

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>D-Day 80 Anniversary</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Coronation Sub Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> May 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	£1,500
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 on 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 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/West Strand, Portrush
- HMLL, accompanied by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor, is invited to light the beacon
- Invitation be extended to Royal British Legion Group 10 members
- Purchase one additional Beacon

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

3.1 The beacon has been delivered and will be lit on the beach at East Strand at 9.15 pm.

3.2 The 152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC stall and two military vehicles will be in place at the front left, far corner of East Strand Car Park from 8 pm (parking charges do not apply after 6.30 pm). It is also hoped that two Wallace jeeps will be on display on the beach.

3.3 A platform will be located on the beach and the platform party will be as follows:

- Mayor/Deputy Mayor
- Rev Dr JI Thompson, MBE, TD, DL, President Group 10 RBL (who will read the International Tribute)
- Col Dr Stephen Bailie, TD, DL (who will light the beacon)
- Chair and Vice Chair of Group 10 RBL
- Council's Veterans' Champion

- 3.4 The Pipes and Drums of 152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC will form up behind the platform and perform from 8.45 pm in the lead up to the beacon lighting.
- 3.5 Group 10 RBLs will be represented by their Standard Bearers, as will the REME Association and a number of other location Associations.
- 3.6 Army cadets from detachments in Coleraine and Ballymoney will attend along with a number of Portrush Sea Cadets as suggested at the Sub Committee meeting in April.
- 3.7 The paved area at the top of the main steps will be used as the viewing area for Elected Members, RBL Standard Bearers and members, cadets and members of the public. Wheelchair access and seating for individuals with restricted mobility will be available and the public toilets will remain open for the event.
- 3.8 The flyer below has been designed and the event will be promoted via the local media and on Council's social media channels.

#### 4.0 **Recommendation**

- 4.1 **It is recommended** that the Sub Committee note the progress for the D Day 80 anniversary.

It is suggested that in the event of the Mayor/Deputy Mayor being unable to attend that the Chair of the Coronation Sub Committee deputises at the event.

It is suggested that Elected Members are robed for the event.

