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Review of Lottery Funding

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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Member's support the Coalfield Communities Campaign's (CCC) submission on the Government's review of Lottery Funding to the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and that a letter be sent to the Culture Secretary to that effect.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider a response to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport's (DCMS) consultation paper on the Review of Lottery Funding in support of the CCC.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The CCC has taken a close interest in lottery funding particularly since the Government's Coalfield Task Force highlighted the under-funding in coalfield areas. CCC first submitted proposals to DCMS in January 2002 when four main proposals were put forward :-
 - Indicative financial allocations of lottery funding should be made to each part of the country as a regional allocation based on population levels and levels of depravation.
 - Establishment of a single point of entry (one stop shops in effect) to simplify the lottery process in favour of the applicant
 - Development support to provide free technical support where appropriate via such one stop shops and development workers.
 - Endowment funding as a means of providing longer term revenue funding to support projects once established in order to allow them to have a fighting chance of becoming self supporting.
- 3.2 It is pleasing to note that all these principles have been included in the options offered for consideration in the Review document. CCC have submitted a further

draft response to enforce these points a copy of which is attached as Annex A. CCC has requested Member authorities to write to the Culture Secretary to re-inforce these proposals.

3.3 Members are aware that our coalfield area and District as a whole does not necessarily get a fair share of lottery funding and it is recommended that representations of support for the CCC proposals be made to the Culture Secretary.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None, although changes in the lottery distribution system as outlined would provide a more level playing field for the distribution of such funds.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 CCC have made sensible suggestions to make the distribution of lottery funding more equitable to the more deprived areas of the country. A letter of support for these proposals should be made to the Culture Secretary in response to the DCMS's Review of Lottery Funding.

6.0 Background Papers

6.1 Department of Culture, Media and Sport Review of Lottery Funding July 2002 Letter Coalfield Communities Campaign October 2002