

# Environment and Community Panel Wednesday, 15th March, 2017 at 6.00 pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn

## Reports marked to follow on the Agenda and/or Supplementary Documents

- 1. Council Lottery Proposals (Pages 2 7)
- 8 c) Outside Bodies Update Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel (Pages 8 10)

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#### POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL REPORT

REPORT TO:	Environment and Community Panel		
DATE:	15 March 2017		
TITLE:	Local Lottery proposal		
TYPE OF REPORT:	Policy Development		
PORTFOLIO(S):	Resources		
REPORT AUTHOR:	Robert Street		
OPEN/EXEMPT	Open	WILL BE SUBJECT	Yes
		TO A FUTURE	
		CABINET REPORT:	

#### **REPORT SUMMARY/COVER PAGE**

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT/SUMMARY:

To provide details on how a local lottery scheme could operate in West Norfolk and the benefits of using an external lottery manager to run and manage the local lottery. A number of local authorities, including Aylesbury Vale & Portsmouth City Council, have been set up and successfully operate local lottery schemes

#### **KEY ISSUES:**

The Panel will receive a presentation on how a local lottery scheme operates and are asked to consider if a local lottery should be set up and run on behalf of the Borough Council.

The criteria for determining which good causes will be eligible to be included and benefit from the local lottery scheme will need to be agreed.

#### **OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Council is actively examining options for reducing costs/generating new income as part of the cost reduction programme. The operation of a local lottery scheme provides an opportunity to generate additional income for local good causes at a time when the Council has to review the budget it can make available to fund Financial Assistance.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Panel is asked to recommend to Cabinet:

- i) To set up a local lottery scheme
- ii) To engage the External Lottery Management company to set up and manage the local lottery scheme on behalf of the Borough Council
- iii) The criteria for determining the good causes to be included in the local lottery scheme

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To enable a local lottery scheme to be set up and run on behalf of the Borough Council.

#### **REPORT DETAIL**

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 The Borough Council have the opportunity to set up a local lottery. An External Lottery Management (ELM) company would be engaged to undertake the majority of the administration and back office support for the scheme. The good causes would receive a minimum of 50% of the ticket price and the Borough Council would retain a minimum of 10% of the ticket price to fund our Financial Assistance programme.

#### 2. Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Borough Council appoint an External Lottery Management company to assist in the set up and support of a local web based lottery.
- 2.2 The Lottery works by encouraging potential players to visit the lottery website. Once at the website they can pick a beneficiary from a list of good causes / charities or just pick the general fund and purchase £1 tickets.
- 2.3 The £1 ticket price is then distributed as follows:
  - 50% to good cause
  - 10% to general fund or in the event a good cause is not selected, 60% goes to the general fund
  - 20% to prize fund
  - 17% to External lottery Management company for running the back office and payment aspects of the lottery
  - 3% to VAT
- 2.4 Once Good causes have been approved and registered on the site it will be in their interests to promote it, which then drives more people to visit the site thereby forming a virtuous circle. Anecdotal evidence suggests that it is not seen as direct competition to charities own fund raising activities, but rather as another funding stream.
- 2.5 The External Lottery Management company would host and maintain the website, and complete the administrative tasks including the collection and distribution of monies (subject to council authorisation) to prize winners and good causes.

#### 3. Issues for the Panel to Consider

- 3.1 To consider if a local lottery should be set up and run on behalf of the Borough Council.
- 3.2 The criteria for selecting which good causes will be eligible to be included and benefit from the local lottery scheme will need to be agreed. An example of the criteria used by another local authority lottery scheme is detailed at Appendix A. The Panel is asked to review these criteria and determine the criteria for a local lottery scheme operated and run on behalf of the Borough Council.
- 3.3 To consider if the good causes should be limited to those operating in West Norfolk. If national organisations are included should conditions be applied to require that the funds generated from the local lottery be used in West Norfolk?

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#### 4. Corporate Priorities

4.1 The Council is actively examining options for reducing costs/generating new income as part of the cost reduction programme. The operation of a local lottery scheme provides an opportunity to generate additional income for local good causes at a time when the Council has to review the budget it can make available to fund Financial Assistance.

#### 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Other than an initial cost (estimated to be less than £5,000) to develop / configure the website, the only additional on-going costs relate to the renewal of licenses and memberships with the gambling authorities.
- 5.2 The potential income from the lottery is difficult to quantify at this time. However anecdotal evidence suggests the idea is well received by the public and could be expected to generate between £5,000 and £15,000 per annum. The additional income will contribute towards the Council's cost reduction programme to offset costs of the Financial Assistance programme. At the same time additional income will be raised for good causes.

#### 6. Any other Implications/Risks

6.1 The take up and operation of the local lottery will be monitored and progress reports will initially be presented to the Environment and Community Panel after the first 6 and 12 months of operation.

#### 7. Equal Opportunity Considerations

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is attached to this report at Appendix B.

