



Title of Report:	Commemoration Programme
Committee Report Submitted To:	Coronation Sub-Committee
Date of Meeting:	28th May 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	

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

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	TBC
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
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.		
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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 an update on the Commemoration Programme.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Council approved the Draft Commemoration Programme in February 2024 to honour and enshrine the memory of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in tangible commemoration across the Borough.

3.0 Draft Commemoration Programme (Appendix A)

- 3.1 Research is currently ongoing to obtain information and costings for various suggestions contained within the Draft Commemoration Programme eg the commissioning of a bust for both the late Queen and Duke, possibility for a Native Oak Tree(s) to be planted in the Borough etc.
- 3.2 Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council is currently working on a project to install a bust or statue and have agreed to share information such as costs, artist and material used.
- 3.3 A bust of Bonar Law (Appendix B) was recently commissioned and is in Coleraine Town Hall. The Bonar Law bust cost £22,000 in total and the artist Helen Runciman. Dimensions are W 390mm x H 530mm
- 3.4 Due to time constraints, a Report is due to be considered by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee at its Meeting on 28 May 2024 . It will update Members on plans to mark the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings in Normandy on 06 June 2024. The Report is attached for information as Appendix C.

4.0 Financial Implication

- 4.1 As part of the Estimates process for 2024/25 Council had agreed a budget of £20,000 for delivery of the programme. This will allow some of the suggestions to progress in this financial year.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 **It is recommended** that work continues by Officers on the agreed Commemoration Programme in order to research costs and method of delivery.



Coronation Sub-Committee

Council's Notice of Motion

"This council acknowledges, with sadness, the recent passing of our late Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II. Pays tribute to the exemplary dignity, wisdom and diligence with which Her Late Majesty served our nation and the Commonwealth. Further acknowledges the tremendous debt of gratitude owed for the personal sacrifice and unwavering loyal devotion over her glorious 70-year reign. This Council commits to honour and enshrine her memory in tangible commemoration across the Borough and invites council officers to present an options paper to the relevant committee for consideration in due course.

This council shall also establish a sub-committee to commence preparation for the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III."

Draft Commemoration Programme

The role of the Sub Committee is to act as an advisory group, supporting the development of a proposed programme of activity to recognise the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III, *and to honour and enshrine the memory of Queen Elizabeth II in tangible commemoration across the Borough.*

To identify resource requirements to deliver an agreed programme of activity *and commemoration*;

- To share best practice in terms of wider initiatives and approaches;
- To promote co-ordination and collaboration in terms of delivery of a range of activity, avoiding duplication of effort.

Meeting	What	Who (Internal/external partners etc)	Cost
Coronation Sub Committee 05 December 2023	To explore the possibility of commissioning busts of the late Queen and Duke in the Town Hall.		

<p>CPR January 2023</p>	<p>Notice of Motion referred from Council Meeting on 05 December 2023 referred to Coronation Sub-Committee.</p> <p><i>“That Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council recognises the exemplary 70 years of service rendered by the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as the United Kingdom’s longest reigning monarch.</i></p> <p><i>We are also very proud that the Late Monarch visited our Borough 5 times between 1953 and 2016, in which she included the unveiling of sergeant Robert Quigg VC statue in Bushmills, within my own constituency, which was to be her last visit.</i></p> <p><i>In recognition of her shining example of exemplary selfless service, we the undersigned propose that a substantial permanent memorial be commissioned and located within the Borough and be in situ before or during 2026. We believe that the memorial should depict Queen Elizabeth II during her coronation and that ideally it would be located in a prominent and visible location.</i></p> <p><i>We further propose that officers prepare a report, taking this matter forward, to include options for design, location, consultation with appropriate groups and identification of a suitable budget as part of the estimates process.</i></p> <p><i>This Statue will be a fitting tribute by the people of the Borough to the late Monarch, whose service to our country may never be matched again.”</i></p>		
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	To explore the idea of a modern style silhouette of the late Queen Elizabeth II with Paddington Bear and her beloved Corgis’.		
	To look at the possibility of the renaming of a street in each of the Causeway Coast and Glens District Electoral Areas and/or the naming of the new Leisure Centre in Coleraine and/or renaming Castlerock Promenade as Queen Elizabeth II Promenade could recognise the late Queen Elizabeth II, with similar tributes in other District Electoral Areas.		
	To investigate that the Portrush to Bushmills Greenway, (which encompassed the legacy Moyle and Coleraine Borough Council areas), currently subject to a consultation process, could include a commemoration and pointed out that the Greenway		
	To look into the option of tree planting projects possibly using oak trees, which have longevity.		
	To explore the idea of green spaces, where people could come together, possibly in a memorial garden/garden of remembrance at Anderson Park area in Coleraine in the vicinity of the Northern Regional College.		
	To try and encourage children to design tiles which would form a feature, such as the NI100 wall feature at Roe Valley Arts Centre.		
	To look at undertaking D-day commemorations in conjunction with Coronation projects, possibly with the		£1,500

	inclusion of Standard Bearer's from Royal British Legion groupings at key events.		
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Bonar Law Bust







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Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
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

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£1,500
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	No
Code	TBC
Staffing Costs	Yes

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	No
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Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
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1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on plans to mark the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings in Normandy on 6th 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 6th 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 5th 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.

