

To: Cabinet

Date: 23 November 2021

Report/Comments of: Scrutiny Committee Chairman

Title: Scrutiny feedback on the Melton Community Lottery Update

SUMMARY OF REPORT CONSIDERED	
Report Title:	Melton Community Lottery Update
Purpose/Description of Report:	To provide feedback on the progress of the Melton Community Lottery following Scrutiny's recommendations to Cabinet on 17 June 2020.
Key Decision:	No
Scrutiny Lead Member:	Scrutiny Committee Chairman
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Alison Freer, Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement

1. Introduction and Overview

The Scrutiny Committee met on 5 October 2021 to consider the Melton Community Lottery update report and provide comments to Cabinet for their consideration.

2. Summary of Feedback/Recommendations for Cabinet Consideration

Comments made:

- A comment was made that the community lottery has the potential to continue to grow. It was recognised that this was in down to the hard work of the Marketing Assistant.
- It was noted that the community lottery had been well publicised over the last six months.
- Concern was raised regarding how the cost of Officer time is calculated and budgeted for however, Members agreed that, so long as the Council isn't subsidising the lottery, then it should be allowed to continue for now.
- Considering the unprecedented financially challenging times ahead for the Council, it was recognised that, whilst the community lottery

currently provides a net benefit, there is a need for Members and Officers to regularly review every non-essential service provided by the Council and assess the value of them. It was recognised that a plus for the Lottery is its contribution to the Council's Community Grants but it must be remembered that Community Grants and the Lottery are not essential services.

Written by: Scrutiny Committee Chairman in consultation with Members of the Scrutiny Committee.