



Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will make a decision on this item after seven days have elapsed (including the date of publication).

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
Clare James, Head of Finance	Cllr Alan Vincent, Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder	31 May 2018

Local Lottery Consultation 2018

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval to undertake a consultation exercise with relevant stakeholders on a Local Lottery.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 We will work with our partners (including Parish and Town Councils) to facilitate a different relationship with our residents and communities that encourages resilience, capacity and independence.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That approval be given to consult with relevant stakeholders on the creation of a Local Lottery.

4. Background

- 4.1 Voluntary and community organisations are often funded by grants from public bodies and charitable donations. In the current period of austerity and reduced central government funding for local authorities, such public funding for voluntary and community organisations is reducing. A local authority delivered lottery can become an additional income stream for the voluntary and community sector and provide much needed financial resources for good causes.
- 4.2 A Wyre Lottery has the potential to help local voluntary and community organisations by providing funding support. Maximising benefits to the community, a Wyre Lottery would typically see 60% of proceeds being given to good causes, either directly or via a general good causes fund, and none of the proceeds generated taken by the local authority. This

compares to approximately 28% of every £1 spent on a UK National Lottery ticket.

- 4.3** A Wyre Lottery would deliver benefits for local good causes as well as positive community engagement for the voluntary and community organisations and Council alike. In this way the Council could enable good causes to help themselves to become more sustainable.
- 4.4** Approximately 50 local authorities in the UK have or are in the process of setting up their own local lottery with Aylesbury Vale being the first to launch such a scheme in November 2015. The success of this and other local lotteries has established a proven procurement route and operational methodology. Depending on the outcome of the consultation exercise, this would be outlined in a future report.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** The consultation has been drafted to include the following questions:
- What type of group/organisation are you?
 - How is your group/organisation currently funded?
 - Would your group/organisation benefit from a local lottery?
 - Would your group/organisation be supportive of a local lottery?
 - Would your group/organisation be willing to promote the lottery to your supporters?
- 5.2** The consultation would be run online, maximising our established links via the Together We Make a Difference Network, and would target the following groups in particular:
- Town & Parish Councils;
 - Schools;
 - Sports Clubs;
 - Grant applicants;
 - Youth Clubs;
 - Community Associations;
 - Community Groups;
- 5.3** Comments from the consultation exercise will be taken into consideration and a further report will be published later in the year.

6. Delegated functions

- 6.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): "To determine payment of grants to outside bodies within the Council's Scheme and budget..."

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	The cost of carrying out the online consultation will be accommodated within existing budgets.
Legal	No legal implications associated with this report

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

None

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