

**Teignbridge District Council**  
**Executive**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**  
**Part i**

**Teignbridge Lottery Small Grants Scheme**

**Purpose of Report**

To approve the establishment of the Teignbridge Lottery Small Grants Scheme

**Recommendation(s)**

The Executive Committee RESOLVES to: approve that money accumulated in the Teignbridge Lottery central fund be used to support small grants to the voluntary sector for initiatives.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report. See section 1 below for funding received which can be redistributed as described and comments in 2.1.

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**Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal issues arising from this report save that any expenditure of funds must be in accordance with Council Policy or procedure  
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**Risk Assessment**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and will accompany the report.  
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**Environmental/ Climate Change Implications**

There are no significant environmental implications clear at this point but

consideration will be given at the application review stage.

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## **Appendices/Background Papers**

An Equality Impact Assessment will accompany the report

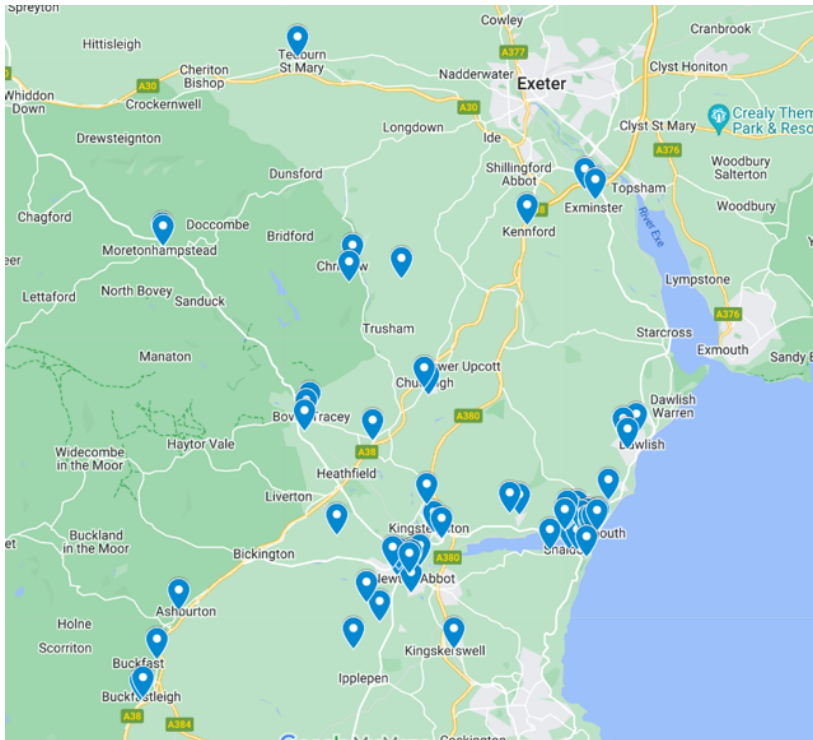
### **1. Introduction/Background**

On the 8th March 2022 a report was taken to Executive which approved the establishment of the Teignbridge Lottery.

It was resolved that the Executive delegate management and oversight of the Lottery and the authority to approve appropriate policies and procedures associated with the Lottery to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Head of Community Services and Improvement and Executive Member for Housing and Community Services. However, as this scheme has an impact across all wards and the funding has increased funding from the cost-of-living fund an Executive decision is required.

10% of Lottery ticket sales are held in a central fund. This proposal would see these funds being re distributed back to the voluntary sector through a small grants process. Only organisations that are registered as beneficiaries of the Teignbridge Lottery would apply. This would ensure the funds would directly benefit the people of Teignbridge and that those organisations comply with Teignbridge's governance standards for the Lottery.

The map below shows the majority of the 78 organisations registered for the Teignbridge Lottery. It demonstrates that there is a good geographic spread across the District.



There is currently £13,397 held within the central fund, this will have increased by the time we announce in September how much is available for bids.

Team Devon put into place several ways to support Devon's communities through the response and recovery phases of the COVID19 crisis. Amongst other support this included distributing a £1.295 million Economic Vulnerability Fund (EVF) to Team Devon Councils. This EVF funding allocated from government grants provided to Devon County Council has continued to provide support to vulnerable people affected. From this original funding an underspend was identified and therefore an extension and adaptation to the original funding agreement has been made with Devon County Council. £20,000 has been made available from this EVF funding to boost the small grants fund which will allow Teignbridge District Council to respond to the continuing financial hardship challenges locally.

Each year the Head of Community Services and Improvement in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Community Services will agree the grant amount and the focus for the funding. In 2023/24 this will focus on applications that alleviate the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis and grants would be up to £2,500. The cost-of-living crisis has been chosen as the focus for this financial year due to the feedback we have had through the voluntary and community sector about the pressures our communities are experiencing financially. This also compliments the purpose of the funding under the EVF. It is planned to advertise the scheme in September with applications closing Mid-October and announcements of successful bids being made in November. A scoring matrix is being developed to assess the applications and a panel will make the decisions on allocation.

The outcomes from this scheme will be included in the annual report to Overview and Scrutiny on Teignbridge's contributions to the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Committee  
Date of meeting

## **2. Implications, Risk Management and Climate Change Impact**

### **2.1 Financial**

These are challenging times for many voluntary and community organisations due to the cost of living crisis and these grants would enable additional support to the vitally important voluntary sector who support our communities from the income received as identified above.

### **2.2 Risks**

Risks are reduced by restricting applications to those organisations that have already joined the Lottery as beneficiaries and therefore checks have been made in relation to their governance.

## **4. Alternative Options**

The grants could be opened up to include non-Lottery registered organisations but this would create a greater administrative burden and detailed checks would have to be made in relation to governance.

The maximum amount of grant could be increased but it is hoped grants of this size will enable a spread across the District without providing an administrative burden to the Council.

## **5. Conclusion**

This approach would implement the recommendations from the Executive in relation to the Teignbridge Lottery. The fund will allow funding to be spread across Teignbridge without creating a significant administrative burden in relation to distributing the funding.