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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee to be held in Meeting Room C - Flook House on 18 September 2018 at 6.15 pm.

Agenda

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Minutes of the Community Scrutiny Committee held on 1 May and (Pages 5 14) Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 21 June and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 July (attached).
- 3 Public Question Time.
- 4 Declaration of Interests.
- 5 GLL Performance Update. Report of the Assistant Director (Pages 15 30) Operational Delivery
- 6 Somerset West Lottery, Year 1 Update. Report of the Housing and (Pages 31 48) Community Project Lead (attached).
- 7 Community Infrastructure Levy allocations for 2019/20-2022/23. (Pages 49 58) Report of the Principal Policy Officer. (attached).
- 8 Confidential Verbal Update relating to the leisure Procurement Project. Report of the Assistant Director Operational Delivery
- 9 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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Bruce Lang Assistant Chief Executive

10 September 2018

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Scrutiny Committee Members:

Councillor S Coles (Chairman)

Councillor F Smith-Roberts (Vice-Chair)

Councillor J Blatchford

Councillor N Cavill

Councillor W Coombes

Councillor E Gaines

Councillor A Gunner

Councillor T Hall

Councillor R Henley

Councillor R Lees

Councillor L Lisgo

Councillor S Martin-Scott

Councillor J Reed

Councillor N Townsend

Councillor D Webber

Agenda Item 2

Community Scrutiny Committee - 1 May 2018

Present: Councillor Coles (Chairman)

Councillor Ms Lisgo (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Booth, Davies, Floyd, Gage, Lees, Martin-Scott, Ryan, Townsend,

Watson and Webber.

Officers: Angela Summers (Housing and Community Project Lead), and Marcus Prouse

(Democratic Services Officer - Scrutiny).

Also present: Councillors Berry, Mrs Lees and Mrs Warmington.

Andy Ridgwell (Somerset Community Foundation).

(The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm).

29. Apologies/Substitution

Apologies were received by Councillors Mrs Blatchford and Gunner

30. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee held on 3 April 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed.

31. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Coles declared a personal interest as a Member of Somerset County Council and Member of Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service. Councillor Lisgo declared a personal interest as a Trustee of North Taunton Partnership and User of Tone Leisure's Feelgood Factory. Councillor Martin-Scott declared a personal interest as a Trustee to Bishops Fox's Educational Foundation and Trustee to Trull Memorial Hall. Councillor Watson declared a personal interest as a Member of Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone Parish Council.

32. Voluntary and Community Sector Small Grants Annual Fund Review.

Considered update previously circulated, concerning the Voluntary and Community Sector Small Grants Annual Fund Review.

Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) provided financial support to a wide range of Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations that help to deliver our corporate priorities consistent to community needs. VCS grants were awarded by the Council via the Economic Development Unit, Housing and Community (HRA, Project Team and Tenants Forum), Unparished Area and Community Leisure.

The focus of this report is reviewing the £19,800 funding which was awarded through the Housing & Community Directorate – Project Team via Somerset Community Foundation, following recommendations made by the TDBC Grants Panel for 2017/18.

The TDBC Voluntary & Community Sector Small Grants (VCSSG) were awarded via

Somerset Community Foundation (SCF). The maximum grant per VCS organisation is £1,000. The flow chart in Appendix A shows the timeline for the application process via SCF, the TDBC Grants Panel and Lead Member for 2017-18 applications.

Appendix B set out the VCS organisations, their projects and the amounts which were approved for funding in February 2018.

Appendix C detailed the SCF evaluation report for 2016-17 funded projects.

Appendix D (Confidential) illustrates those applications, which were unsuccessful in 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the reasons for this.

Appendix E illustrates copies of the press releases promoting the grant programme and the successful applicants for 2017-18.

All of the successful projects considered by the Grants Panel were understood to contribute towards a vibrant social, cultural and/or leisure environment in the Borough.

A total of £19,800 was made available from the TDBC VCS Small Grants Fund for recommendation by the Grants Panel in 2017-18. These funds were held by the SCF and any underspend would be awarded in the next Grants Panel funding round. SCF charge a 10% administration fee, which is covered within the budget. SCF more than cover this administration fee by securing match funding from other grant providers. For example in 2016-17 SCF managed to secure an additional £7,295 for our applicants in the Borough.

During the discussion of this item, Members made comments and statements and asked questions which included:-

- The committee commended the report and feedback from various groups.
- Grants that were awarded in March would take a year to report back with an update. It was requested if interim update reports could be provided to the committee.
- Councillors were involved with various organisations, the more information that was given on grants held would help Councillors understand the situation.
- Assistance was provided to grant applicants to help fill in applications.
- There were 83 different funds, decision making wasn't as fast as desired currently.
- Information was requested to be provided to Councillors in the weekly bulletin to promote support for grants.
- Any surplus in the small grants fund wold be carried forward.
- There was still the demand for small grants.
- Additional information on the amount requested as opposed to awarded would give greater context to enable a better understanding.
- Match funding allowed larger sums of money for larger projects for organisations.
- Match funding was not a specific requirement for grant applications.
- The Somerset West Lottery was sent to good causes in both districts.

- Constructive feedback for those applications that were unsuccessful was given where possible, in addition to further guidance for other sources of funding.
- A further report would be considered in the Autumn.

Resolved that:- The Community Scrutiny Committee:-

- 1. Supported launching the TDBC VCSSG Fund earlier in the autumn for the 2018-19 financial year.
- 2. Noted the 2016-17 SCF Project Evaluation Report.

33. Community Scrutiny Forward Plan.

Submitted for information the proposed Forward Plan of the Community Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved that the Forward Plan be noted.

(The meeting ended at 7:05pm)

Corporate Scrutiny Committee 21 June 2018

Present: Councillor Mrs Smith-Roberts (Chairman)

Councillors Blatchford, Coombes, Farbahi, Hall, Horsley, Hunt, Ms Lisgo, Reed

and Mrs Tucker.

Officers: Andrew Stark (Finance Manager), Richard Doyle (Corporate Performance

Officer) and Marcus Prouse (Democratic Services Officer – Scrutiny).

Also present: Councillors Sully, Warmington and Williams.

(The meeting commenced at 6.15 p.m.)

31. Apologies/Substitutions

Apologies were received from Councillors Henley, James, Parish and Mrs Smith. Substitutions:- Councillor Horsley for Mrs Smith Councillor Hunt for James

32. Minutes

The minutes of 24 May 2018 were signed and taken as read.

33. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts declared a personal interest as the Chairman of Refugee Aid. Councillor Farbahi declared a personal interest as a landowner in the Borough of Taunton Deane. Councillor Hall declared a personal interest as a Trustee of Taunton Heritage Trust. Councillor Lisgo declared personal interests as a Trustee of the North Taunton Partnership, Director of Tone FM, User of Tone Leisure Feelgood Factory.

34. Quarter 4 2017/18 Performance Report

Considered report previously circulated, concerning the Quarter 4 2017/18 Performance Report.

Regularly monitoring the performance was a key element of the Council's Performance Management Framework. There were 34 individual measures which was reported within the Corporate Scorecard.

The TDBC Corporate Scorecard contained details of the Quarter 4 2017/18 position against the Council's key priorities, finance and corporate health indicators, it was stressed that this information was at 31st March 2018.

Each action/measure was given a coloured status to provide the reader with a quick visual way of identifying whether it was on track or whether there might be some issues with performance or delivery or an action.

Further detail was provided concerning the 2 red measures for 2017/18

Reference	Description	Measure	Comments
HC4.16	Facilitate the delivery of the affordable housing development pipeline to achieve 200 new affordable homes in 2017/18 with at least 10% being new build council housing.	200 affordable housing units, 20 being new build council housing	92 Affordable homes were completed in 2017/18. Six schemes slipped in their completions into Q1 2018/19 including the Council Build.
6.2.4	Customer Complaints Responded to within 20 working days	90%	Q1 = 76.59% Q2 = 68.42% Q3 = 79.16% Q4= 77.42% Responses to complaints have been consistently below target throughout the year. Work is being undertaken to understand the reasons for this and the specific areas where we are not responding quickly enough. This will be reported to the Joint Management Team and a report will be brought to the July Scrutiny meeting.

