Questions answered outside the meeting

Could the £60 contribution be split between a number of small organisations?

Officers have consulted with Gatherwell Ltd on this question, who have advised that whilst players cannot choose multiple causes if they are subscribing for a year, they can opt to purchase on a monthly basis and choose a different cause each month. Officers have suggested this function be on a future development roadmap for Gatherwell Ltd.

Provide a list of all participating organisations:

The list is attached for the first year of operation, June 2023 to June 2024

Portfolio Holder to Speak to Head of Service as to whether it would be appropriate to offer our own services as additional prizes (gym membership etc)

The Head of Service for Culture and Leisure has confirmed that membership could be offered as part of a special prize, possibly to celebrate 2 years of the Community Lottery.

60% to good causes – report shows 52% which is different to what was agreed in the original paper (I've copied Simon Copper in as he was looking into this from a legal perspective)

Officers have reviewed the rules and can confirm that the standard approach across community lotteries is that any fees and administration costs that a Council extracts are included in the stated 60% to good causes and that there is no requirement to publish this detail. In addition, the Gambling Commission permits the local authority to use net proceeds of lotteries for any purpose for which they have the power to incur expenditure. Therefore, Exeter have followed the correct procedure.

For clarity, money to good causes (external and ECC) is as follows:

2023/24 – Please note that this covers the first, incomplete year, (approximately 9 months), of operation.

Breakdown

- o Total Money to Causes: £36,462 (60% of Ticket Sales)
- o ECC Costs deducted for first year set up, fees and marketing: £6,149 (10% of Ticket Sales)
 - Total to causes with ECC cost deducted: £30,313 (50% of Ticket Sales)

2024/25

Estimated breakdown

- o Total Money to Causes: £47,389(60% of Ticket Sales)
- o ECC Costs deducted for licence and membership fees: £1,581(2% of Ticket Sales)
- o Total to causes with ECC cost deducted: £45,808 (58% of Ticket Sales)

It should also be noted that the deduction for fees and administration does not have an impact on the money that either directly, through ticket sales, or indirectly, through the Community Grants Programme, goes to external good causes. This is because when purchasing a ticket, if the player selects a non-ECC cause, 50p of that ticket goes directly to that cause, as stated on the website. In relation to the Community Lottery Fund, this money, minus admin and fees, goes directly into the Community Grants Programme.

It was helpful of scrutiny to raise this issue and to allay concerns and ensure transparency we will improve the information on the website and publish a detailed breakdown of the income and expenditure at the end of each financial year.

 Revenue and expenditure in more detail (this can be in future rather than provided for the minutes)

Officers will ensure this is more clearly set out in future reports.