

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – The Big Lunch

1. BACKGROUND

Following correspondence from Tim Smit KBE, Chief Executive of the Eden Project (attached) this paper outlines the background to The Big Lunch event and proposes how the Council can support this as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The MAKI Area Committee is asked to;

- 2.1 agree that this initiative is dealt with in the same manner as other events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by disseminating this to promote within their local communities and;
- 2.2 agree that paperwork is circulated to the relevant services to ensure that support for the event is provided where possible.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Big Lunch is an Eden Project Initiative, encouraging people across the UK to have lunch with their neighbours, as a simple act of community, friendship and fun. This year the Big Lunch is an official part of the programme of events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- 3.2 The Big Lunch will take place on 3rd June and Councils are being asked to support this event by taking measures to simplify the procedure for road closures, enabling residents to organise street parties without lots of paperwork and high costs and promote the event to residents and community groups.

4. CONCLUSION

This paper sets out proposals to support the Big Lunch event in connection with The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

5. **IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Policy - none
- 5.2. Finance - none
- 5.3. Legal - none
- 5.4. Equal Opportunities – none
- 5.5. HR - none

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