During the discussion of this item, Members made comments and statements and asked questions which included:-

- Members of the committee were positive with the format of the report.
- Improvement in the payment of invoices was commended.
- Customer complaints were considered and the underlying reasons around this
- The introduction of a member's case manager had proved successful in

- dealing with casework and complaints that Councillors receive.
- The levels of employee change was a factor in the response to complaints. Communications needed to be more responsive to customers, more detail was requested over specific areas of the service receiving the most complaints. Housing and housing repairs area received the majority of complaints.
- The business Support team monitored complaints, figures had improved overall but it was recognised that work was still needed. Some areas had positive performances reported and had improved.
- Delays in planning applications and queries were discussed. It was recognised that performance in this area needed improvement.
- Concerns were expressed over the reduction in numbers of affordable houses built in contrast to previous years.
- Concerns were expressed in relation to housing stock and maintenance.
- The loss of staff and the subsequent impact on services was a concern from Councillors.
- Senior Management representation and Portfolio holder attendance was requested in future where there were issues with the performance reports.

Resolved:- The Corporate Scrutiny Committee noted the report.

35. Financial Monitoring Outturn 2017/18.

Considered report previously circulated, concerning the Financial Monitoring Outturn 2017/18.

The report contained information relating to the Council's financial performance for the 2017/18 financial year. The outturn figures included were provisional subject to external audit review; the findings of which are to be reported to Corporate Governance Committee in September this year.

Monitoring the budget is an important part of the Council's performance management framework.

The revenue outturn position for the financial year 2017/18 was set out:

- The General Fund (GF) Revenue Outturn position for 2017/18 was a net underspend of £21k (0.1% of Net Budget), after proposed reserve transfers and carry forwards.
- The HRA is a 'Self-Financing' account for the Council's Housing Landlord function, which was budgeted to 'break even' (net of approved transfers to/from HRA Reserves). The HRA Outturn for 2017/18 was a net overspend of £446k (1.7% of gross income).

The capital outturn position for 2017/18 was set out:

 The total General Fund Capital Programme budget is £53.304m, including ongoing schemes from previous years and new schemes approved at the start of and during 2017/18. Of this, £13.883m had already been spent in previous years and a further £4.869m has been spent during 2017/18. The projected spend in 2018/19 and future years is £34.259m (not including new 2018/19 budget approvals). A net underspend of £293k was being reported against the overall approved budget for the Programme.

The HRA approved Capital Programme at the end of 2017/18 was £18.839m. This related to schemes which would be completed over the next five years. The actual expenditure on the Capital Programme during 2017/18 was £10.126m with £8.713m for planned investment to implement approved schemes in future years. There were no reported variances against the total approved programme.

The General Fund reserves balance as at 31 March 2018 stood at £2.299m. The balance remained above the minimum reserves expectation within the Council's Budget Strategy (£1.700m).

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Reserve balance as at 31 March 2018 stood at £2.778m, which was above the minimum level (£1.800m) set within the Council's Budget Strategy and HRA Business Plan.

The total General Fund Earmarked Reserves balance as at 31 March 2018 was £21.615m, and for HRA Earmarked Reserves the balance was reported at £6.990m, representing contingencies and funds that had been set aside for specific purposes to be spent in 2018/19 or later years. This had grown largely in respect of funds committed to support growth and infrastructure development, future capital programme spending, the business rates funding volatility, creating a new council and funding set aside to support service restructuring and transformation projects. The majority of this was planned to be spent over the next two years, although experience showed this could be over a longer period.

During the discussion of this item, Members made comments and statements and asked questions which included:-

- Figures of the HRA budget were considered.
- The variance of the DLO budget was discussed.
- An accurate figure of the transformation costings to date was requested.
- Additional information had been provided around the transformation project. A split was provided detailing what had been spent between both authorities.
- There were costs expected to be reported once redundancy figures had been ascertained. The budget was still based on the business case, it was recognised that the transformation would take a greater amount of time.
- Phase one had begun, however the costs of phase two were still to be determined.
- The business rates offset for car parking was considered. TDBC were required to pay business rates on car parks. The shortfall in income was due to less use of car parks in the borough.
- The bereavement services budget included all the graveyard areas and was based on levels of demand. A greater income than expected from this service was reported.
- Vacant properties located in Blackdown Business Park were questioned.
 Some of the units had proved difficult to let.
- In relation to Housing Enabling, housing around the Hinkley area included part of TDBC.
- Business rates was now one of the main sources of funding, this could move

- to 100% by 2020/2021. Business rates retention had been positive in the financial year.
- The Medium Term Financial plan for the new council was difficult due to the variances of business rates and the potentially volatile nature of the Hinkley Point project.
- The first year's budget for the new council would be considered as accurate, beyond that there was a lot of uncertainty around changes to business rates along with the split between upper tier and lower tier.
- The DLO trading account was considered, concerns were raised that the figures each year remained the same.
- The total cost of the variable message signage was requested.
- Earmarked reserves were being reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team to be brought back to Councillors.
- The DLO relocation had come under budget, this underspend could be reallocated.
- There was no movement in the insurance reserve, more information would be provided on this.
- Departments that had overspends in previous years would still have pressure on them such as homelessness. Trends were taken into account in some areas to assist future budget setting.

Resolved:- The Corporate Scrutiny Committee noted the proposed recommendations to the Executive as followed:

- (a) It is recommended that the Executive noted the reported General Fund Revenue Budget underspend of £21k in 2017/18 and the General Reserves Balance of £2.299m as at 31 March 2018.
- (b) It is recommended the Executive recommends that Full Council approves General Fund Revenue Budget Carry Forwards totalling £1.195m (as set out in table 3 of the report).
- (c) It is recommended the Executive recommends that Full Council approves a General Fund Capital Programme Budget Profile totalling £34.259m in 2018/19 and Later Years (as set out in Appendix B).
- (d) It is recommended the Executive recommends that Full Council approves Housing Revenue Account Budget Carry Forwards totalling £344k (as set out in table 13 of the report).
- (e) It is recommended the Executive recommends that Full Council approves a Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme Budget Profile totalling £8.713m in 2018/19 and Later Years (as set out in Appendix D).

36. Corporate Scrutiny Forward Plan

Submitted for information the proposed Forward Plan of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

An item on Frobisher Way will be reported at the July meeting.

Resolved that the Forward Plan be noted.

(The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.)

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Scrutiny – 18th September 2018

GLL Performance report January – July 2018

Report of the Assistant Director Operational Delivery – Chris Hall (This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Vivienne Stock-Williams)

1. Executive Summary

This report and the confidential appendices set out the operational and financial performance that GLL provide for TDBC. GLL raise concerns in terms of usage numbers and income noting that they are adrift of their income budgeted position, however they are mitigating this through reduced expenditure. The current agreement does not pass any of this risk onto TDBC.

2. Recommendations

This committee is recommended to note the content of this report.

3. Risk Assessment

Risk Matrix

Description	Likelihood	Impact	Overall
A reduction in users impacts the viability of the arrangements with GLL	Possible (3)	Major (4)	Medium (12)
GLL set their own budgets and surplus expectations, they are also required, and are financially able to operate with a reduced surplus for the term of the leases.	Unlikely (2)	Major (4)	Medium (8)
Inflation and operating costs continue to rise making the service unaffordable	Possible (3)	Major (4)	Medium (12)
GLL are recovering their reduced surplus and income by reducing their expenditure.	Unlikely (2)	Moderate (3)	Low (6)

4. Background

4.1 The financial performance of GLL has no direct risk or benefit to TDBC, GLL are not required to share any profits with TDBC and TDBC don't share any operating risk with GLL. This means that TDBC's financial contribution is stable regardless of the performance of the operator. This is the agreement that was in place with Tone Leisure and is typical one created at the time.

- 4.2 The report identifies that the financial performance of the contract is not meeting GLL's budget expectations.
- 4.3 GLL have made changes to the way that central costs are recorded, this makes comparing year to year finances harder as there is no requirement for GLL to specify their central costs, GLL do note that they are no longer operating the South Hams contract and as a result there is a £225k loss of financial support, whilst reported to the last meeting this will continue to have an impact for them locally.
- 4.4 TDBC have an interest in the performance of the sites beyond just the finances, the numbers of people engaged in leisure activities and the work that GLL are doing to ensure these services remain accessible to the public should be scrutinised and the attached report covers some specific areas of success.
- 4.5 Councillors will be aware that a number of changes to resources are now being implemented as part of the transformation programme. The GLL contract will move officers on 1st October. Members are assured that this transition will not materially affect the delivery of the contract.

5. Finance / Resource implications

- 5.1 The arrangements in place with GLL are through leases on the properties included in the contract and a management fees charged by GLL to TDBC. This figure has decreased over the years and currently stands at £281k pa.
- 5.2 In the previous report Members were made aware that the high ropes loan was coming to an end. I can confirm that all payments due to the council have been received, this asset remains in GLL ownership pending the completion of the current lease and management fee agreements in July 2019. As part of the leisure procurement activity officers are looking at the need to transfer the asset to us.

6. Legal implications

6.1 There are no implications as a result of this update report.

7. Environmental Implications

7.1 There are no implications as a result of this update report.

8. Asset Management Implications

8.1 There are no implications as a result of this update report.

9. Equalities Impact

9.1 There are no implications as a result of this update report.

10. Risk Management

10.1 There are no implications as a result of this update report.

11. Partnership Implications

11.1 There are no implications as a result of this update report.

Democratic Path:

- Scrutiny Yes
- Executive No
- Full Council No

Reporting Frequency: 6 Monthly

Appendices:

1 GLL performance Report

2a Confidential site by site data

2b Confidential management accounts data

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Risk Scoring Matrix

	5	Almost Certain	Low (5)	Medium (10)	High (15)	Very High (20)	Very High (25)
b	4	Likely	Low (4)	Medium (8)	Medium (12)	High (16)	Very High (20)
Likelihood	3	Possible	Low (3)	Low (6)	Medium (9)	Medium (12)	High (15)
	2	Unlikely	Low (2)	Low (4)	Low (6)	Medium (8)	Medium (10)
	1	Rare	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Low (5)
			1	2	3	4	5
			Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
			Impact				

Likelihood of risk occurring	Indicator	Description (chance of occurrence)
1. Very Unlikely	May occur in exceptional circumstances	< 10%
2. Slight	Is unlikely to, but could occur at some time	10 – 25%
3. Feasible	Fairly likely to occur at same time	25 – 50%
4. Likely	Likely to occur within the next 1-2 years, or	50 – 75%
	occurs occasionally	
5. Very Likely	Regular occurrence (daily / weekly / monthly)	> 75%



Report of James Curry, Head of Service (South West and Wales Region) (This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Mrs. Vivienne Stock-Williams)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report highlights the overall performance of Greenwich Leisure Limited trading as 'BETTER' for the period January-July 2018.

1. Background

1.1 Tone Leisure Group Limited merged with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) on 1st January, 2017 following an 18 month period as a subsidiary of the same company. GLL, who operate under the 'BETTER' brand, are a Social Enterprise and Charitable Leisure Trust who will continue to work in partnership with Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) to operate the Council's leisure facilities and deliver community programmes across the district.

This report summarises GLL's performance for the seven months January-July 2018.

2. **Performance Report**

2.1 Financial Performance of GLL

See Confidential Appendix 1 attached on pink paper.

2.2 The Four Pillars

GLL has four core pillars at the heart of everything it does; these are Better Service, Better People, Better Communities and Better Business.

An update on the four pillars in Taunton Deane is given below.

BETTER Communities

- Walk Well in Taunton Deane GLL has had exceptional numbers so far this year, with 3,384 participations in Taunton from January-July and 1,800 participations in Wellington. The growth of the scheme is due to the support and dedication of 49 volunteers who support the programme. These volunteers have given nearly 2,000 hours of volunteer support time in 2018.
- Naturally Healthy Month GLL took part in the annual Naturally Healthy Month initiative supported by Somerset Public Health and Somerset Wildlife Trust. The marketing for this has been advertised widely and included all of the Walk Well Health Walks.
- Taunton Deane Borough Council Staff Walk In addition to our weekly walk programme GLL offered a number of additional walks, including a lunchtime walk for Taunton Deane staff. Meeting at The Deane House, the walkers enjoyed some of the local beauty spots to The Deane House, including Longrun Meadow and French Weir.
- Festival of Walks (26th May-3rd June) Walk Well in Wellington took part in the county wide Festival of Walks, supported by the Ramblers Association. GLL's challenge was to organise two local walks which showcased 'Hidden Gems' in the local area. Walks were organised in Wellington Park and Swains Lane Nature Reserve.
- Dementia Awareness Week (21st-28th May) A number of activities were planned in Wellington to support Dementia Awareness Week, including GLL's annual health walk from Wellington Sports Centre to raise awareness of the disease.
 - Following the walk a Fraud and Scam Workshop was held at Wellington Sports Centre. The session was led by NatWest Community Banker Trudi Henderson and, with 38 people attending, she gave everyone some very useful tips and advice for not only staying safe on line, but also protecting yourself from telephone and doorstep scams.
- Somerset Drug and Alcohol Event: Recovery in the Park Better staff attended the Somerset Drug and Alcohol Event Recovery in the Park in Priorswood. The aim of the event was to encourage those who are in recovery to become more physically active. The event was supported by a variety of different local organisations; GLL offered one day passes to those wanting to make lifestyle changes, enabling them to have free access to BETTER leisure centres across Taunton.
- Parkinson's Class Two new classes started in July at Wellsprings Leisure Centre for Healthwise (GP Referral) customers who have received a Parkinson's diagnosis. The sessions are proving very popular, with eight regular attenders on each session. Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists will be visiting the sessions over the coming months.

- Swimming Vouchers and Swimming Lessons GLL are working with Taunton Deane Borough Council to provide swimming vouchers or swimming lessons for families in areas of higher deprivation. These vouchers are now being distributed across the district by local partner agencies.
- GLL Sport Foundation 21 local athletes applied to the GLL Sport Foundation Programme and received a financial award for 2018, with an additional 23 athletes receiving a training award. This is a direct financial commitment to local athletes of £23,350. Athletes have access to all GLL facilities across the country to support their training programme.

The GLL Sport Foundation presentation evening was held at Wellsprings Leisure Centre in May; over 40 people, including athletes and their families, attended the event. The Regional Director, Juliette Dickinson, gave the introduction, followed by the Portfolio Holder Cllr. Vivienne Stock-Williams. A certificate, GLL Sport Foundation Pin Badge and GLL bag and water bottle were then presented by the Mayor of Taunton Deane, Cllr. Catherine Herbert, to all athletes attending the event.

 Active Communities - GLL have worked in partnership with Liverty Housing (formerly Knightstone Housing) through the Active Communities project for 3½ years. The project has provided a number of very successful programmes including Wellington Ladies Community Circuit classes at St. John's School.

One of the projects, Bumps and Beyond providing ante and post natal exercise classes for new mums and mums-to-be in partnership with Midwives from Somerset NHS Trust, has now been extended across Somerset. Aqua natal sessions led by trained instructors are currently running at Blackbrook Leisure Centre and Spa, Wellington Sports Centre and Taunton Pool.

- Revitalise Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership and MacMillan Cancer Support launched their new 'Revitalise' initiative to help people living with cancer become more active this month. Better instructor Freddie is part of the programme and has undertaken specialised training to support those people on our programmes.
- Cancer event Better staff have attended four cancer events this quarter in conjunction with the Beacon Centre, Musgrove Park Hospital and Macmillan. Regular health and wellbeing events and Breast Cancer Moving On days are provided in Taunton for patients across the Somerset area post treatment.

BETTER People

- Walk leaders Joy Boaden and Jenny Dilley, who are both key volunteers for Walk Well in Taunton Deane, were nominated for the GLL Nick Francis Community Award for their hard work and dedication to the Health Walk programme over many years. They both secured a place at the national finals on 9th February in London.
- GLL host an annual Communications Day to communicate key messages to the wider team, while also recognising staff achievements over the last 12

months. Taunton Deane's event was on 2nd February, 2018. Each centre recognised a staff member and one of these was shortlisted for the GLL National Awards in London. Taunton Deane's representative was Sue Gunstone from the Vivary Golf and Adventure Centre. Sue was rewarded with one of the GLL Achieving More Awards.

- GLL have 3 apprentices currently in Taunton Deane and remain committed to appointing more apprentices across the district.
- GLL celebrated their 25th anniversary in July and staff across the UK celebrated this achievement with various local and national events. This included recognition of GLL's role as a social enterprise at the Houses of Parliament and an event at the BT Tower in London for front line staff who have gone above and beyond. Ben Osborne, Assistant Manager at Blackbrook Leisure Centre and Spa, attended on behalf of the Taunton Deane contract in recognition of his 'can do' attitude.
- 68 Lifeguards in Taunton Deane have completed their Life Changing Event training, designed to ensure GLL's Lifeguards recognise the important role they have in drowning prevention.
- Sickness for the period January-July 2018 was 2.22%, falling below the 3% target.
- Staff turnover was 3.2% against a target of <10%.

BETTER Service

GLL continues to use the Net Promoter Score (NPS) to measure customer satisfaction within Taunton Deane. At the end of July 2018 the contract is showing a 2% improvement on the same period in 2017. This is clearly positive, with the trend clearly upwards as we move through 2018. It is pleasing to see Blackbrook showing strong improvements in recent months, with a July score of 47%; this despite some challenging publicity about the cleanliness of the changing rooms, which has been positively and proactively tackled. Blackbrook now has a 'no shoe' policy in the changing rooms.

Centre	2017	2018 YTD	Change
Blackbrook Leisure Centre and Spa	21%	24%	+3%
Taunton Pool	31%	36%	+5%
Vivary Golf Course	69%	78%	+9%
Wellington Sports Centre	14%	11%	-3%
Wellsprings Leisure Centre	40%	40%	0%
Taunton Deane Contract	23%	25%	+2%

- GLL completed the Taunton Deane annual user survey earlier in 2018. This survey scores users' customer satisfaction through a portal based in the centre and on-line surveys. Taunton Deane scored very well: Blackbrook 85%, Taunton Pool 93%, Wellington 88% and Wellsprings 94%.
- GLL successfully achieved QUEST entry level at Blackbrook Leisure Centre and Spa, Taunton Pool, Wellington Sports Centre and Wellsprings Leisure Centre during the spring of 2018. The Assessor made some extremely positive comments about each centre and GLL are confident these centres will be well equipped to make the next step to QUEST plus in the next 18 months.

QUEST is a tool for continuous improvement, designed primarily for the management of leisure facilities and sports development. GLL proactively engages all of its centres in this scheme to support continuous improvement in standards across the group.

QUEST is managed by Right Directions in partnership with Leisure-net Solutions. It defines industry standards and good practice and encourages their ongoing development and delivery within a customer focused management framework. It continues to provide the sector with an effective operational quality mark in a cost effective manner.

 GLL has a strong focus on Lifeguard standards and audits centres a minimum of twice per year. All Taunton Deane centres have scored above the minimum 90%.

BETTER Business

- At the end of period 7, 2018, GLL is £60,490 better than business plan. Disappointingly, sales are missing budget by £209,539, with a positive saving on budgeted costs of £270,029.
- Membership sales across Taunton Deane have been very challenging in 2018 and this is particularly impacting Wellsprings and Wellington. Two new national fitness facilities have opened in the district: Anytime Fitness in Wellington and Snap Fitness in Taunton. With GLL at the end of its contract period, combating new competition with limited scope to invest makes it a very tough environment to operate in.
- Financial performance at Blackbrook is strong; both sales (+£32k) and costs (+£72k) are above budget and there are good improvements on last year.
- Vivary, after a broadly positive 2017, has suffered again in 2018, mainly due to the weather. The winter period and early spring were wiped out with flooding and snow accounting for over 30 full days of closure. There is no doubt this has impacted a key period to attract members onto the course and green fees have failed to pick up in the summer months.

- Taunton Pool has seen positive growth in swimming membership, but this
 does not mask the worrying decline in casual swimming which is impacting
 the bottom line, with income £46k off budget. There is no doubt Blackbrook is
 proving more attractive to the family market and the traditional casual
 swimmer.
- Wellsprings Leisure Centre has lost two major hirers in 2018. The Taunton Academy discontinued its use of the facility in autumn 2017 for the 2017/18 academic year, and the Whirlwinds Trampoline Club relocated to the new trampoline park in Wellington. This loss has contributed £35k to the £60k shortfall on income at the end of July 2018.

Recent strategic meetings between GLL and the Taunton Academy have resulted in GLL agreeing a heavily subsidised hire arrangement for the academy from September 2018 to ensure the students of this school do not face another academic year without quality sports provision. It is hoped this renewed partnership, which demonstrates GLL's status as a social enterprise, will help support the school's recovery and the health and wellbeing of this deprived area of Taunton.

- When comparing the financial position with 2017, the leisure centre sales are £222,201 worse than last year, with costs £135,185 better. This performance is representative of the highly competitive marketplace GLL are operating in now in Taunton. With less than a year left on the contract there is no scope to invest within the district, which makes it very difficult to compete with new entrants to the market.
- Health and Fitness membership across Taunton Deane continues to decline and at the end of July was 453 heads down on the same period in 2017. This can be attributed to the reasons already highlighted in this report. Conversely SwimSchool heads are growing across all centres and remain above budgeted expectations.
- Costs are £270,029 better than budget, with savings being made across all cost lines.

3. Conclusion

3.1 There is no doubt 2018 continues to be challenging with cost mitigation supporting the shortfall on income, ensuring the bottom line is positive. Increased competition in the last 6 to 8 months has made it an extremely tough marketplace to operate in, and there has been a heavy focus on delivering an efficient and effective service. It is good to see customer satisfaction is improving and there is no doubt the new management team at Blackbrook are working hard to ensure the customer experience meets expectations. The new partnership with the Taunton Academy will ensure the Wellsprings Leisure Centre continues to be used for what it was intended when built, and there remains a huge amount of community and partner engagement, supporting the wider community in helping increase activity levels and improving health. GLL, as a social enterprise, also continues to invest in local athletes who rely on our support and are gaining national recognition for their efforts in their chosen sports.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is RECOMMENDED that the Community Scrutiny Committee notes the content of Greenwich Leisure Limited's Performance Monitoring Report.

James Curry Head of Service

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Taunton Deane Borough Council

Community Scrutiny – 18th September 2018

Somerset West Lottery - Year One Update

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Jane Warmington

Report Author: Angela Summers

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) and West Somerset Council (WSC) agreed to launch a joint on-line community lottery Somerset West Lottery (SWL) in July 2017. In less than a year the lottery managed to raise nearly £50,000 for local good causes across the two areas.
- 1.2 The focus of this report is:
- 1.2.1 To outline the performance the Somerset West Lottery;
- 1.2.2 To summarise the involvement of local good causes; and
- 1.2.3 To explain how the Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund is managed.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the first year's performance of the Somerset West Lottery; and
- 2.2 To support the continuation of the present management arrangements of the Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund.

3 Background

3.1 TDBC and WSC were included in the first local authorities to launch a community lottery based on the Aylesbury Vale District Council's 'Vale Lottery' model. The Councils commissioned Gatherwell as our External Lottery Management organisation to operate the Somerset West Lottery. The Somerset West Lottery was launched to local good causes in May 2017 with the first draw on Saturday 29th July 2017.

4 Somerset West Lottery Progress

4.1 Operator Report (as of 13th August 2018) – outlined below are the present sales figures from the Somerset West Lottery:

Players	
Tickets	1392
Players	705
Ticket Per Player	1.97

Winners	
Prize winners	1643
Amount Paid to	£6,750
Winners in Cash Prizes	
Bolt-on prizes	 A weekend at the Royal Seven Stars Hotel, Totnes Marks & Spencer's Christmas Hamper Valentine's Dunster Steam Express Trip for two on the West Somerset Railway Two tickets to the Taunton Flower Show A Family Pass to Hestercombe Gardens for a year A Family Pass to a Taunton Town Football Club League Match (September 2018)

All causes	
Causes	83 (active)
Funds raised to date	£49,424.40

Operator	
Community Fund Tickets	444
Community Funds Raised to Date*	£23,964.40
	(55% TD + 45% WS split)

^{*}includes 10% raised from other causes

- 4.2 Somerset West Lottery has exceeded our expectations and is performing very well, when compared with other local authority community lotteries. These lotteries have provided a new way of generating income for our local good causes.
- 4.3 Our Housing & Community Project Team Lead participates in the Local Authority Forum Network. This Forum is useful for exchanging best practice, new ideas and lessons learnt with fellow officers from other participating councils.
- 4.4 During the first year 90% of our local good causes were actively recruiting supporters. Our top performing causes were:

	Top Performing Local Good Causes				
	Taunton		Trident		
2017/18	Town	Watchet	Youth &	Minehead	Home Start
Ticket	Football	Bowling	Community	Swimming	West
Sales	Club	Club	Centre	Pool Project	Somerset
Totals	2,814	2,437	2,360	2,227	2,106

- 4.5 Appendix A outlines how the Somerset West Lottery operates for potential supporters, local good causes and the involvement of the Council and Somerset Community Foundation.
- 4.6 Appendix B summaries how Somerset Community Foundation administers the Somerset West Lottery Local Community Funds. The maximum grant per voluntary and community sector applicant is £1,000.

- 4.7 The flow chart in Appendix C displays the timeline for the application process via Somerset Community Foundation, the TDBC Grants Panel and Lead Member for 2018/19 applications.
- 4.8 Appendix D illustrates the successful voluntary and community organisations, their projects and the amounts which were approved for funding in February 2018.
- 4.9 Appendix E (Confidential) illustrates the unsuccessful application for the first application round for 2017/18 and the reasons for this.
- 4.10 Appendix F illustrates examples of the press releases promoting Somerset West Lottery and the Local Community Fund grant programmes, including the successful applicants for 2017/18.

5 Forward Plan

- 5.1 Targets for Ticket Sales
- **5.1.1** During the first year 10% of our local good causes were inactive and had not recruited any supporters by May 2018. Each of these causes were contacted and offered assistance. This resulted in some causes becoming active and other deciding to withdraw. We presently have 83 active causes.
- **5.1.2** Going forward we will be introducing a weekly ticket sale target of 20 per local good cause, which will be monitored. Those who are unable to make the target will be provided with additional support, if they still fail to reach the target, their organisation will be removed from the lottery, following discussions with the local good cause..
- 5.2 Syndicates: It is now possible for players to take part in the lottery are part of a syndicate to increase their chances of winning. Somerset West Lottery has a bespoke 'syndicate' form, which we have shared with local good causes as an additional recruiting tool.

6 Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

6.1 All of the successful projects considered by the Grants Panel were understood to contribute towards a vibrant social, cultural and/or leisure environment in the Borough.

7 Finance / Resource Implications

7.1 A total of £7,845.67 was made available from the Taunton Deane Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund for recommendation by the Grants Panel in 2017/18. These funds were held by the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) and any underspend would be awarded in the next Grants Panel funding round. SCF charge 10% for support costs, which is covered by the Housing & Community Project Team budget. SCF more than cover their costs by securing match funding from other grant providers. For example SCF managed to secure an additional £3,450 for our applicants in the Borough.

8 Legal Implications (if any)

8.1 SCF ensures each applicant agrees to the terms and conditions for their allocated grant.

9 Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications

9.1 All applicants need to produce copies of their safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults.

10 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 10.1 Any voluntary or community sector applicant would need to provide activities or services within the Borough of Taunton Deane, for the benefit of local people and communities, visitors may also benefit from the services/facilities, but not to the exclusion of local residents.
- 10.2 Groups that promote a particular religious or political belief would be excluded. However, this would not preclude religious organisations applying for assistance to provide social or welfare work connected with their organisation or good causes operating from religious premises, which offer services to all the community in the area as these would be considered.
- 10.3 The Grants Panel consider any potential equalities impact and the reduction of inequalities from project proposals received.

11 Partnership Implications

- 11.1 The grants increase the potential for joint bids coming forward from our voluntary and community sector, thereby strengthening their partnership working and increasing their sustainability by sharing project costs.
- 11.2 The Council's close working in relationship with Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) has led to increased amounts of funding for voluntary and community sector organisations, in the Borough, via match funding sourced by SCF. Thereby demonstrating the value of partnership delivery of the Somerset West Lottery.

12 Health and Wellbeing Implications

- 12.1 Many of the first voluntary and community sector funding applications have assisted with improving the health and wellbeing of our communities. For example, friendships clubs that tackle isolation and loneliness for older people in Blackbrook and West Buckland; projects for adults with learning disabilities and children with special education needs; and a suicide prevention initiative at Taunton station.
- 12.2 The majority of the grant applications enable:
 - People, families and communities to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing;
 - Families and communities to thrive and be resilient; and
 - Somerset people are able to live independently

13 Consultation Implications

13.1 Once application details are received from Somerset Community Foundation, they are shared with officers who manage the grants for Community Leisure, Unparished Area, Tenants Forum, Housing – HRA and Economic Development. As a consequence some applicants are redirected to other grants within the council, for example,

applications for village halls or play areas are often more suitable for Community Leisure grants.

Democratic Path:

Scrutiny – Yes
 Executive – Yes / No
 Full Council – No

Reporting Frequency: Annually

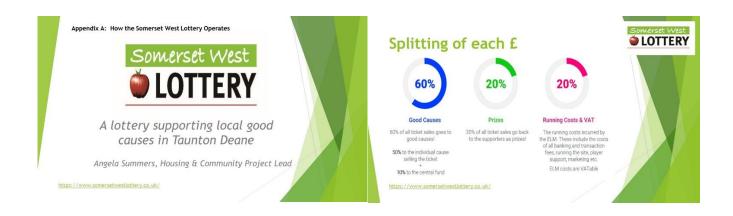
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Appendix A: How Somerset West Lottery Operates







Appendix A: How Somerset West Lottery Operates continued ...

Taunton Deane's Portion

- Funds direct to Taunton Deane Local Good Causes: £11,413
- ► Funds to Taunton Deane Somerset West Lottery - Local Community Fund: £12,143,27
- ▶ Total for Taunton Deane: £23,556.27

https://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/



Application criteria contd...

- ► How much is available? Grants of up to £1,000
- ► How long are grants for? Within 12 months
- What do we want to fund? Most types of community activity or project, including core costs, run by local organisations
- How do I make an application?

http://www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetwestlotte

https://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/

Future funding available

- In March 2018, nearly £8,000 was generated for the SWL Local Community Fund - 16 applications were received and funds allocated
- Second round for applications opened in July and has just closed. These will now be assessed by Somerset Community Foundation and recommendations made to our Grants Panel on 23rd October 2018
- ► Third round likely to be launched in November, given present sales levels.

https://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/





Application criteria

- ▶ Who can apply?
- ▶ Local charity, voluntary or community group, sports club, or social enterprise based within either Taunton Deane or West Somerset
- ▶ You must have:
 - ▶a bank account in the name of your group
 - ▶a governing document
 - ▶a management committee / board of local people

https://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/



Any questions?

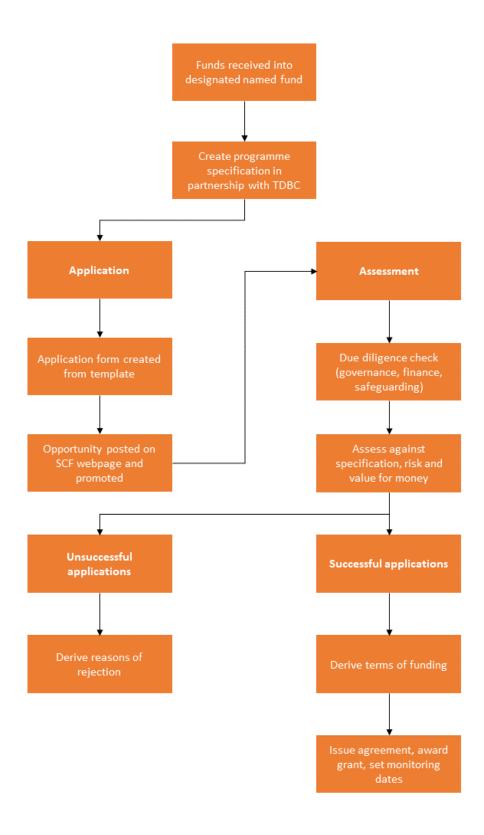
- ▶ How it works
- ▶ Present performance
- ▶Future funding available
- ► Application criteria

https://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/



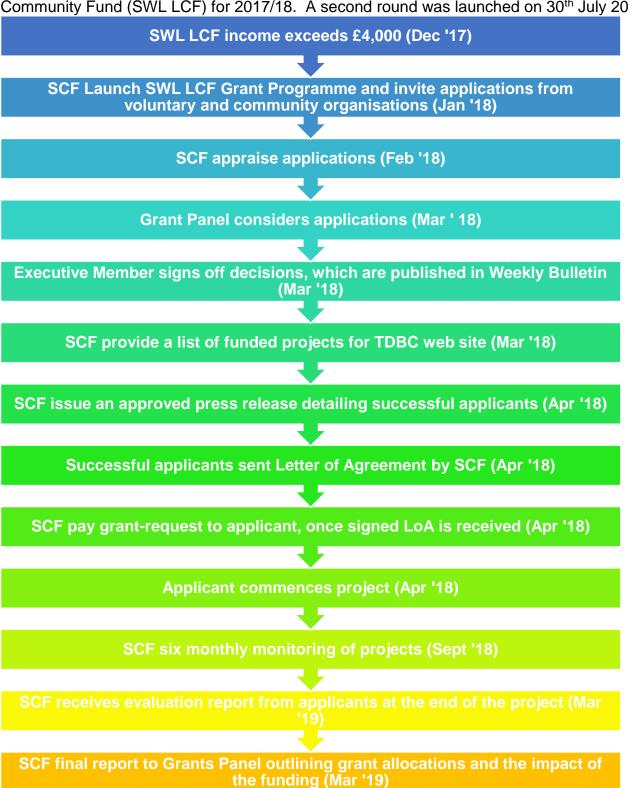
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Appendix B: How Somerset Community Foundation Administers the Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund Applications



Appendix C: Timeline for Applications for the Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund

The following flow chart illustrates the allocation process with Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) managing the applications for the TDBC Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund (SWL LCF) for 2017/18. A second round was launched on 30th July 2018.



Appendix D: Successful Voluntary and Community Sector Organisation Applicants for the Somerset West Lottery Local Community Funds

A total of £6,300 was awarded with a balance of £1,545.67 to be carried forward to the Grants Panel on 23rd October 2018.

Organisation	Project	Full Project	Amount	Amount	SCF
		Cost	Requested	Awarded	Match
Blackbrook Friendship Club*	Club outings and speakers	£2,000	£1,000	£550	£0
Churchinford & District Village Hall	Redecoration of the main hall	£2,088	£2,088	£600	£1,000
Escape Support Group*	Daytrips for children with disabilities	£1,600	£1,000	£250	£0
Mencap Taunton*	Core running costs	£2,600	£1,000	£200	£0
Morth Taunton Partnership*	Pride in Priorswood	£11,233	£1,000	£700	£1,000
Mynehead Jubilee Playing Field	Cycling and walking track	£25,000	£1,000	£400	£750
Somerset Anne Frank Awards	Exhibition	£4,000	£1,000	£650	£0
Taunton East Development Trust	Fundraising support	£1,000	£1,000	£600	£0
Taunton Team Chaplaincy	Rail responders	£1,500	£1,000	£500	£500
Wellington Bowls Club	Clubhouse alterations	£35,000	£1,000	£400	£0
Wellington Medical Centre PPG	Transport scheme	£6,122	£1,000	£600	£200
West Buckland Friendship Club*	Club outings	£1,200	£600	£250	£0
WHERE*	Intergenerational activities	£3,987	£1,000	£600	£0
TOTAL		£97,330	£13,688	£6,300	£3,450

Appendix F: A Selection of Press Releases promoting the Somerset West Lottery and the SWL Local Community Fund Grant Programme and the Successful Applicants

Fifteen news articles have been released to the press since the Somerset West Lottery. Below is a selection from the press releases.

News Release

17 July 2017

Community lottery tickets selling fast

TICKETS for the new Somerset West Lottery - with a £25,000 top prize – are selling fast with 1,000 bought already ahead of the first draw taking place on Saturday 29 July.

The local on-line lottery <u>www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk</u> has been set up by the Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council and is open to anyone, aged over 16 to raise money for charities and local good causes in Taunton Deane and West Somerset.

It costs £1 per game to play and players could win up to £25,000 as part of the weekly draw. Those paying by direct debit need to register now to make sure they are entered in the first draw as it takes time for banks to complete the process. Those without internet access can call 0300 30 20 666 to buy a ticket. The cost of dialing this telephone number is exactly the same as calling a geographic landline telephone number.

The Councils want to make sure good causes and local charities can continue to receive financial support into the future.

Sixty per cent of the money raised will go to local good causes. The rest of the money will go towards the prize money, an external lottery manager who will run the game, and VAT.

Players can set up a monthly payment in advance with the option to do a three, six or 12 month repeating subscription by direct debit or payment card.

Winners will be informed via email and will have the money transferred automatically to their chosen bank account.

Everyone who buys a ticket for the first draw will automatically be entered for the chance to win a two night stay at the Royal Seven Stars Hotel, Totnes (https://www.royalsevenstars.co.uk/), a sister hotel to the Luttrell Hotel in Dunster. The councils would like to thank Anne and Nigel Way, the owners of the luxury hotels, for the generous prize for the first draw.

ENDS

Released jointly on behalf of Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council

Contact:

- Debbie Rundle Media & Communications officer 10823 356407 or 01984 635280

News Release

October 2017

Good causes benefit from local lottery

LOCAL good causes are continuing to benefit from the Somerset West Lottery – a joint enterprise launched by Taunton Deane Borough and West Somerset Councils.

Last month - September 2017 - Somerset West Lottery payments to good causes in the two districts for £3,728.40 have just been approved. This is an increase of £612.90 to local good causes on the August payment.

Trident Youth & Community Centre and Taunton Town Football Club continue to top the ticket sales and will receive payments of more than £100 each this month.

Watchet Bowling Club, Compass Disability Services and Home Start West Somerset are well on their way to 200 ticket sales.

So far, a total of 83 local good causes have registered with seven welcomed this month alone. The number of supporters has risen to more than 750.

It costs £1 per game to play and winners could win up to £25,000 as part of the weekly draw. Each week, the winning numbers are published on the Somerset West Lottery home page: https://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/

Players have a 50 to one chance of winning one of the prizes. From each £1 ticket, 60p goes to local good causes, 20% goes to the prize fund, and the balance meets running costs and VAT.

The lottery management company, Gatherwell, has been appointed to run the scheme.

ENDS

Released jointly on behalf of Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council **Contact:** Debbie Rundle Media & Communications officer 01823 356407 or 01984 635280

News Release

3 July 2018

Local Lottery celebrates first successful year

The Somerset West Lottery is celebrating its first anniversary this month and to celebrate The Hestercombe Gardens Trust has donated a year's family pass as a bonus prize.

Everyone who buys a Lottery ticket during July will automatically be entered into the bonus draw at the end of the month when one lucky family will win the chance to enjoy the unique attraction all year round.

Hestercombe Gardens span three centuries of history and design. The Formal Garden is hailed as one of the finest examples of the world-renowned partnership between garden designer Gertrude Jekyll and architect Sir Edwin Lutyens.

Cllr Jane Warmington, the Borough Council's executive councillor for Community Leadership, said: "I am thrilled that we are able to offer this wonderful prize for our first anniversary draw. It is very generous of Hestercombe and will be an opportunity for them to showcase their gorgeous gardens. I hope it will encourage even more people to try their luck at the Lottery and support local good causes at the same time."

The Somerset West Lottery gives 60p from every £1 ticket to local charities and good causes. Players can choose which cause they want to support.

It has raised £40,979.98 for local good causes in Taunton Deane and West Somerset since it was launched.

Ninety organisations have signed up to benefit so far and 15 of these have over 100 people supporting their good cause each month. Taunton Town Football Club, Home Start West Somerset, Watchet Bowling Club and Minehead Swimming Pool Project are on their way to 300 people supporting their organisation every month.

Cllr David Westcott, West Somerset Council's executive member for Community and Customer, said: "The Somerset West Lottery is a great way to support local charity and voluntary organisations. Well done to everyone who is promoting their part in the Lottery and thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket. I am delighted by your efforts in raising funds and helping our local communities."

The Lottery is a joint initiative by Taunton Deane Borough and West Somerset Councils and an example of the two authorities working together in partnership.

Players have a 50 to one chance of winning one of the prizes, which range from the £25,000 jackpot to three extra tickets.

To buy your tickets or register as a good cause visit <u>www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk</u> ENDS

Released jointly on behalf of Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council

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Copies of SCF Press Releases

Press Release: for immediate release

08/01/2018

Lottery funds available for community groups in Taunton Deane and West Somerset

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for local charities, voluntary or community groups, sports clubs, or social enterprises based within either Taunton Deane or West Somerset and the deadline to apply is Monday 26 February.

The Local Community Fund, which is administered by Somerset Community Foundation on behalf of Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset District Council, was set up to support community projects in the local area by distributing money raised from the Somerset West Lottery, which raises money within the community for the community, enabling people to support the causes they care most about, while also helping good causes to connect with their supporters.

A ticket for the Somerset West Lottery costs £1 per week, 60p of which goes directly to good causes - more than double what the National Lottery gives. Players can choose to support a named local good cause, or they can decide to award their contribution to the Local Community Fund. Grants are awarded from the fund by a panel of Borough or District Councillors, depending on which area the project is being delivered.

Groups wishing to apply for funding, should visit: www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetwestlottery or call Somerset Community Foundation on 01749 344949 for more information. If you run a local community project and would like to find out about our other funding programmes, please call Somerset Community Foundation on: 01749 344949 or visit: www.somersetcf.org.uk

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Press Release: For immediate release 24/04/2018

£14k distributed from Somerset West Lottery's Local Community Funds Somerset West Lottery's Local Community Funds have awarded their first round of grants, with £13,765 distributed to community groups and sports clubs across Taunton Deane and West Somerset.

Administered by Somerset Community Foundation, on behalf of Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council, the Local Community Funds were set up to support community projects with the proceeds raised by the Somerset West Lottery.

Among the groups to receive grants were the Blackbrook Friendship Club who were awarded £550 towards clubs and outings for isolated older people; Minehead Street Pastors who were awarded £500 towards pastoral support for students at West Somerset College; and Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field Management Committee who received £400 towards a cycling and walking track.

Cllr Jane Warmington, Executive Member for Community Leadership at TDBC, said: "Somerset West Lottery raises money within the community for the community, giving people in Taunton Deane and West Somerset the opportunity to support the causes they care most about while still being in with a chance of winning something themselves!"

Cllr David Westcott, Lead Member for Customer and Community at WSC, said: "The National Lottery donates 28% to good causes – we've more than doubled that amount. Furthermore, every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize."

A ticket for the weekly Somerset West Lottery costs just £1, with 60p going directly to good causes, and the jackpot is an impressive £25,000. Players can choose to either support a named local good cause or award their contribution to one of the Local Community Funds, which is then open to applications from charitable and community-led groups in the area.

Tickets for the Somerset West Lottery can be purchased online at: www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk

The Local Community Funds will re-open for the second round of applications from groups later this year. If you run a local community project and would like to find out more about grant funding in general, please call the Somerset Community Foundation on: 01749 344949 or visit: www.somersetcf.org.uk

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Press Release: For immediate release 25/07/2018

Lottery funds available for community groups in Taunton Deane and West Somerset

Grants of up to £1,000 are once again available for local charities, voluntary or community groups, sports clubs, or social enterprises based within either Taunton Deane or West Somerset and the deadline to apply is Friday 14 September.

The Local Community Fund, which is administered by Somerset Community Foundation on behalf of Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset District Council, was set up in 2017 to support community projects in the local area by distributing money from the Somerset West Lottery (www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk), which raises money within the community for the community, enabling people to support the causes they care most about, while also helping good causes to connect with their supporters.

A ticket for the Somerset West Lottery costs £1 per week, 60p of which goes directly to good causes - more than double what the National Lottery gives. Players can choose to support a named local good cause, or they can decide to award their contribution to the Local Community Fund. Grants are awarded from the fund by a panel of Borough or District Councillors, depending on which area the project is being delivered.

The Local Community Fund has distributed nearly £14,000 to community groups and sports clubs across Taunton Deane and West Somerset over the last year. Among the groups to receive grants were:

- Kilve Cricket Club who were awarded £1,000 for new practice nets
- £700 to North Taunton Partnership for their Pride in Priorswood event
- £965 to West Somerset Advice Bureau to provide accredited debt advice
- £250 to West Buckland Friendship Club towards club outings for isolated older people

Groups wishing to apply for funding should visit: www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetwestlottery or call Somerset Community Foundation on 01749 344949 for more information.

If you run a local community project and would like to find out about other funding opportunities, please call Somerset Community Foundation on: 01749 344949, email: info@somersetcf.org.uk or visit: www.somersetcf.org.uk

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Taunton Deane Borough Council

Scrutiny Committee – 18th September 2018

Community Infrastructure Levy allocations for 2019/20-2022/23

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Richard Parrish

Report Author: Kate Murdoch (Principal Policy Officer)

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The Council introduced a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on 1st April 2014. As at 1st September 2018 the CIL strategic pot holds approximately £3,128,500.00 CIL receipts with a further £974,000.00 due to be received (these are funds where CIL demand notices have been served and will be paid between 2018/19-2020/21). The Neighbourhood proportion has provided almost £500,000 to local communities across the Borough and a further £170,000 is due to be collected for local areas.
- 1.2. This report details proposed CIL allocations of £15.5m for the period 2019/20-2022/23 for member consideration. The proposed CIL allocations are for infrastructure categories associated with the delivery of infrastructure projects for the Taunton Garden Town and are in addition to the £16.6m New Homes Bonus already committed to delivering the Council's growth agenda.
- 1.3. Full Council approval of the CIL allocations, outlined in Table 1 below, is sought so they can be committed as match funding in infrastructure bids for current and future projects, in line with the Council's approved Regulation 123 list.
- 1.4. At present officers are working in partnership with Somerset County Council, Sedgemoor District Council and Government officials to develop a funding bid for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (Forward Fund) and the proposed CIL allocations will support infrastructure funding profiles for Taunton projects in the bid.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Taunton Deane's Scrutiny Committee is requested to:
 - a) Support a recommendation to the Shadow Executive of Somerset West and Taunton Council and to Taunton Deane Borough Council to support a commitment of Community Infrastructure Levy funding of £15.5m for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23, by infrastructure type as set out in Table 1, and recommend the same to TDBC Full Council.
 - b) Support a recommendation to the Shadow Executive of Somerset West and Taunton Council and to Taunton Deane Borough Council to support the CIL Allocation Principles as set out in Paragraph 4.9
 - c) Support a recommendation to the Shadow Executive and Shadow Council of

- Somerset West and Taunton Council to include the proposed investment of CIL allocations within its recommended Capital Programme for 2019/20.
- d) Support a recommendation to the Shadow Executive and Shadow Council of Somerset West and Taunton Council to incorporate delegation powers within the new constitution. The delegation powers will require the approval of the Head of Strategy and relevant Portfolio Holder (in consultation with the s151 Officer) to enable the profile of CIL spending to fall outside the indicative years shown in Table 1 but within the overall sum allocated by infrastructure type and subject to sufficient CIL funding being available.

3 Risk Assessment (if appropriate)

Risk Matrix

Description	Likelihood	Impact	Overall
Community Infrastructure Levy projected income is not realised	3	4	12
Risk mitigation: CIL funding will only be committed to infrastructure projects when the CIL funding has been received.			

3.1. The projected CIL income in Table 1 is a conservative estimate with a standard annual estimate of £3m CIL receipts and therefore provides reassurance that the Council is not over-committing CIL funds. These allocations will only be committed to infrastructure projects when the CIL funding has been received and subject to Head of Strategy and relevant portfolio holder approval in consultation with the s151 officer.

4. Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1. Taunton Deane Borough Council introduced a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on 1st April 2014. The Community Infrastructure Levy is a tariff charged on residential development (excluding Taunton town centre and Wellington) and retail development outside Taunton and Wellington town centres. Full details of the CIL charging schedule is available at https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/media/1127/cil-charging-schedule-final-2014.pdf
- 4.2. As at 1st September 2018 the CIL strategic pot holds approximately £3,128,500.00 in CIL receipts with a further £974,000.00 due to be received (these are funds where CIL demand notices have been served and will be paid between 2018/19-2020/21). The Neighbourhood proportion has provided almost £500,000 to local communities across the Borough and a further £170,000 is due to be collected for local areas.
- 4.3. The strategic CIL receipts will be allocated to eligible infrastructure projects in line with the Council's agreed CIL Regulation 123 list (Appendix A https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/media/1794/regulation-123-list-apr-2016.pdf). The current infrastructure requirements are identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (December 2014) and seek to support the delivery of the Taunton Deane Development Plan.
- 4.4. In October 2015 the Council undertook informal consultation, with key infrastructure partners and parish councils, to gather views on the proposed approach to the allocation

and prioritisation of CIL funds. The consultation sought input on the proposed approach to:

- establishing an agreed bidding process for infrastructure partners and parish councils, to influence the prioritisation and spending of CIL funds for the delivery of key infrastructure projects in Taunton Deane
- establishing an Infrastructure Delivery Board as an advisory board, to consider submitted CIL bids and put forward recommendations to TDBC Full Council on the prioritisation and allocation of CIL funds.
- 4.5 The CIL expression of interest process consultation was forwarded to Somerset County Council (as Education and Highways Authority), the Environment Agency, Highways England, all TDBC Parish Councils and Community Leisure at TDBC. TDBC Community Leisure also forwarded the consultation onto Sport England, SASP (Somerset Activity Sports Partnership), Fields in Trust, Community Council for Somerset and National Allotment Association for their input.
- 4.6 It has not been necessary to set up the Infrastructure Delivery Board at this stage, due to the individual delivery cost of key infrastructure projects exceeding the total strategic CIL funds collected to date.
- 4.7 Given the current positon with establishing the new Somerset West and Taunton Council, the proposal to establish an Infrastructure Delivery Board will be postponed until the new Council is in place. As an interim measure, this report seeks member approval for proposed CIL allocations for the period 2019/20-2022/23, so that CIL funds can support existing and future infrastructure funding bids and delivery profiles.
- 4.8 This report outlines indicative CIL allocations, by infrastructure type, for the period 2019/20-2022/23 and will be reported to the Shadow Executive on 26th September, with approval sought at the Taunton Deane Full Council on 2nd October. Approval for the proposed CIL allocations (outlined in Table 1 below) is sought so they can be committed for detailed funding profiles to support funding bids for current and future infrastructure funding programmes in line with the Council's Regulation 123 list.

