



Title of Report:	Leaving Legacy for the Former Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Antrim, Mrs Joan Christie CVO, OBE
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Meeting
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2019
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

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 (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

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2.0 Background

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In June 2017, Councils within County Antrim were approached and agreed to make plans to mark the retirement of Mrs Christie as Lord-Lieutenant in 2019.

The following Councils all agreed to participate in the leaving legacy arrangements:

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

A Steering Group was established, chaired by the then High Sherriff Mrs Miranda Gordon DL, containing a number of Deputy Lieutenants and Officers from the above Councils.

3.0 Key Issues/Points

On 22 March 2019, a Gala Dinner was held in Tullyglass Hotel, attended by approximately 550 people. Each Council made a financial contribution to the event of £3,500 and all remaining tickets for the dinner and entertainment cost £50 per guest.

After all expenses had been paid, the sum of £3735.25 net income remained. As this was a not-for-profit event, the Steering Group expressed their desire that any remaining money be distributed to a worthy cause.

Following discussion with Mrs Christie, it would be her wish that the remaining income be gifted to the NI Children's Hospice for their "I'm Coming Home" project. The **I'm Coming Home bed** brings babies and

their families home where they need to be. The bed is staffed by a team of highly trained and experienced paediatric nurses – who can stay with the family, providing care 24 hours a day.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the gifting of the remaining income from Mrs Christie's Gala Dinner, to the NI Children's Hospice for their "I'm Coming Home" project, for the sum of £3735.25.