

URGENCY ITEMS - MINUTE OF DECISION

Delegation arrangements for dealing with matters of urgency

Paragraph 7.2.1 of the Council's Constitution provides that Chief Officers may take urgent decisions if they are of the opinion that circumstances exist which make it necessary for action to be taken by the Council prior to the time when such action could be approved through normal Council Procedures. They shall, where practicable, first consult with the Leader and Chairman (or in their absence the Vice-Chairman) and the Opposition Spokesperson of the appropriate committee.

Subject: Community Lottery – Gambling Commission Licence Submission

Appropriate Committee: Homes and Communities

Details of Item

This urgency item is required to secure urgent delegated approval to adopt a number of bespoke policies, procedures and terms and conditions agreements that are required to meet the compliance requirements of the Gambling Commission (GC) to secure the Council's Community Lottery Licence.

Homes and Communities Committee approval was secured to introduce a Newark and Sherwood Community Lottery at its meeting of 14th September 2020. This approval triggered an application to the Gambling Commission to secure the necessary licence required to operate the lottery. In order to meet the time scales that have been set to launch the lottery the application needs to be completed and submitted by Monday 9th November 2020.

In order to support the application, a set of policies, procedures and terms and conditions, which meet Gambling Commission standards developed by our External Lottery Manager (ELM) Gatherwell, specifically for this purpose (Appendix A). These policies set out the Council's commitment to ensure that it follows a robust regime of compliance with the regulatory requirements of the Licence. Due to the urgent timescale there is insufficient time to refer the matter to Homes and Communities for decision; therefore it is being considered under the urgency process.

Equalities Implications

There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications

Financial implications associated with the community lottery proposal were addressed in the Homes and Communities committee report on 14th September 2020, under financial reference FIN20-21/6869.

Decision

That the policies, procedures and terms and conditions agreements identified in this report and attached at Appendix A be approved, and submitted to the Gambling Commission in order to meet the regulatory requirements of the licence application process.

Reason for Decision

To ensure the application process can be expedited.

Members Consulted:

Cllr. Tim Wendels – Chairman - Homes and Communities

Cllr. Rhona Holloway – Vice Chairman - Homes and Communities

Cllr. Kathleen Arnold- Opposition Spokes Person- Homes and Communities

All members consulted on 9th November 2020, urgency item emailed and follow up telephone call or voice mail message left.



Signed

Date: 9th November 2020

Director – Housing, Health and Wellbeing

Appendix A

- 1) Children and vulnerable person's protection policy
- 2) Fair and Open Gambling policy
- 3) Implementation of procedures policy
- 4) Protection from source of Crime and Disorder policy
- 5) Remote Technical Standards policy
- 6) Social responsibility in gambling policy
- 7) Complaint Procedure
- 8) Terms and Conditions
- 9) Game Rules