

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 19 September 2023

Title: Lighting the Beacon for D Day 80

Purpose of Report

For members to consider lighting the Beacon at the top of Old Road.

Recommendation:

Members resolve to delegate to officers the arrangements for the lighting of the Beacon on Thursday 6th June 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day.

Background:

1. The 6th June 2024 will be the 80th anniversary of D Day.
2. We have been contacted by the Pageant Master regarding lighting the beacon for the national commemorations to mark the 80th anniversary of D Day. See appendix **17A**.

Report:

3. The Beacon was last lit to mark The Late Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022 when a number of the community watched the lighting.
4. It is proposed that the beacon is lit at 9.15pm on Thursday 6th June 2024. All permissions will be sought from the relevant landowner.
5. Members may wish to consider who will light the Beacon or delegate to officers, in conjunction with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, to identify an appropriate person who may be willing to carry out the task.
6. The lighting of the Beacons will take place across Northern France and England, see appendix **17B**.
7. Members resolve to delegate to officers the arrangements for the lighting of the Beacon on Thursday 6th June 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day.

Vicky Freeman
Administration officer
September 2023