

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	5 th November 2025
Report Title	Swale Good Causes Lottery Operators Gambling Policy Review
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
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Classification	Open
Recommendations	1. For Policy and Resources Committee to approve the reviewed Swale Good Causes Lottery Operator Gambling Policy for 2025-26.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Policy and Resources Committee to adopt the reviewed Operators Gambling Policy, in line with the Gambling Commission Operators licence requirements for management of the Good Causes Lottery.

2 Background

- 2.1 In November 2024, Policy and Resources Committee agreed the adoption of an Operators Gambling Policy specifically for the Good Causes Lottery.
- 2.2 The Operators Gambling Policy that is required for the Gambling Commission sets out the need for how we as a Council safely operator the Good Causes Lottery inline with the Gambling Act 2005; and Codes of Practice issued by the Gambling Commission.
- 2.3 There is a requirement under our Operators Licence from the Gambling Commission that we review this Operators Gambling Policy annually.
- 2.4 As part of this review, no amendments have been made to the version of the policy dated November 2024.
- 2.5 No concerns have been raised to the Council regarding how it is operating the good causes lottery or by Gatherwell as our External Lottery Management company.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 For Policy and Resources Committee to approve the reviewed Swale Good Causes Lottery Operator Gambling Policy for 2025-26.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 To not adopt this revised Operators Gambling Policy– This option is not recommended as without a reviewed policy in place, we are not compliant with the conditions of our licence from the Gambling Commission for the management of the Good Causes Lottery.

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 reviewed policy. There is an officer resource requirement in ensuring its effective implementation, but this is included within the resources already allocated for the 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 2025-26.

8 Background Papers

None