

Report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services

Awarding of the Golf Courses Management Contract

SUMMARY

- 1.1 To seek authorisation for the awarding of a contract for the management and maintenance of the City's golf courses at Allestree Park and Sinfin.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To authorise the terms set out in the confidential report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Tenders have been sought for the future management and maintenance of the golf courses. The intention is to secure sustainable, accessible and affordable use for all the residents of Derby and capital investment to improve the infrastructure of the facilities.
- 3.2 The consultant's report of September 2008 recommended looking for a specialist golf course operator for the two City Council's golf courses. It indicated that major investment in the facilities was essential for the sustainability of golf on these courses.
- 3.3 The report suggests that an investment of between £1million and £2.5million would be necessary to bring the facilities up to the standard needed to be competitive with other local golf facilities. They indicated that for an investment of over a million pounds a lease of between 40 and 60 years should be expected.
- 3.4 Without this level of investment in the facilities at the Council's golf courses they would continue to decline and the courses may eventually close. The lease was therefore offered for a period of 25 years or more.
- 3.5 The confidential report details the terms of the tender submitted by the recommended tenderer which includes information about the potential income and future development of facilities on the courses.

- 3.6 The recommended tenderer is committed to encouraging use of the golf courses by young people, lady golfers and disadvantaged socio-economic groups and have made clear their commitment to close working relations with the two golf clubs.
- 3.7 Public access to both courses will not be adversely affected by the proposals.

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Background papers:	Municipal Golf Contract Report approved by Council Cabinet on 13 January 2009
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Report in the confidential part of the agenda

IMPLICATIONS

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.