



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>D Day 80 Anniversary</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Corporate Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee</b>	<b>No</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	£350 (Staffing/gas/E-flyer/photography)
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	No
Code	TBC
Staffing Costs	Yes

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>No</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>No</b>

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider how Council wishes to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings in Normandy on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 D Day 80 is being organised throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and on Gold Beach, Normandy to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings, which ultimately led to the end of WWII. It will also act as a collective tribute to those who took part in the landings to ensure the freedom that we enjoy today.
- 2.2 Council has received the official 'Guide to Taking Part in D Day 80 on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024' from pageantmaster Bruno Peek which outlines the various activities and the reasons for them. The full 69 page guide can be viewed via the following link:  
<https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/>

## **3.0 Proposal**

- 3.1 Council is asked to consider lighting a beacon at 9.15 pm on Thursday 6th June 2024 and to recite the International Tribute (see Appendix 1) to give thanks for 80 years of peace and freedom.

## **4.0 Recommendation**

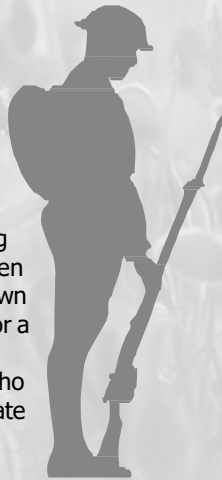
- 4.1 **It is recommended** that Council consider registering its involvement in D Day 80 by lighting a beacon at the War Memorial, Coleraine and that His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor, is invited to light the beacon.
- 4.2 It is further recommended that officers consult with the Royal British Legion regarding its role and representation at the event.
- 4.3 Elected Members will be invited to the event which will be promoted via Council's media channels for members of the public to attend also.
- 4.4 Democratic Services will be the lead for the event and will liaise with colleagues in the Estates and Events team to comply with any health and safety and PSNI requirements associated with a public event.

# The International Tribute








To be undertaken at 9.15pm alongside the lighting of a Beacon - 6th June 2024



When the International 80th Anniversary D-Day Beacon will be lit at **8.15pm** (British Summer time), at the British Normandy Memorial overlooking Gold Beach, with the other Beacons located on Utah, Omaha, Juno and Sword, in Normandy, France, being lit at **8.30pm** BST, followed by the Principal United Kingdom, Channel Island and Isle of Man Beacon at Portsmouth, England at **9.15pm** BST, we would ask all communities in France and the UK to stop what they are doing and undertake **The International Tribute**, using the wording found on this page. This could be undertaken by your Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Steward, Town and Parish Clerk, Town Crier, Pub Landlord or a young person from one of your local youth organisations etc, paying tribute to those who gave so much. In doing so, we commemorate D-Day and give thanks for eighty years of peace and freedom.



## The Tribute

-  Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.
-  Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.
-  Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.
-  Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.
-  Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all faiths and nationalities - from all countries - who fought, suffered and died during the D-Day landings and six years of war.
-  Let us all remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and our Allies - the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.
-  Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the coal mines, the factories and the air raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.

