

**Report of the Executive Director**

<b>CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2022</b>
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1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Joint Committee with an update on the Christmas Service of Remembrance 2022.

2. Recommendation

**The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE this report.**

3. Detail

Each year a Christmas Service of Remembrance is held at Bramcote Crematorium. This is part of providing professional, compassionate and sensitive bereavement services. The Service of Remembrance also assists with:

- Providing comfort and reassurance to the bereaved
- Promoting the crematorium and bereavement services
- Gaining valuable customer feedback on the services provided by Bramcote Bereavement Services.

The annual Christmas Service of Remembrance was held on Friday 2 December 2022. The chapel was open at 6.30pm with the service commencing at 7pm. The service was attended by 140 members of the public. Father Christmas from Church Wilne Rotary Club was on site with his Sleigh to welcome members of the public.

This was the first year the service had been held in the evening. The event was marketed as a candle light service. The service was very well received and feedback has been positive.

At the service members of the public were invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. The names of the loved one's were also read out during the service.

The service was led by a civil celebrant from A W Lymns Funeral Directors. The names of the loved ones were read out during the Act of Remembrance by a representative of Gillotts Funeral Directors and the Council's Senior Crematorium Technician.

The annual Christmas Service of Remembrance was also available on webcast for people to view at home. The service was available online from 2 December to 9 December 2022 inclusive.

As an additional Christmas experience the Memory Christmas Tree was erected in the Book of Remembrance Room and members of the public were invited to add a tag to the tree in memory of loved ones. The tree remained in place throughout December and proved popular.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no financial implications with the cost of the service being contained within existing budgets.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal was as follows:

There are no direct legal implications that arise from this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

No comments

7. Union Comments

No comments

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

No comments

9. Equality Impact Assessment

No comments

10. Background Papers

Nil