



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC24/053

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	22 nd January 2025
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Report Title:-	Award of Town Lottery money
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To update the committee on the award of lottery monies in 2024/5

2. Recommendations

Members are asked if they are content to consider a bid from the Kettering Cultural Consortium to use the Town Lottery money on a literary festival during 2025

3. Information

- 3.1. At its meeting in this committee agreed to use its accumulated Town Lottery funds to finance a single event or service in 2024/5 and to invite proposals for its use on the theme of culture.
- 3.2. Discussions have been held with the Kettering Cultural Consortium (KCC) to establish whether they would be interested in making a bid to use the lottery monies. They have agreed to work up a proposal to deliver a literary festival during 2025, to connect with a programme already being planned to commemorate William Knibb and the abolition of slavery and to further link this in to Black History Month, which takes place in October each year. The consortium is due to consider an outline proposal in January, after which a bid may then be received to deploy the lottery monies.
- 3.3. The Civic Society and others arranged a literary festival in 2023 so have some prior experience of what is involved in such an event.

4. Consultation and Engagement

The KCC has been the primary route for discussing potential use of the Town Lottery but it does not have a monopoly on cultural activity and it is possible to open up the

invitation more widely if members wished to or if it was unable to deliver a credible offer.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

The Town Lottery currently has about £4200 available to use at the time of writing and by the end of this financial year, will have more than £5000.

6. Climate change implications

None known at this stage

7. Policy Implications

The Council's policy is to use the Town Lottery proceeds to benefit the town without incurring costs to the council tax payer and to use the funds to generate economic, environmental and social benefit.

Background Papers

None