

<b>Key Decision Required</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>In the Forward Plan</b>	<b>No</b>
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## CABINET

10 NOVEMBER 2017

### REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

#### **A.2. PROPOSED LAUNCH OF ONLINE TENDRING LOTTERY**

(Report prepared by Karen Neath and Katie Sullivan)

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the meeting of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee on 2 October 2017, Members were consulted on a potential initiative to launch an online Tendring lottery, using an external lottery manager, to help fund discretionary support to local voluntary and community sector and to enable good causes to raise funds directly.

The Council's Head of Customer and Commercial Services (Mark Westall) was in attendance and gave the Committee an overview of the potential initiative to launch an online Tendring lottery.

Members had before them a report of the Corporate Director (Operational Services) which had reported that as budget pressures had continued to grow on all aspects of the Council's work, there would inevitably be an impact on the funding available for good causes.

It was further reported that a Tendring Lottery had the potential to help organisations address any future funding pressures and also would move the Council into the position of enabler, helping communities to use their capacity to become more resilient and to self-help.

Members were informed that the report had addressed those issues and had provided a model for the implementation of an online Tendring lottery.

The Council's Head of Customer and Commercial Services informed the Committee that they were being consulted to gain their views on the proposed initiative in order for the Health and Education Portfolio Holder to take into account before progressing with the project and gaining the relevant authority and permissions.

Members raised questions and concerns which were responded to by Officers.

Councillor McWilliams (Health and Education Portfolio Holder) was in attendance and gave her view on the proposed initiative.

The Chairman summarised the key points raised during discussion.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET**

It was **AGREED** that the Committee **COMMENTS TO CABINET** that:-

- (a) the Committee supports the Health and Education Portfolio Holder's proposal to introduce an online District Lottery as outlined in this report and provides the following observations to be considered before the initiative is progressed and the necessary approvals and permissions are sought;

- i. the proceeds to be retained by the Council for allocation to good causes should be managed and allocated by the Big Society Fund Panel subject to a review being conducted on how the Big Society Fund works to ensure that fair shares are distributed across the District.
- ii. a consultation with local charities should take place, facilitated by TCVS, to enable their feedback to be considered and to ensure that smaller scale charities are not missed out;
- iii. the Committee retains some concerns around the ethics of a lottery and accessibility given that the lottery would be internet based and not all residents have access to the necessary IT.

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

It is recommended that:-

The Committee be thanked for their support of this project and their helpful suggestions which will be taken into account in bringing this project forward to a future meeting of Cabinet for consideration.