



Agenda Item	To consider and approve spending on community events for the remainder of 2023-2024.		
Council/Committee	Full Council		
Meeting Date	28.11.2023	Report Writer	John Fairclough / Davina Pancholi
Purpose of report	To consider and approve spending on community events for the remainder of 2023-2024.		
Strategic Priorities	Robust with resources Closer to our community We will make things happen		
Budget Codes and Costs	£9k for Street Iftar. £3k Easter (Includes 1k already budgeted)		
Equality/Inclusion Implications	Ensuring events can be enjoyed and experienced by as wide an audience as possible.		
Supporting Documentation (if any)	N/A		

Background

Additional funding is required to ensure the success and inclusivity of the remaining events for 2023-2024.

The **Street Iftar event and Easter** are integral components of the community engagement initiatives, fostering unity, diversity, and understanding among our residents. These events have proven to be invaluable in bringing people from various backgrounds together.

At the last community committee, it was RESOLVED to note and support the remaining calendar of events for 2023-2024 which included the above and the budget of £5k for Lunar New Year and up to £9k for Street Iftar.

***Due to time constraints, it has been proposed to remove the Lunar New Year celebration. ***



Detailed Considerations/Information

Iftar (March 16th 2023)

Iftar is an event organised as part of Ramadan. These events invite people from all faiths and none to come together during Ramadan to break their fast and create spaces of mutual dialogue, engagement, and exchange. Breaking down barriers

This event involves the council providing a meal and facilitating discussion and performances. We can add a theme /thinking point such as “our impact on the environment”.

Normally running at the time of breaking a fast from 5.30pm – 9pm

Costs include – Venue Hire (Palatial Hall), decoration, food and entertainment.

Easter (March 30th 2023)

To be hosted on Stanier Square. Majority of the budget to cover provided food (afternoon tea boxes) and visit from an Easter Bunny, plus crafts and other entertainment.

Financial Implications

Street Iftar – Total 9k

The Palatial Hall venue hire and the decoration for 200 guests + Security = £6315

Food and entertainment provision = £2,685 for up to 200 guests

Easter – Total £3k (including the £1k already budgeted)

Officer Recommendation

To agree the removal of Lunar New Year Celebration and approve spending to host the Street Iftar and increased budget for Easter to £3k.