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Dear Councillors,

**RE: 'By Industry, Kindness, the Arts and the Environment We Prosper'
Lord Lieutenant visit to Todmorden - Thursday 17 October 2019**

I am writing to thank you all for your support for the recent visit to the town by Ed Anderson, Lord Lieutenant. He had a wonderful day and was impressed by our vibrant, diverse and passionate community. Despite a packed agenda, we left out far more than we were able to include, but hopefully we have shown enough of what we have to offer to tempt guests back again in the future.

Feedback from those involved in the day suggests that it was of huge benefit to businesses and community groups who were able to showcase their work and make new connections. Many groups are reporting recruiting new members and volunteers as a result of conversations in the Town Hall.

A particular delight was being able to include so many schoolchildren in the day and to give our young people a day to remember.

There was no budget for the event and your agreement on a small grant towards lunch made a big difference. Particularly so, as the refreshments were then provided by the local market traders association and supported the local economy. I hope that you all feel that the investment was worthwhile.

Acknowledgment should also go to the following contributors:-

Gig for the contribution of Thai food

Incredible Edible coordinated the lunch arrangements and contributions of local produce as gifts to the guests.

Damion from the Town Hall provided the tea and coffee for the day.

Calderdale Council waived the hire fee for the Town Hall

Fielden Hall also waived their hire fees.

Hippodrome Theatre hosted drinks at the conclusion of the day.

Entertainment by Three Valleys Gospel Choir, Music for the Many students and a string quartet from Todmorden Symphony Orchestra.

Contributions from the Royal British Legion, Friends of Centre Vale Park and the markets are also to be acknowledged.

James Reader of 'Front Row Films' gave his time and expertise free of charge as the official photographer.

The day was only made possible by the kindness and willingness of volunteers in the Fielden Centre, Town Hall and Hippodrome.

Finally my thanks to Councillor Ken White for his enthusiasm and support for the day and to Colin Hill, Nicola Pugh, Sue Miles and Jack Holt for all of their help along the way.

Yours sincerely

Kate Moreton-Deakin

Deputy Lieutenant

West Yorkshire

c.c. Cllr K. White - Mayor

Mr C. Hill - Town Clerk