

## Briefing Note 2

# Protocol for Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure or a Local Holder of High Office

## Updated Statement for Parish Liaison – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Bridge Operations (Death of the Monarch or Consort) – Operation London and Forth Bridge

The following have been agreed for all local authority areas following discussions with the Palace, Government and the Police.

- Revised arrangements are in place during the Covid pandemic and for whole of 2021.
- Both operations are reduced in terms of look and feel and will be centred around London. All areas have been advised by the Police to scale back their current plans at least for 2021.
- Nationally and locally, all members of the public will be encouraged to stay at home and not join any mass gatherings or marks of respect (this will be outlined in any press releases from the council)
- No local proclamation is expected.
- No mass gathering expected for any funeral processions or funerals. Bath & North East Somerset Council will not be broadcasting any events.
- The council will continue to observe the flag flying protocols at its designated sites.
- No books of condolence will be open in council buildings. The public will be redirected to the national book of condolence via the council website (online)
- The council will have 3 designated sites for floral tributes as identified in the original plan provided to Parish Liaison in March 2019.
  - Parade Gardens (Bath)
  - The Hollies (Midsomer Norton)
  - Keynsham Memorial Park (Keynsham)
- The council will work with Bath Abbey to review any arrangements in place for religious ceremonies.

Parish Councils are advised to follow the revised plans as set out above. No additional support (eg the provision of armbands, rosettes etc) will be available from Bath & North East Somerset Council.