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PROPOSED NEW BIG LOTTERY FUND POLICY DIRECTIONS FOR CONSULTATION

DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO THE BIG LOTTERY FUND UNDER SECTION 36E(1)(b) OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY ETC ACT 1993 (as amended)

In these Directions any reference to a section is a reference to a section of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (as amended).

The Minister for the Cabinet Office in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 36E(1)(b) and having consulted the Big Lottery Fund (“the Fund”), National Assembly of Wales, Scottish Ministers and Northern Ireland Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure pursuant to section 36E (5), hereby gives the following directions to the Fund:

England, Isle of Man and United Kingdom

General Directions

1. In exercising any of its functions in relation to United Kingdom expenditure, the Fund shall take into account the following matters in determining the persons to whom, the purposes for which and the conditions subject to which the Fund distributes its money under section 25(1).

A. The need to ensure over time that the distribution of money:

- (i) Ensures people are engaged and involved in using the Fund’s funding to provide solutions to the issues that matter to them in their communities;
- (ii) Helps identify and enable those who are ready to lead the process of providing these solutions and removes barriers for those that may need help in doing so; and
- (iii) Supports new and innovative solutions and generates learning to help the development of policy and practice beyond the Fund’s funding.

B. The need to ensure that the Fund achieves the distribution of funds to a reasonably wide spread of projects, primarily those delivered by the voluntary and community sector and social enterprises, including small organisations, those organisations operating at a purely local level, newly constituted organisations, organisations operating as social enterprises and organisations with a base in the United Kingdom and working overseas.

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C. The need to ensure that money is distributed for projects which promote the public and social benefit and are not intended primarily for private gain.

D. The need to involve the public in making policies, setting priorities and making grants and which may involve partnerships with broadcasting, electronic, print, digital and other media.

E. The need to ensure funds are distributed on the basis of need, delivering measurable outcomes and broader impact for communities and individuals.

F. The need to include a condition in all grants for recipients to acknowledge Lottery funding using the common Lottery branding.

G. The Fund, in distributing money under section 25 (1), shall take into account the following principles:

1. **ENGAGEMENT** - the development of programmes should be based on the active engagement of public, private and voluntary & community sector and social enterprise partners.

2. **REPRESENTATION** – the development of programmes should take account of those most in need by targeting inequality and improving the capability of people and communities to contribute to, participate in and benefit from outcomes funded through the Fund's programmes.

3. **SUSTAINABILITY** – a programme's ability to improve the environment today and for future generations and reduce the impact on the environment.

4. **LONGER TERM BENEFIT** – that projects can achieve longer-term financial viability and resilience.

5. **ADDITIONALITY AND COMPLEMENTARITY** – the development of programmes and funding of projects should complement and add value to the plans of action and activity of other funders and parties working towards the Fund's goals, including Government funding.

6. **COLLABORATIVE WORKING** – where this produces better results, the development of programmes and funding of projects should support collaborative action between funded organisations and public, private and civil society partners.

England and Isle of Man devolved expenditure

2. In exercising any of its functions in relation to English and Isle of Man devolved expenditure, the Fund shall take into account the following matters in determining the persons to whom, the purposes for which and the conditions subject to which the Fund distributes money:-

A. The need to operate within the distinctive context of policy, government and civil society action adding value in appropriate ways to the aim of creating a fairer, freer and more responsible society where everyone has a part to play in improving their community and helping one another.

B. The need to ensure that money is distributed to projects that benefit local people and local communities served by the voluntary and community sector.

C. The need to ensure over time that the distribution of money addresses one or more of the following priorities:

- (i) Encouraging social involvement in communities and removing barriers;
- (ii) Strengthening the capacity of voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises; and
- (iii) Strengthening and increasing the capacity of the social investment market for supporting public benefit and social action.

D. The need to have regard for:

- (i) The interests of and scope for taking effective action for England or the Isle of Man as a whole and for different parts of England or the Isle of Man; and
- (ii) The relative population sizes and levels of economic and social deprivation in different parts of England and the Isle of Man.