

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL11 September 2019Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveMAY 2020-EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval by the Council for the Early May Bank Holiday to move from the first Monday in May to Friday 8 May for 2020 only. This is to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. It is recommended that Council agree to move the holiday on Monday 4 May 2020 to Friday 8 May 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

**VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY**

3. Earlier this year, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, announced the UK Government's plans to move the early May Bank Holiday in 2020 from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8 May.

4. In Scotland, Bank Holidays are a devolved matter and the Scottish Government has made the decision to change the May Bank Holiday from 4 May to 8 May to commemorate VE Day. A number of other local authorities in Scotland have also announced their plans to move the early May holiday to the 8 May.

5. Historically the Council and school holidays are aligned with the dates of public holidays of neighbouring authorities. In order to facilitate planning within schools and to notify parents, the school holiday planner is already issued for 2020 and schools plan to be closed on 8 May.

6. In line with the UK Government, Scottish Government and a number of other councils it is proposed therefore to change the early May bank holiday to Friday 8 May 2020 to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day.

7. All employee conditions of service that apply to public holidays (such as overtime for Local Government Employees) will therefore no longer apply on 4 May but will on the 8th.

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Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive  
August 2019

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