



Subject:	Request for Donation to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice
Date:	18th December 2020
Reporting Officer:	John Tully, Director of City & Organisational Strategy
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<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	This report is to seek approval to make a donation to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice's "Big Night In" fundraiser.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to agree to make a donation of £1,000 to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice's "Big Night In" fundraiser.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has received a request for support from the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice (NICH) Support Group. Like many charities, the Children's Hospice has been

	<p>struggling to raise funds since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic several months ago. The Hospice needs £15 million per annum to run the Hospice. It receives £4.5 million from the NI Government, leaving a further £10.5 million to be generated through corporate support, shops, legacies and fundraising activities.</p>
3.2	<p>On 25th November 2020, the NICH Support Group contacted the Chief Executive's Office regarding sponsorship of an online gala concert entitled "Northern Ireland's Big Night In 2020" to help raise much needed financial support for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. The event took place on Friday 4 December and was supported by a number of local organisations with participation from various local celebrities.</p>
3.3	<p>Further correspondence with the Support Group regarding Committee approval timeframes clarified that any donation would be equally welcomed. The Committee is therefore asked to approve that a donation of £1,000 is made to the Children's Hospice fundraising activities.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>Cost of sponsorship is £1,000 and will be covered from existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.5	<p>The NI Children's Hospice provides care and support for critically ill children and their families and carers, across all of N. Ireland.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None