#### 8. Conclusion

- 8.1 The Council is actively examining options for reducing costs/generating new income as part of the cost reduction programme. The operation of a local lottery scheme provides an opportunity to generate additional income for local good causes at a time when the Council has to review the budget it can make available to fund Financial Assistance.
- 8.2 The operation of the local lottery will require limited involvement from the council 2 council officers need to hold necessary licenses and the administration is expected to take less than 15 minutes a week.
- 8.3 Opportunity to generate additional funding for good causes. Good causes which have not traditionally benefited from the Council's limited Financial Assistance budget may receive funding as the users can pick their own cause to benefit.

#### 9. Background Papers

9.1 Links to the websites and Councils

www.portsmouthlottery.co.uk www.portsmouth.gov.uk

www.valelottery.co.uk www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

<u>www.shapemendiplottery.co.uk</u> <u>www.mendip.gov.uk</u>

### Eample Good cause criteria Application Fee

There is no application fee to join.

#### Criteria for joining:

We want to enable as many good causes as possible to join. In granting the Council a licence to run the lottery, the Gambling Commissions obligations are to ensure that organisations meet certain criteria.

#### YOUR ORGANISATION MUST:

- Provide local community activities or services within the West Norfolk area, which benefit the people and communities of West Norfolk - visitors to West Norfolk may also benefit from the services/facilities, but not to the exclusion of local residents
- Have a formal constitution or set of rules
- Have a bank account requiring at least 2 unrelated signatories
- Operate with no undue restrictions on membership

#### AND BE:

A constituted group with a volunteer **management committee** with a minimum of three unrelated members that meets on a regular basis (at least 3-4 times per year);

or, a registered charity with a board of trustees.

#### OR BE:

A registered **Community Interest Company** and provide copies of their Community Interest Statement, details of the Asset Lock included in their Memorandum and Articles of Association, together with a copy of their latest annual community interest report.

#### WE WILL NOT PERMIT APPLICATIONS THAT:

- Are incomplete
- Are from groups that promote a particular religious or political belief
- Are from organisations that do not do work within the boundaries of West Norfolk
- Are from individuals
- Are from organisations which aim to distribute a profit
- Are from organisations with no established management committee/board of trustees (unless they are a CIC)

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

The Council reserves the right to reject any application.

The Council will reserve its rights to not accept or cease to license any organisation with a minimum of 7 days notice for any reason, unless where fraudulent or illegal activity is suspected where cessation will be immediate.

## Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

## Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk



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Name of policy/service/function	Local Lottery	Scheme				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	New					
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened.	To set up and operate a local lottery scheme					
Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations						
Question	Answer					
1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have			Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in	Age				1	
terms of ability to access the service?	Disability				/	
	Gender				/	
Please tick the relevant box for each group.	Gender Re-ass	signment			/	
	Marriage/civil p	partnership			1	
NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any	Pregnancy & n	naternity			1	
group.	Race				1	
	Religion or bel	ief			/	
	Sexual orienta	tion			/	
	Other (eg low income)				1	
Question	Answer	Answer Comments		1		
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	<del>Yes</del> / No	1.				
<b>3</b> . Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	Yes / No	1				
<b>4.</b> Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	<del>Yes /</del> No					
5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the	Yes / No	Actions:				
Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section		Actions agreed by E\	by EWG member:			
Assessment completed by: Name	Lorraine Go	re				
Job title Executive director Finance Services	Date 7 March 2017					

#### **Report to the Environment and Community Panel**

#### Members' Feedback from Outside Bodies/Partnerships 2016/2017

Name of Organisation/Outside Body	Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel	
Name of appointed representative/s	Jacqueline D Westrop	
Number of meetings held	1	
Number of meetings attended	0 (could not attend re arranged meeting received separate briefing and minutes received a briefing on the day conference on the issue of Prevent ))	
Brief summary of key decisions discussed	The sub panel looked at the following issues  a) it received a report from the Head of Youth Offending Service discussing youth violence, the impact on the safeguarding of young and/ or vulnerable people  Discussed county lines strategy i.e. where does the origin of the issue trace back to the issues of cuckooing etc also noted and how social media played a significant role in matters  b) Received a briefing on the Beacon project and domestic homicide reviews and the issues surrounding domestic violence, and how this was being addressed across the county  c.) The subpanel received a report from Democratic Services in respect of the role of the sub panel and outlining panel priorities which should be worked on to achieve best results notably prioritising domestic	

	abuse sexual violence and tracking anti social behaviour  It was further noted at panel the incidence of rough sleepers across the County particularly in Norwich Yarmouth and Lynn  d.) Both panel and subsequent conference reviewed the work being done on the Prevent duty and local terrorism profile Training framework noted
Implications for the Borough Council (if any)	<ol> <li>Need to monitor and liaise with local police the issues raised by the county lines issues and the impact on borough residents in particulary the young and elderly</li> <li>Noted but as at last year's report a clear idea of how the Borough is responding to this issue of domestic violence should be sort particularly in light of the work elsewhere in the county</li> <li>That the Committee note the Panels priorities and places on the committee's work programme updates to the rough sleeper issues in Kings Lynn, and asks for a report to be brought forward on the aspect of the panel's work across the community safety partnership in respect of the priorities it listed as they impact in the Borough</li> <li>The Committee note the prevent strategy and ask for a report on the Borough's approach to this</li> </ol>
Any other information you would like to report	The panel will in 2017 meet by annually rather than annually