



Subject:	80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings
Date:	19 th April 2024
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<p>After Committee Decision</p> <p>After Council Decision</p> <p>Sometime in the future</p> <p>Never</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to outline a proposed programme of events to be organised by Council to mark the 80 th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in 1944.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve the proposed programme of events to be organised by the Council over the 80th Anniversary period, on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th June 2024. ii. approve costs in the region of £10,000 to deliver this programme.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="236 96 408 129">Background</p> <p data-bbox="161 147 1485 277">3.1 Thursday 6th June will see the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy in 1944. Multi-National allied forces including US, UK, Polish, Canadian, French and Dutch forces carried out the beach landings which initiated the retaking of mainland European from occupying Axis forces.</p> <p data-bbox="161 349 1485 533">3.2 Belfast and Northern Ireland as a whole played a significant role in the training and preparation for D-Day, hosting a considerable number of US Servicemen before their deployment as well as facilitating the necessary training required for the operation. The anniversary will be marked across Northern Ireland as well as international commemorations focussed on Normandy itself.</p> <p data-bbox="161 604 1485 689">3.3 A request has been received to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landing from Councillor Bunting.</p> <p data-bbox="236 757 683 790"><u>Proposed Programme of Events</u></p> <p data-bbox="236 857 520 891"><u>Wednesday 5th June</u></p> <p data-bbox="161 958 1485 1099">3.4 Themed Seniors afternoon Tea Dance will be held in either City Hall or pending availability the Ulster Hall, commemorating pre-D-Day activities in the city. Free tickets will be made available to senior citizens across the city.</p> <p data-bbox="236 1167 488 1200"><u>Thursday 6th June</u></p> <p data-bbox="161 1267 1485 1352">3.5 Lunchtime reception and historical talk in Belfast City Hall on the theme of D-Day and Belfast's role in assisting the preparations for the landings.</p> <p data-bbox="161 1420 1485 1561">3.6 On the evening of the 6th June, it is proposed to illuminate City Hall blue, in keeping with the maritime nature of the landings, and to place 2 searchlights in the grounds of City Hall evoking the wartime theme.</p> <p data-bbox="236 1628 1177 1662"><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="236 1684 1171 1718">All events will take equality and good relations implications into account.</p> <p data-bbox="236 1785 746 1818"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="236 1841 1390 1924">The cost of delivering the council's programme of events is estimated between £10,000 - £12,000. Funds will come from existing budgets.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
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