



<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>23<sup>th</sup> April 2024</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 update Members with plans 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/>

2.3 On 5<sup>th</sup> December, Council agreed to

- Register its involvement in D Day 80 by lighting a beacon at East or West Strand, Portrush;
- His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor, is invited to light the beacon;
- Invitation be extended to Royal British Legion Group 10 members which includes all groups in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough area;
- Purchase one additional Beacon

## **3.0 Progress and Outline of the Event**

3.1 The beacon has been ordered and will be delivered in May.

3.2 Col Dr Stephen Bailie, TD, DL will attend from the Co Antrim Lieutenancy.

3.3 The recommendation from officers is that the event should be held at East Strand, Portrush (Mayors office have met with Coast and Countryside and Estates team)

3.4 There are opportunities for wider involvement in the event, with the Pipes and Drums of 152 RLC Regiment. Initial contact has been made with 152 RLC Regiment to establish their availability for the event.

3.5 Officers will make contact and liaise with president of Group 10 RBL, further details to follow.

3.6 Format of the event would be similar to the Poppy drop at East Strand as part of the Airshow.

3.7 Suggested format of the day will be to light the beacon and read the International Tribute, suggest this is done by Col Dr Stephen Bailie along with Mayor/Deputy Mayor and the President of Group 10.

#### 4.0 **Recommendation**

4.1 **It is recommended** that Committee consider and approve Council's plans to commemorate the DDay 80 Anniversary event.