

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting date	12 March 2025
Report author	Responsible Finance Officer / Town Clerk
Agenda item	16

VE80 – Bun Throwing consideration

1. **Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To consider whether the town council should organise a Bun Throwing to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2025.

This item was referred by the Finance, Governance and Asset Management committee on 3 March 2025

2. **Summary**

2.1 See below for costings and lead times, based on the Bun Throwing for the Coronation in 2023.

3. **Action required**

The Council is requested to:

3.1 Decide if it wishes to organise a Bun Throwing for VE80 or not.

This will require a proposer and seconder and a vote.

4. **Link to strategic plan and objectives**

Key Objective 3: To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.

5. **Key information and options**

5.1 The cost of Bun Throwing for the Coronation in 2023, is in the table below. Prices will have increased in line with 2025 costings, estimated at a minimum of a 4% increase on utilities and activities, and 7% on staffing costs (based on national pay awards over 2 years), 2025 event circa £11,264.52.

Utilities	
Security	£1,320.00
EMS	£971.00
Barriers	£190.00
Road closure	£1,800.00
Photographer	£80.00
Activities	
Buns	£2,750.00
Gloves	£11.40
Abingdon concert band	£250.00
Staff costs	
Staff costs	£3,361.90
TOTAL COST	£10,734.30

5.2 The buns have historically been ordered 5 months in advance, with only one supplier offering the service in 2023.

5.3 There is only one Outdoor Services team member available to cover the event, therefore setting up and staffing the road closure barriers must be outsourced.

5.4 There is no budget line for this event.

6. **Climate change/green implications**

None.

7. **Financial/budget implications**

To manage the council's finances and assets efficiently and effectively, there is no budget line for this event, therefore funds will come from reserves.

8. **HR implications**

None.

9. **Consultation implications**

I consider that there are no matters within the report on which we should consult

9. **Supporting papers and appendices**

None.

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26 February 2025