## POLICY, RESOURCES AND GROWTH COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 110

23 January 2020

**Brighton & Hove City Council** 

## HOLLINGBURY PARK AND WATERHALL GOLF COURSES GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To amend the recommendations as shown below in **bold italics**:

That the Policy & Resources Committee:

- 2.1 Agrees to lease Waterhall Golf Course to the Community Interest Company (CIC) described in the bid appended to the Part 2 report for a period of 25 years.
- 2.2 Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture to conclude the lease arrangements for Waterhall Golf Course as per 2.1.
- 2.3 Agrees to lease Hollingbury Park Golf Course to the Registered Charity described in the bid appended to the Part 2 report for a period of up to three years and agrees to enter into an agreement for lease and a lease for up to 25 years.
- 2.4 Directs that before the end of the 3 year lease, officers negotiating a longer lease with the lessee should give meaningful consideration to:
- -options for a break clause and marketing exercise prior to entering into a long lease;
- -potential for the lease to be taken back 'in-house'
- plans to undertake ecology and landscape assessments; and
- work with conservation, environment and community groups
- 2.5 Directs that proposals for the further 22/25 year lease will come back to an appropriately timed Policy & Resources Committee for a decision within the three years.
- 2.6 Requests that an annual report on the progress of the environmental sustainability, public access and public health elements at Hollingbury is brought to the Tourism, Equalities, Communities & Culture Committee, and that the lessee is invited to contribute to this report
- **2.4 2.7** Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture to negotiate and conclude the lease arrangements for Hollingbury Park Golf Course as per 2.3
- **2.5 2.8** Notes that TECC recommended that, if no clearly beneficial bid was identified for Hollingbury Park Golf Course, Policy & Resources Committee order a review (the TECC decision is set out in full below).
- 2.9 Notes that further to the creation of the Downland Policy Review Panel,

agreed at a meeting of the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee, 8th December 2016, the city council agreed to promote full scrutiny by Members and involve local conservation bodies on sensitive asset issues, yet this has been a rushed decision with a lack of consultation. In line with the outcomes of the decisions from the Policy Review Panel, that this committee requests officers:

- prepare a report, detailing the means by which proper stakeholder and community engagement can take place, prior to decisions regarding the future use of council-owned land

Proposed by: Cllr Mac Cafferty Seconded by: Cllr Ebel

## Recommendations if carried to read:

- 1 Agrees to lease Waterhall Golf Course to the Community Interest Company (CIC) described in the bid appended to the Part 2 report for a period of 25 years.
- 2 Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture to conclude the lease arrangements for Waterhall Golf Course as per 2.1.
- 3 Agrees to lease Hollingbury Park Golf Course to the Registered Charity described in the bid appended to the Part 2 report for a period of up to three years
- 4 Directs that before the end of the 3 year lease, officers negotiating a longer lease with the lessee should give meaningful consideration to:
- --options for a break clause and marketing exercise prior to entering into a long lease:
- -potential for the lease to be taken back 'in-house'
- plans to undertake ecology and landscape assessments; and
- work with conservation, environment and community groups
- 5 Directs that proposals for the further 22/25 year lease will come back to an appropriately timed Policy & Resources Committee for a decision within the three years.
- 6 Requests that an annual report on the progress of the environmental sustainability, public access and public health elements at Hollingbury is brought to the Tourism, Equalities, Communities & Culture Committee, and that the lessee is invited to contribute to this report
- 7 Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture to negotiate and conclude the lease arrangements for Hollingbury Park Golf

Course as per 2.3

8 Notes that TECC recommended that, if no clearly beneficial bid was identified for Hollingbury Park Golf Course, Policy & Resources Committee order a review (the

TECC decision is set out in full below).

- 9 Notes that further to the creation of the Downland Policy Review Panel, agreed at a meeting of the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee, 8th December 2016, the city council agreed to promote full scrutiny by Members and involve local conservation bodies on sensitive asset issues, yet this has been a rushed decision with a lack of consultation. In line with the outcomes of the decisions from the Policy Review Panel, that this committee requests officers:
- prepare a report, detailing the means by which proper stakeholder and community engagement can take place, prior to decisions regarding the future use of council-owned land