

ITEM 7

MINUTE EXTRACT

Time began 6.00pm
Time ended 7.00pm

COUNCIL CABINET 6 JULY 2010

Present: Councillor Jennings (Chair)

Councillors Grimadell, Holmes, Ingall, Marshall,
Poulter and Williams

In attendance Councillor Bayliss and Allen

This record of decisions was published on 8 July 2010. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

Matters Referred

21/10 Awarding of the Golf Courses Management Contract

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Community Commission on Awarding of the Golf Courses Management Contract. On 20 April 2010 Council Cabinet received a report on the awarding of the golf courses management contract and resolved to 'to approve the awarding of a 50 year contract subject to a satisfactory outcome of the public consultation'. It was also agreed to take steps to ensure the contract does not have any detrimental impact on the future use of Allestree Hall. On 9 June 2010 the Community Commission received a report on the proposals which explained that public opinion had been gauged by a question put to the April 2010 Pointer Panel. The Commission made the following recommendations

1. To not confirm the contract because the consultation over the proposal was unsatisfactory
2. To rectify the inadequate consultation, prior to taking any final decision, by consulting, at minimum, the ward councillors and the Neighbourhood Forums and Boards for the two wards plus the golf course users
3. To not to award this or other service management contracts for 50 years, as that is too long a period to be tied in, but instead accept the Commission's preference that such contracts should not exceed about 25 years.

The Council Cabinet also considered a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods which stated that over the past year, Parks had been engaged in going out to tender for a private contractor to manage and maintain the City's golf courses at Allestree Park and Sinfin. Council Cabinet at its meeting in April 2010 approved the awarding of a 50 year contract to a successful Tenderer subject to the satisfactory outcome of public consultation and also the Council taking steps to ensure the contract does not have any detrimental impact on the future use of Allestree Hall. 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 this was set out in Appendix 3 of the report, the results of which indicated that more than twice as many people agreed with the proposed changes (43.3%) as disagree with them (20.1%). This was reported back to Community Commission as requested on 9 June 2010. The Commission remained unconvinced that extensive enough consultation had been undertaken and requested consultation with Ward Members and Neighbourhood Forums. This was partially complete and supportive so far, with the consultation in Sinfin set to take place on 21 July. Community Commission also requested a reduction in the number of years that the contract would be awarded for – see Community Commission report set out in Appendix 5 of the report.

Decision

To confirm that, subject to no significant adverse comments from the outstanding Sinfin consultation, Council Cabinet support the proposed changes to the future management and maintenance of the golf courses.

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