

POLICY FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

13th APRIL 2016

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

MELTON BOROUGH COMMUNITY LOTTERY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To gain agreement from the Committee to undertake an assessment of the viability of a local community lottery for the Borough of Melton. The aim being to support the voluntary and community sector, also easing the financial strains on the Council and to enable good causes to raise funds directly.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Members approve officers undertaking a scoping exercise on the viability of a lottery for the Borough and, if viable, to return to the Policy, Finance & Administration Committee with a fully worked up business case.**
- 2.2 **Approve the project mandate as attached at Appendix A.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 As budget pressures continue to grow on all aspects of the council's work there will inevitably be an impact on the funding that it will have available to commission work with the voluntary and community sector across the Borough. Additionally, there are pressures on the discretionary services that the Council feels it should deliver, that make a positive impact upon the local community. Voluntary sector and community organisations are also experiencing the same pressures in terms of their ability to raise funding, especially as previous funders budgets contract.
- 3.2 A Borough lottery has the potential to help specific organisations to address funding pressures they are facing and to launch new services. If a lottery is determined as being viable this could help move Melton Borough Council from provider to enabler. There is one Council already running a scheme in England (Aylesbury Vale DC) and we have looked at their model at part of the preparation for the drafting of this report.
- 3.3 Melton Borough Council is exploring new ways of increasing capacity and spending power, reducing processes, bureaucracy and costs – this work is known as the 'Transformation Programme'. Part of the 'Transformation Programme' is considering how we can promote more services to the public, wider public sector and private sector to increase the income position of the Council and in this case the wider voluntary sector that we are supporting.
- 3.4 The concept of a local lottery has been around for some time as a way to potentially raise income to partially pay for discretionary services to help mitigate budget pressures, however the struggle with its development has been combined one of how

this would be delivered, and how it would fit with existing funding for the voluntary and community sector. Now that we have been able to gain information from a live working lottery officers feel there is real potential in looking to develop a full business case.

- 3.5 Should the planned viability assessment be positive officers will come back to the committee with a business case and a fully detailed plan for members to understand how the lottery will work on a day to day basis.

4.0 **POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 At this stage there are no policy impacts but if a business case is presented to this committee there will be a full description of any impacts on policy and the Council.

5.0 **FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 At this stage there are no financial implications. There will be an officer team that will need to spend some time in developing a business case however this will all be within existing resources.

6.0 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS**

- 6.1 No direct legal implications have been identified for this report, but if a business case is presented at a later stage it is highly likely that a number of legal issues will need to be considered

7.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- 7.1 No direct Community safety Implications has been identified.

8.0 **EQUALITIES**

- 8.1 An Equalities Impact has not been carried out at this stage but if a full business case is developed a robust equality impact assessment will be completed.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 Probability

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Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D		1		
Very Low E				
Almost Impossible F				
	I Neg- ligible	II Marg- inal	III Critical	IV Catast- rophic

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Impact

Risk No.	Description
1	Lottery is not viable and there is no business case

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 No Direct Implications have been identified.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Strategic Management Team has been consulted.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All Wards

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 Date: 31st March 2016
 Appendices: Appendix A – Project Mandate
 Background Papers: Aylesbury Vale Lottery Presentation
 Reference: