

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	27 th November 2024
Report Title	Adoption of Operators Gambling Policy for Swale Borough Council
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Head of Service	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing and Communities
Lead Officer	Stephanie Curtis, Community Services Manager
Classification	Open
Recommendations	1. For Policy and Resources Committee to approve the Swale Good Causes Lottery Operator Gambling Policy.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Policy and Resources Committee to adopt the Operators Gambling Policy, in order to be able to progress the licence with the Gambling Commission to launch the Good Causes Community Lottery.

2 Background

- 2.1 In July 2024, Policy and Resources Committee agreed the funding for the Swale Good Causes Community Lottery. The project team have been progressing the project and in order to launch the lottery, Swale Borough Council must have in place an Operator's Licence from the Gambling Commission.
- 2.2 As part of our application to the Gambling Commission, a series of policies must be provided to demonstrate the Council's ability to effectively and safely manage the lottery. This includes the need for an Operators Gambling Policy.
- 2.3 Although the Council has recently adopted the revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, this policy serves a different purpose and relates to how we as a Council manages licenses issued by us related to Gambling.
- 2.4 The Operators Gambling Policy that is required for the Gambling Commission will need to set out how we as a Council will safely operate the Good Causes Lottery in line with the Gambling Act 2005; and Codes of Practice issued by the Gambling Commission. As this policy does not currently exist for the Council, it is therefore recommended that the policy set out in Appendix 1 is adopted.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 For Policy and Resources Committee to approve the Swale Good Causes Lottery Operator Gambling Policy

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 To not adopt this Operators Gambling Policy– This option is not recommended as without this Policy being in place, the Good Causes Community Lottery project cannot be progressed.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 No consultation is currently proposed.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The adoption of this policy is directly linked to the Community Priority: To support local groups and organisations in Swale through the delivery of the member grants programme and review the funding mechanism of a community lottery scheme
Financial, Resource and Property	There are no financial implications for adoption of this policy. There is an officer resource requirement in ensuring its effective implementation, but this is included within the resources already allocated for the development and then ongoing management of the Good Causes Lottery.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	This Operators Gambling Policy sets out how the Council (the Operator of the Swale Good Causes Lottery) will ensure the Lottery is run in a manner which is compliant with the Gambling Act 2005 and any Codes of Practice adopted by the Gambling Commission.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	None identified at this stage
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	The policy will ensure that the Good Causes Lottery is operated in a compliant manner with the Gambling Act 2005. Measures as part of this include ensuring that children and other vulnerable people will be protected from being harmed or exploited by gambling, as outlined in section 7 of the Policy.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	This Operators Gambling Policy sets out a series of actions that we as a Council will take to ensure the safe management of the Good Causes Lottery.

Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage

7 Appendices

Appendix 1: Swale Borough Council Operators Gambling Policy

8 Background Papers

None