

## **Golf Course Management - Update**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board meeting of 7 January 2013, members considered the relevant elements of the Revenue Budget Proposals 2013/14 – 2015/16. The Revenue Budget proposals included a proposal ‘to seek to appoint a suitable partner to manage and develop the Council’s Golf courses at Sinfin and Allestree’. Following this meeting the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board requested that the Director for Leisure and Culture bring an update of the situation regarding management of the golf courses to a future meeting of the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to allow the Board to receive an update on the current situation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note and discuss the content of the update and to make appropriate comments or recommendations.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure that the Board is kept informed of the position regarding the management of Sinfin and Allestree golf courses.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 At its meeting on 20 April 2010 Cabinet decided to award the contract for the management and operation of the Sinfin and Allestree golf courses to Mack Trading Limited (“Mack”). There were subsequently lengthy discussions with Mack over the terms of the lease and operational agreement, with a view to them taking on the management of the courses from 1 April 2011. However, by that date agreement had still not been reached on a number of issues. The main one was agreement could not be reached to index link the annual sum to be paid to the Council over the period of the lease and in the absence of such agreement the management of the courses was taken on by the recently created Sport and Leisure Facilities Management team in the

Neighbourhoods Directorate.

- 4.2 At a meeting of the Neighbourhoods Commission on 6 March 2012 the Director for Leisure and Culture attended to update members on the current position with regards to management of the golf courses. At this time members were informed that the Council was considering whether to seek to reach agreement with Mack over the lease and operational agreement or whether it would be more appropriate to look at other options and keep the in-house management in place in the interim. It was noted that the new in house management team had made some progress in improving the overall performance at both courses over the previous twelve months.
- 4.3 At the Neighbourhoods Commission meeting of 6 March 2012, members resolved to note that an interim 12-month golf development plan would be presented to a future Council Cabinet meeting for approval, and recommended to Council Cabinet that residents and relevant local groups are properly consulted on any future proposals.
- 4.4 At the Cabinet meeting on 17 April 2012, whilst also approving the ending of discussions with Mack in relation to the lease and operational agreement; officers were asked to undertake a full appraisal of the options identified in the report and to bring a further report to a future meeting. A verbal update on the key areas of this work will be provided to the Board on 9 April 2013 by the Head of Leisure Facilities.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Not Applicable Not Applicable Not Applicable Not Applicable Claire Davenport, Director for Leisure and Culture Not Applicable
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Legal**

- 2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 7.1 The report provides an update on the current position of these Council assets.

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 There is a risk that an alternative option is not identified for these Council assets.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 This initiative contributes to the following Council Plan objectives; a thriving sustainable economy; good health and well-being; a strong community and an active cultural life.