

Appendix 5 – Survey of Voluntary & Community Organisations in Oxford

A survey of voluntary and community organisation operating in Oxford was undertaken to assess the appetite for participating in a lottery, and to see if organisations already were involved with a lottery. 121 invites were sent to organisations who have had some engagement with the Council's community grants team. 35 responses were received which is a response rate of 29%. The responses to the questions in the survey were as follows (percentages have been calculated in relation to the number of responses to each question):

1. Does your organisation run or participate in a lottery?
Yes – 5 (14%) No-30 (86%)
2. Would your organisation be interested in participating in a lottery run by Oxford City Council, in order to raise additional income?
Yes – 16 (52%) No-7 (20%) Don't Know – 8 (28%)
3. Would your organisation be willing to promote a lottery run by Oxford City Council, in order to increase ticket sales, and the amount of money raised by the lottery for your organisation?
Yes -13 (62%) No – 8 (38%)
4. Do you have any comments you would like to add in respect of Oxford City Council's proposal to establish a lottery?

I have categorised the responses to this questions as follows:

Statement indicating support for a lottery - 5
Statement indicating that a lottery is not supported - 0
Neutral statement - 6
Question - 5

Full text of responses is as follows:

- Depends how much money was made by the people running it and how much would actually come to small charities like ours
- We don't have a large "general public" constituency and so would find it hard to promote. We work with primary schools and older people's groups.
- what percentage of the money raised would go to the organisations in question?
- It is a good idea but we have strong Conformist connections.
- Thank you for consulting the Chair of SENDRA. I would need to consult my membership in order to answer questions 2 and 3. I note that the information sent to me is not for further circulation so I cannot do so.
- in the comments it talks about the cost to small community groups. What are these?
- What will be the levy for administrating such a scheme ?
- Good idea if it increases funds for good causes at a time when there is a huge pressure on statutory funding
- I think a local lottery for the city is a good idea though not for not for our particular charity. There are so many community groups who could benefit, so go for it.
- As we already have our own lottery this may not be relevant but I'd be keen to receive further information so we can consider being a part of it, many thanks
- We are part of a wider charity and would need to look at how we would be able to participate
- The Royal British Legion is now running its own national level lottery, and would not become involved at a local level in this way

- Needs to generate enough to be worthwhile
- Its a great idea
- How would you choose the beneficiaries?
- Excellent idea!