

**RECOMMENDATION FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –**

**WOKING COMMUNITY LOTTERY PROPOSAL**

**Executive Summary**

At its meeting on 20 January 2020, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was asked to consider whether it was felt that the development of a community lottery scheme for Woking would benefit both residents and local community organisations. The Committee received a report which set out the details of how a local lottery scheme would operate in the Borough, together with a presentation by Gatherwell, a company that specialises in managing Local Authority lottery schemes.

The Members of the Committee welcomed the proposals and it was agreed to recommend to the Executive that the Council should seek to develop a community lottery scheme in partnership with an External Lottery Manager (ELM) such as Gatherwell. The report received by the Committee outlined the anticipated costs of the proposals, the work that would need to be undertaken by Woking Borough Council and the resource implications. The report further dealt with the risks associated with a lottery scheme, including financial and reputational risks.

In the event that the Executive supports the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Council will review the different lottery schemes operated by ELMs and bring forward a proposal for a preferred provider to a future meeting of the Executive. Draft criteria for organisations joining a Woking Community Lottery scheme would be drawn up and included in the proposals report to the Executive.

The Executive is therefore invited to support the proposal to seek the introduction of a community lottery scheme for the Borough of Woking through an ELM. An outline of how such a scheme could operate are set out in Appendix 1, a copy of the report received by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Phil Wright from Gatherwell provided the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a comprehensive presentation on the Company's local government lottery scheme and responded to the questions raised by the Committee. For details of the scheme provided by Gatherwell, the presentation can be viewed as a historic webcast through the Council's website.

**Recommendations**

The Executive is requested to:

**RESOLVE That**

in accordance with the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Council explores further the possibility of adopting a Community Lottery Scheme and that a proposals report be brought back to a future meeting of the Executive.

**Reasons for Decision**

Reason: To create a new revenue stream for local community organisations.

The Executive has the authority to determine the recommendation set out above.

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**Background Papers:** None.

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