

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Bulwell Hall Golf Course
Total Value:	Exempt (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>To approve the external leasing of the golf course and adjacent area (see Appendix 1. map of area) of Bulwell Hall Golf Course to provide an improved leisure offer at the site (see appendix 2) & as agreed in PHD report</p> <p>To approve the potential expansion of the golf offer into areas marked on the attached plan (see appendix 2)</p> <p>To approve delegation of authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to carry out a tender process and award a contract in relation to the proposal.</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Bulwell Hall Golf Course has previously been subject to a tender which was cancelled due to the provider not being able to commit the necessary funds to make the improvements required at the site. Since then and following substantial improvements being made to the golf course, in 2017 NCC decided to put the golf course back out to tender, whilst it was still being managed by the golf club members. Last year NCC has taken back the site from the golf club members and operated and managed the site keeping the course functioning. It is now the right time to re-tender the site as the course is now at a suitable standard to encourage growth.</p> <p>This decision takes a longer term cost effective approach to enabling continued leisure provision at the site and will enable external investment to encourage a greater offer at the site.</p> <p>The offer to include an area for development options will impact on the area of parkland shown on the map and will enable potential investors to plan for a greater offer at the site. i.e. driving range, footgolf, adventure golf, go ape etc.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	Bulwell Hall Park-Site Golf-1-1250 A0 13-12-2016_1 compressed.jpg

Other Options Considered:

Keeping the service in-house - In the current financial climate, the option to continue managing the site is unsustainable due to limited opportunities for further investment alongside the continued pressure of on-going maintenance and necessary year on year improvements to the course. Golf as an industry is a specialised offer and would make an in-house operation to grow the business at a time when golf is a declining sport a costly option.

Management by Nottingham City Golf Club - Currently do not feel they are in a position to take over the operation & management of the site and have no funds for developing the site for future growth.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Delegated Decision 2751 (23-02-2017) - Bulwell Hall Golf Course - Future Operation & Management

Affected Wards:

Bulwell, Bulwell Forest

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Any Information Exempt from publication:

Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt:

The value of the decision and financial comments as this could affect the procurement process in terms of amount offered in the tender.

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it is a competitive procurement process

Documents exempt from publication:

CPU BHGC Form of Tender V3 03-17.docx, Bulwell Hall Golf Course Finance Comments.docx

Consultations:

This is a business decision regarding the operation and maintenance and facilities.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

By offering a better managed facility, there should be a decrease in low level crime that occurs at the site.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: No change in service, but will provide improved access

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

20/03/2019

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

There are no significant legal concerns arising from this proposal. The proposal is to award a concession arrangement to a provider to run the golf course. A process in accordance with the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 will be followed.

Legal Services will provide support with both the procurement requirements and the subsequent land arrangements for any lease granted.

Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 15/02/2019.

Finance Advice:

This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix

Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 22/02/2019.

Procurement Advice:

The report author has already engaged with procurement to ensure compliance with the Council's financial regulations and contract procedure rules. A tender will be conducted in order to secure best value for the Council and the citizens it represents. On this basis there are no procurement concerns with the approach. Advice provided by Lauren Wheatcroft (Procurement Officer) on 15/02/2019.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Localities)

SIGNED and Dated: 13/03/2019

Andy Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 06/03/2019