

## 6. FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATION - GAMING MACHINE TRUSTS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for applications to be made to Gaming Machine Trusts for funding for Council projects.

Details of the applications which have been forwarded to funding agencies by the Corporate Services Unit on behalf of Council units are reported to the Committee on a quarterly basis. At the Committee's June meeting, during discussion on the previous quarterly report, clarification was sought on the level of funding received from Gaming Machine Trusts.

The Gaming and Lotteries Act 1977 defines the "authorised purpose" for a gaming society as: "any charitable, philanthropic, cultural, or party political purpose, or any other purpose that is beneficial to the community or any section of it".

Staff have been unable to find any instance of the Council seeking funds from such a source though there is no impediment to the Council doing so providing the criteria of the particular gaming society are met.

Last year turnover was \$4.662 billion from which \$259 million was made available to distribute back into the community.

A possible disadvantage with gaming trusts is that some people may have an ethical objection to the Council sourcing funds derived from gambling. This same objection could, to a degree, be made to the sourcing of funds from the Lottery Grants Board as well. It is, therefore, appropriate that Councillors give guidance to officers as to whether they support the use of gaming machine funds for Council projects.

**Recommendation:** That the Council authorise staff to make funding applications to Gaming Machine Trusts where Council projects meet the criteria for the particular trust.