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Title of meeting: Resources

Subject: Update on the Portsmouth Lottery

Date of meeting: 9 October 2018

Report by: Director of Community and Communication

Wards affected: n/a

1. Requested by - The Portfolio Holder for Resources.

2. Purpose - To provide an update on the Portsmouth Lottery for noting.

3. Information Requested -

3.1 The city council introduced the Portsmouth Lottery in 2016 in response to the increasing pressures on local authorities' community funding budgets. The lottery was established to offer an innovative solution to help the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in the city to gain access to new funding streams following the cessation of PCC's small grants programme.

3.2 Portsmouth City Council residents are the main recipients of the funding, and organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,000 (initially £5,000).

3.3 Funds are raised by the sale of lottery tickets. VCS organisations in the city can register as Good Causes with the lottery and will receive 50 pence from every ticket sold in their support. Players can either choose to support a specific cause or to opt for the proceeds from their ticket(s) to be added to a central fund which is used to support all of the local causes via the lottery small grants fund. Tickets are sold through a website which is managed by Gatherwell. There is more information at this link:

<https://www.portsmouthlottery.co.uk/>

3.4 Organisations who apply for funding must operate within the Portsmouth city limits, providing facilities, activities or services for the benefit of residents and any funding awarded should be for the benefit of Portsmouth residents. Applications must complete a standard application form and provide supporting documents which are sent to the Voluntary Sector Team, who provide administrative support for the Grants Programme. There is more information here:

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/community/portsmouth-lottery-small-grants-fund>

3.5 The Lottery Funding Panel meets four times a year to assess the applications and to make awards. The panel is made up of seven members, three of whom are elected

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Members. The other panel members are Carole Damper (EC Roberts Centre), Clare Martin (Pompey in the Community) Mark Waldron, (Editor, Portsmouth News) and Peter Brook from Portsmouth University. All panel members have a good understanding of the needs of the city and in addition the VCS representatives on the panel have particular knowledge and awareness of the issues facing small groups.

3.6 The Lottery particularly aims to support smaller groups in the city, but does require them to have appropriate policies and procedures in place to comply with necessary legislation.

3.7 The Panel will always offer feedback to help unsuccessful candidates strengthen their bid and suggest where they might get further help with re-submitting their application if this is felt to be appropriate. A positive result of this way of working is that this has empowered several small groups in the city not only to improve their policies and procedures to enable them to comply with the necessary standards, but also to skill them up to enable them to apply for other sources of funding as well.

3.8 The engagement of Voluntary Organisations is key to the success of the Portsmouth Lottery; VCS organisations who register as good causes raise funds for both their own organisations and for the grants programme. To ensure that the Lottery continues to thrive the Voluntary Sector and Communications Teams continue to promote the Lottery both to the VCS and the wider public in the city.

3.9 Since January 2017, 31 organisations have received funding totalling **£48,397.20**. More information is shown in the table below.

Downs Syndrome	To fund fortnightly drama sessions for children with Downs Syndrome and their siblings	£988.00
Portsmouth abuse & rape counselling	To fund additional counselling sessions for local male survivors	£2,500.00
Portsmouth Autism Support Network	To provide weekly football sessions	£2,080.00
Portsmouth Family Welfare Association	To support cost of wages and office running costs	£2,000.00
1st Portsmouth Scouts	Purchase of patrol camping equipment	£3,000.00
Portsmouth Chinese Association	To create awareness of Chinese cultural activities and ensure a continuation of excellent dancers for the PCA Chinese Dance group	£2,500.00
North End Playscheme	Contribution towards the cost of a summer Playscheme in North End	£2,000.00
Funk Format	Break Dance and Street Dance workshops for young people aged 7-12 and 13-16	£2,495.00

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Nature Therapy	To start up the Wolf Medicine programme for people in recovery in the Portsmouth area by working alongside existing services.	£2,000.00
Men's Sheds	To improve facilities in the current premises, which will provide more opportunities for community projects	£2,000.00
Portsmouth Chorus	Electronic Piano to accompany Chorus rehearsals and concerts	£529.00
Breatheasy	Provision of exercise sessions for people with COPD	£1,560.00
Cosham Poppy Appeal/RBL Gazebo	Purchase of Gazebo for use when fundraising for the RBL	£250.00
DV Mission	funding to go towards covering the costs of delivering the gala night, awards ceremony and premier screening on Saturday 18th March at The Wedgewood Rooms.	£400
Headway	Funding to support a cognitive rehabilitation programme for brain injured adults.	£1,481
Portsmouth & Southsea Voluntary Lifeguards	To purchase five new mobile radios for use by the beach patrols	£662.50
Community Empowerment	The renewal of equipment including a laptop, a tablet, projector, screen and a flip chart stand	£432
MSLipreading	To pay for venue hire to hold weekly sessions for the participants to learn the skills, coping and communication tactics necessary to regain lost confidence and manage their deafness in a hearing world	£1,500.00
Wetwheels	Lifejackets and safety equipment and for annual service of safety equipment	£1,900.00
Age UK Portsmouth	Saggy Slipper Swap campaign	£2,000.00
Portsmouth Walking Football	Elderly persons/dementia friendly Christmas Lunch	£1,250.00
North End Frontline Debt Advice	Running expenses and laptop	£1,050.00
Frontline Debt Advice Paulsgrove	Admin and general expenses/running costs	£1,000.00
Pompey in the Community	To support Adults with Disabilities an Special needs to participate in the Great South Run	£2,000.00
Heart of Portsmouth Boxing Club	To run one weekly non- contact boxing sessions for Adults and children with SEND.	£1,950.00

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SAD Portsmouth	Laptop and funding to facilitate a second support evening	£2,000.00
Compass Carers Support	Respite Days for Carers	£2,000.00
Portsmouth Cathedral Development Fund – “Cathedral Sing” Project	Funding for a piano to be used in 30 schools in the city for the Cathedral Sing Project	£784.50
Tonic Music for Mental Health	To expand their music group timetable to include a weekly Tonic Ska Choir Group for people experiencing mental health problems.	£2,000.00
Saturday Kids Zone for deaf children.	For a number of events for the children over the next 6 months	£1711.20
Stage One Youth Theatre	To purchase a PA System for use in rehearsals	£374.00
Total:		£48,397.20

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Signed by (Director)

Appendices: Nil

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location