

Title of Report:	Commemoration Programme
Committee Report Submitted To:	Coronation Sub-Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 October 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.		
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 an update on the Commemoration Programme.

1.2 Notice of Motion (One)

“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.”

1.3 Notice of Motion (Two)

“I call upon this council to submit an application to host Armed Forces Day 2026. This significant event is a great opportunity to show our support and give thanks to our military personnel and families both past and present including our veterans and cadets.

This event will attract thousands of visitors to our Beautiful Borough, supporting our local traders and tourism providers.”

1.4 Notice of Motion (Three)

“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.”

2.0 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 as per the Notice of Motion One above.

2.2 Subsequently, two further Notices of Motions were agreed as detailed above at 1.3 ‘Notice of Motion Two’ and 1.4 ‘Notion of Motion Three’.

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 as per Appendix A.
- 3.2 As previously reported, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council is currently working on a project to install a bust or statue. It was agreed that, when available, information regarding costs, artist and material used will be shared. No further information is available at this time.
- 3.3 Members are now asked to consider an Action Plan for Notices of Motion Two and Three.

4.0 Financial Implication

- 4.1 As part of the Estimates process for 2024/25 Council had agreed an initial budget of £20,000 for delivery of the programme for Notice of Motion One. This will allow some of the suggestions to progress in this financial year.
- 4.2 A budget has not yet been agreed for Notice of Motion Two or Notice of Motion Three.

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

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.

What	Details	Estimated Cost
<p>Notice of Motion (One)</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</i></p>		

<p><i>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>	<p>The option currently being considered is a Tender exercise to engage with a local artisan(s) to produce concept designs.</p> <p>An indicative cost is required along with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size • Style • Material • Location • Inside/Outside 	
<p>To explore the idea of a modern style silhouette of the late Queen Elizabeth II with Paddington Bear and her beloved Corgis’.</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>Council does not have powers to rename a road/street as per Legal Advice contained in Environmental Services Committee Report dated 10 September 2024.</p> <p>Promenades are not in Council ownership and this would therefore be a matter for the Department for Infrastructure.</p>	-
<p>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</p>	<p>Further information has been sought as to the status of this Consultation process</p>	

To look into the option of tree planting projects possibly using oak trees, which have longevity.	Sourcing and planting of a native Oak Tree	£100
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.	Estates currently being consulted. Details will be available at the next Sub-Committee Meeting.	
To try and encourage children to design tiles which would form a feature, such as the NI100 wall feature at Roe Valley Arts Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artist fees including facilitation of participatory workshops • Delivery and installation of project 	£5,000
To look at undertaking D-Day Commemorations in conjunction with standard bearers from Royal British Legion groupings at key events.	Complete	
<p>Notice of Motion (Two)</p> <p><i>“I call upon this council to submit an application to host Armed Forces Day 2026. This significant event is a great opportunity to show our support and give thanks to our military personnel and families both past and present including our veterans and cadets.</i></p> <p><i>This event will attract thousands of visitors to our Beautiful Borough, supporting our local traders and tourism providers.”</i></p>	<p>It has been agreed that Armed Forces Day 2026 will be hosted by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.</p> <p>Talks are ongoing with the Chief Executive of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland</p> <p>The Sub-Committee will be updated at a future meeting.</p>	
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