will be no entry charge for the event
- 3.2 If the proposed event does not meet the criteria above then a charge of £154 is levied to process the application in accordance with the Portfolio Holder decision of 9 March 2018.

### **4. PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 Due to the high national interest in the royal wedding on the 19 May 2018 there may be a number of events proposed to take place around the District that do not meet the small street party criteria and therefore would normally incur a fee. However, in the interests of national celebration it is proposed to waive the normal £154 fee for

processing the road closure for any events taking place specifically related to the royal wedding.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Whilst there will be a loss of income to process any non-small street party road closures under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 in relation to the royal wedding, the number of applications is likely to be small and therefore there will be minimal financial implications.

## **6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 None

## **7. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None

## **8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 By waiving the fees for any road closure in relation to the royal wedding it will assist with the national celebration of the event.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 It is recommended that the fee for any applications for road closures relating to events to celebrate the royal wedding on the 19 May 2018 be waived.

## **10. PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION**

**I agree the recommendations contained within paragraph 9.1 of this report.**

**Signed: *E J HERON* Date: 17 April 2018**

**Date notice of decision given: 17 April 2018**

**Late date for call-in – 24 April 2018**

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### **Background Papers:**

Fees and Charges for transportation team 18/19  
<https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/documents/s7989/Traffic%20Management%20Fees%20and%20Charges%202018-19.pdf>