

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>VE Day 2025 Review</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Commemoration and Celebration Sub-Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>04 June 2025</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee YES/NO</b>	No

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

<b>Estimated Timescale for Completion</b>	
Date to be Completed	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	TBC
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO Included 2025/26</b>
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	3106*
Staffing Costs	

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>YES/NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>YES/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	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide a review of the event held on Thursday 08 May 2025 to commemorate VE Day 80.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, Council resolved to agree the following Notice of Motion:

*“8th May 2025 will be the 80 year anniversary of VE Day where Nazi Germany officially surrendered, and World War 2 came to an end in Europe. I propose that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council organise and host a programme of events fitting to commemorate Victory in Europe Day on Thu 8th May 2025 - a programme that should be a spectacular celebration as well as remembering those who gave their all for all of us.”*

- 2.2 The revised Terms of Reference for the former Coronation Sub-Committee was updated and agreed at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, to include commemorating VE Day 2025. It was also agreed to rename the Coronation Sub-Committee to Commemoration and Celebration Sub-Committee.

## **3.0 VE Day Event 2025**

- 3.1 The VE Day 80 event was well attended with a footfall figure of 5,699 being recorded between 5:00pm and 11:00pm on the evening of 08 May 2025.

The area around Coleraine Town Hall proved successful as a venue and met the requirements for this event with the stage being set up in the entertainment space where a programme of entertainment commenced following the ringing of the Church Bells at 6:30pm.

Attendees were then invited to assemble at the Cenotaph at the opposite side of the Town Hall in time for the Parade arriving which was followed by the Act of Remembrance and lighting of the Beacon.

As Members are aware, the VE Day event coincided with the NW200 with Thursday 08 May 2025 being a race day. The NW200 Event Director arranged for a minute's silence to be observed prior to racing on the evening of Thursday 08 May 2025 with the riders and officials being invited to the front of the grid.

Positive feedback has been received from attendees who have expressed their appreciation regarding the event's organisation.

At the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting on Tuesday 27 May 2025, Elected Members wished to put on record their thanks regarding the planning and delivery of the VE Day 80 event. Praise and appreciation was expressed in terms of both employees and everyone who was involved in delivering what was described as an outstanding event.

#### **4.0 Financial Implication**

- 4.1 The costs associated with the VE Day 80 event are currently being collated and will be reported in due course.

#### **5.0 Consultation Meeting**

- 5.1 In preparation for the event, a number of consultation meetings were held with Stakeholder representatives in attendance. These meetings provided opportunities to consider ideas and views from the various stakeholders and the draft Programme was updated accordingly following each of these meetings.

#### **6.0 Recommendation**

- 6.1 **It is recommended** that Members note this review of the event held on Thursday 08 May 2025 to commemorate VE Day 80.