Table 1: CIL allocations for the period 2019/20-2022/23 (including payment in kind land/infrastructure)

Taunton Garden Town CIL rojects	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Proposed Total CIL allocations for 2019- 2023
	£	ო	£	£	£	£
Cycle and pedestrian improvements		1,000,000			500,000	1,500,000
Education provision		4,000,000			2,000,000	6,000,000

allocations	-	6,000,000	3,000,000	3,500,000	3,000,000	15,500,000
Total						
Development					500,000	500,000
Community						
Mitigation			1,000,000	2,000,000		3,000,000
and Flood Risk						
Surface Water						
Regeneration			1,000,000	500,000		1,500,000
Centre						
Taunton Town						
improvements		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000		3,000,000
Public transport						

Balances	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	3,000,000	4,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000
Projected CIL	3,000,000	4,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	300,000
receipts based					
on annual CIL					
receipts of £3m	1,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
CIL spend from					
table above		-6,000,000	-3,000,000	-3,500,000	-3,000,000
Estimated					
annual CIL					
balance carried					
forward	4,000,000	1,000 000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000

4.9 It is proposed that the strategic CIL allocation approach initially be progressed based on the following principles:

CIL Allocation Principles:

- 1) A business case for infrastructure project funding should be provided to the Head of Strategy and relevant Portfolio Holder outlining the required CIL funds for a specific infrastructure project (within the limits outlined in Table 1 above)
- 2) The overall CIL allocation for each infrastructure project, includes the value of any land required for the project and taken as payment in lieu of CIL cash. For example if land for a new school is provided by a developer this is netted off against their CIL liability. In this instance the value will be included in the proposed CIL allocations for education outlined in Table 1.
- 3) No more than 50% of the total cost of an infrastructure project, to a maximum allocation of £3.5m, will be allocated for any one project.
- 4) The only exception to the £3.5m threshold, is the strategic flood alleviation scheme. This project serves a much wider infrastructure function for the benefit of all Taunton residents and businesses and therefore at present the overall CIL cap for this project is proposed to be set at £10m.
- 5) To ensure project delivery, strategic CIL funding will only be committed to infrastructure projects where the balance of the funding has been identified.

- 6) Indicative CIL allocations can be made for years 2-5 on a rolling programme to provide infrastructure delivery partners some certainty and to assist external infrastructure funding applications. CIL funding will only be committed to infrastructure projects when the CIL funding has been received and subject to Head of Strategy and relevant portfolio holder approval.
- 7) Committed CIL funds will remain available for a period of 2 years and then will be subject to review.
- 8) The profile of spending shown is indicative and with the approval of the Head of Strategy and relevant Portfolio Holder (in consultation with the s151 officer), spend may fall outside of the indicative years shown, but within the overall sum allocated by infrastructure type and subject to sufficient CIL funding being available.
- 9) Any committed CIL funds will be published in the Weekly Bulletin and will be subject to the usual 'call in' process.

5. Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

- 5.1. This work assists with the delivery of Corporate Aims to:
 - remove barriers to jobs and housing growth by addressing infrastructure constraints and securing funding for that infrastructure
 - work with, lobby and influence others to further improve Deane's transport links including additional cycle paths and measures that tackle congestion.
 - work with others to introduce measures that reduce the risk of flooding

6. Finance / Resource Implications

- 6.1. Table 1 above outlines proposed Community Infrastructure Levy allocations by infrastructure type and is based on estimated CIL income projections. The projected CIL income in Table 1 is a conservative estimate with a standard annual estimate of £3m CIL receipts and therefore provides reassurance that the Council is not overcommitting CIL funds. These allocations will only be committed to infrastructure projects when the CIL funding has been received and subject to Head of Strategy and relevant portfolio holder approval (in consultation with the s151 officer). The committed CIL funds will be included for approval in the Capital Programme. All infrastructure partners will be informed on an annual basis of the available CIL funding and committed CIL funds will remain available for a period of two years and then will be subject to review.
- 6.2. One of the functions of the Shadow Council for Somerset West and Taunton Council is to approve the 2019/20 budget for the new council. If the proposed use of CIL income is supported by Taunton Deane's Full Council in October, this will be incorporated into the Capital Programme Budget for recommendation to the Shadow Full Council in February 2019. This will include a recommendation that the new Council continues with the commitment agreed by TDBC in October.

7. Legal Implications (if any)

7.1 Taunton Deane Borough Council, as the charging authority, is required to allocate CIL receipts to infrastructure projects in line with Community Infrastructure Levy

- Regulation 59 and Planning Act 2008 Section 216 and the Council's adopted Regulation 123 infrastructure list.
- 7.2 Officers are currently working with Somerset County Council and Sedgemoor District Council on the full Housing Infrastructure Forward Fund bid. Full Council approval of the allocations in Table 1 is sought to support the Taunton infrastructure projects in the HIF bid and other potential infrastructure funding streams that may become available in the short term. The CIL allocations cover the period to 2022/23, any increase in the CIL allocations by specific infrastructure type will need to be approved by the new Council but it is proposed that any amendments to the spend profile be approved by the Head of Strategy and relevant portfolio holder, in consultation with the s151 officer. This is subject to the new council incorporating the proposed delegation powers into the new constitution for the new Somerset West and Taunton Council. This is required to ensure sufficient flexibility to allocate CIL to specific projects going forward as the Council's HIF bid develops and to support any other potential infrastructure funding streams that align with the Council's adopted Regulation 123 list.
- 7.3 The CIL allocations by infrastructure type includes the value of any land required to deliver the project and taken as payment in lieu of CIL. This will be reflected in the individual infrastructure business cases that will need to be developed and approved, by the Head of Strategy and the relevant portfolio holder (in consultation with the s151 officer), before CIL funding is released.
- 8. Environmental Impact Implications (if any)
- 8.1 None
- 9. Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications (if any)
- 9.1 None
- **10. Equality and Diversity Implications** (if any)
- 10.1 No EIA is required The CIL allocations assist with funding infrastructure to support the delivery of the Council's Development Plan for which an Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken (please see attached weblink).

 https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/media/1034/sadmp-equalities-impact-assessment.pdf The CIL allocations by infrastructure type have been made in line with Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 59 and Planning Act 2008 Section 216.
- **11. Social Value Implications** (if any)
- 11.1 None
- 12. Partnership Implications (if any)
- 12.1 Officers have informed Somerset County Council about the proposed approach to the allocation of CIL funding and will continue to work closely with them to ensure available CIL funds assist in attracting match funding to deliver key infrastructure priorities for the borough.

- **13. Health and Wellbeing Implications** (if any)
- 13.1 None
- **14. Asset Management Implications** (if any)
- 14.1 None
- **15. Data Protection Implications** (if any)
- 15.1 None
- **16. Consultation Implications** (if any)
- 16.1 The CIL expression of interest process consultation has been forwarded to Somerset County Council (as Education and Highways Authority), the Environment Agency, Highways England, all TDBC Parish Councils and Community Leisure at TDBC. TDBC Community Leisure also forwarded the consultation onto Sport England, SASP (Somerset Activity Sports Partnership), Fields in Trust, Community Council for Somerset and National Allotment Association for their input.
- 17. Scrutiny Comments / Recommendation(s) (if any)

To be included usually in reports which are submitted for consideration by the Executive / Cabinet or Full Council.)

Democratic Path:

- Scrutiny / Corporate Governance or Audit Committees Yes
- Cabinet/Executive No (delete as appropriate)
- Full Council Yes

Reporting Frequency: Once only Ad-hoc Quarterly

Twice-yearly Annually

List of Appendices (delete if not applicable)

Appendix A	Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 list
	https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/media/1794/regulation-123-list-apr-2016.pdf

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TDBC Regulation 123 List

In accordance with the Planning Act (2008) as amended by the Localism Act (2011) and the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010) as amended.

The list set out below identifies the types of infrastructure and/or specific infrastructure projects to which CIL receipts raised by Taunton Deane Borough Council as the Charging Authority <u>could</u> be applied:

Education

Statutory education, including but not limited to

- Early years learning
- Primary School provision
- Secondary School provision, including Post-16 education
- Special Schools

Transport

 Strategic transport improvements associated with the growth of Taunton and Wellington, excluding site specific matters needed to make the development acceptable in planning terms. Site specific matters can include on-site and off-site transport mitigation works and infrastructure improvements, where the need for such measures have been identified in a Transport Assessment.

Community Development

- Sport and recreation (excluding children's play)
- Community Halls, places of assembly and other community facilities
- Arts and Culture
- Green Infrastructure (excluding site specific open space requirements necessary to comply with Development Plan policy)

Taunton Town Centre Regeneration

Schemes as defined in the Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan, including:

- Firepool Infrastructure
- Town Centre enhancements

Surface Water and Flood Risk Mitigation

 Strategic works only (i.e. excluding mitigation of surface water run-off back to greenfield)

This Regulation 123 List will take effect from 12th April 2016. It will be reviewed annually.