

Title of Report:	VJ Day 2025 Review
Committee Report Submitted To:	Commemoration and Celebration Sub-Committee
Date of Meeting:	03 September 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

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

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	15 August 2025

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£467.04
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	3106
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	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 activities held to commemorate VJ Day on Friday 15 August 2025.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 03 June 2025, Council resolved to agree the following Notice of Motion:

“Following the successful event ran by council for the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, I propose that council look at an event to remember and commemorate the end of the second world war (VJ Day).

As significant, as VE day was in 1945 we need to remember the sacrifice by many of our service personnel who continued the war for freedom for a further three months.”

3.0 VJ Day 2025 Activities

- 3.1 The Council marked the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day with the flying of Commemorative Flags at both Coleraine and Ballymoney Town Halls and also at the Council Offices at Riada House, Ballymoney and Connell Street Limavady.
- 3.2 In addition, the Council’s Museums Service continued to welcome visitors to their exhibition, ‘Cheers and Tears’ which included information on both VE Day and VJ Day and told the stories of the people from Causeway Coast and Glens who witnessed unfolding in 1945.

More information can be found on the Council’s website by clicking on the following link: <https://causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/news/commemorative-vj-80-flags-raised-in-causeway-coast-and-glens-to-mark-the-80th-anniversary-of-the-end-of-world-war-ii>

- 3.3 In order to further mark VJ Day and as requested by the Northern Ireland Office, Council’s Headquarters, Cloonavin was lit up white for two hours on the evening of 15 August 2025.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 **It is recommended** that Members note this review of the activities held on Friday 15 August 2025 to commemorate VJ Day.