

Report of the Strategic Director of  
Neighbourhoods

## Awarding of the Golf Courses Management Contract

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates members about progress towards awarding a contract for the future management and maintenance of the City's golf courses at Allestree Park and Sinfen. Cabinet at its meeting in April approved the awarding of a 50 year contract to a successful Tenderer subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation and the Council taking steps to ensure the contract does not have any detrimental impact on the future use of Allestree Hall.
- 1.2 To gauge public opinion across the city about the proposed changes to the management and maintenance of the golf courses, a question was put to the April 2010 Derby Pointer Panel (Appendix 3). The results indicate that more than twice as many people agree with the proposed changes (43.3%) as disagree with them (20.1%).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report concerning the progress with awarding a contract for the future management and maintenance of the golf courses.
- 2.2 To confirm that given the outcome of the consultation, the Commission support the proposed changes to the future management and maintenance of the golf courses.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 January 2009, approved the seeking of expressions of interest from relevant companies to undertake the future management and maintenance of the golf courses.
- 3.2 Expressions of interest were sought and from those received an officer panel selected companies from which tenders for the management and maintenance of the golf courses would be invited. The intention was to secure sustainable, accessible and affordable use of the golf courses for all Derby residents and capital investment to improve their infrastructure and the range/quality of their facilities.
- 3.3 Tenders from these companies were assessed by an officer panel against financial and other key criteria. As a result a successful Tenderer was selected.

- 3.4 Cabinet, at its meeting on the 20 April 2010, approved the awarding of a 50 year contract subject to a satisfactory outcome of the public consultation. The Cabinet decision is shown in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 3.5 The recommended Tenderer is committed to encouraging use of the golf courses by young people, women and disadvantaged socio-economic groups and have made clear their commitment to close working relations with the two golf clubs.
- 3.6 Public access to both courses will not be adversely affected by the proposals.
- 3.7 Before awarding the contract, consultations have taken place to confirm public acceptance of the proposal as recommended by the Community Commission at its meeting on 3 February 2009. To gauge the feeling of the broader community of Derby regarding the future management and maintenance of the golf courses, a question was put to the Pointer Panel in April 2010. The question and details of the panel's response are shown in Appendix 3.
- 3.8 The contract will not have any detrimental impact on the future use of Allestree Hall.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Municipal Golf Contract Report approved by Council Cabinet on 13 January 2009 Minutes of meeting of the Community Commission held on 3 February 2009 Awarding of the Golf Courses Management Contract – <b>report to cabinet</b> on 20 April 2010
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Key Decision - minute 229/09 Awarding of the Golf Courses Management Contract 20 April 2010 Appendix 3 – Allestree and Sinfin Golf Courses question and feedback results from the Derby Pointer Panel April 2010

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 As set out in the confidential report.

**Legal**

- 1.2 As set out in the confidential report.

**Personnel**

- 1.3 As set out in the confidential report.

**Equalities Impact**

- 1.4 The awarding of the contract will help to secure sustainable, affordable golf for people from all groups in the community wanting access to the sport.

**Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change**

- 1.5 The proposal contributes to:
- CC2 – To celebrate diversity and ensure everyone has the opportunity to take part in cultural and leisure activities
  - HC3 – To improve wellbeing and tackle health inequalities through the development of programmes and facilities that promote active recreation, participation and sport
  - COD2 – To deliver value for money across all services.

<b>KEY DECISIONS</b>
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**229/09 Awarding of the Golf Courses Management Contract**

The Council Cabinet considered exempt information in relation to the awarding of the golf courses management contract.

**Decision**

1. To approve the awarding of a 50 year contract subject to a satisfactory outcome of the public consultation.
2. To take steps to ensure the contract does not have any detrimental impact on the future use of Allestree Hall.

## Allestree Park and Sinfin Golf Courses

The Council currently manages these golf courses. However, we have not been able to invest the money needed to keep the facilities up-to-date to meet customer expectations and they are losing the Council money because people are not using them.

The most cost effective way to improve the golf courses would be to get a private company to manage and maintain the golf courses for the Council. A contract would be drawn up between the Council and the private company to make sure:

- Substantial investment is made to improve the facilities at both courses, including a driving range at Sinfin
- Golfing costs are affordable for local people
- Access to the golf courses and parks for residents will not change
- More children, women, people on low incomes, disabled people and minority groups are encouraged to use the facilities
- There would be some income for the Council.

**Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with this statement ...**

**'I think it's a good idea for the Allestree Park and Sinfin Golf Courses to be managed and maintained by a private company'**

*(Please tick one box only)* (N = 597)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
14.2%	29.1%	23.5%	11.1%	9.0%	13.1%