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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision, please refer to:

– Claire Johnson (ext.1154)

Phone 020 8132 then extension number indicated

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1/52/20-21	Cllr Caliskan (Leader of the Council) in consultation with Cllr Dogan (Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability)	Wednesday 31 March 2021	Part 1	Whitewebbs Park Golf Course	KD 5177	Chase	Yes Tuesday 30 March 2021	1

DECISIONS

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LIST REFERENCE: 1/52/20-21

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
WHITEWEBBS PARK GOLF COURSE							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	Chase	Councillor Nesil Caliskan (Leader of the Council) in consultation with Cllr Dogan (Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability)	Wednesday 31 March 2021	None	KD 5177	Mark Bradbury, Director of Property & Economy mark.bradbury@enfield.gov.uk 0203791451	Yes Tuesday 30 March 2021
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in: In view of the ongoing cost to the Council of operating the course and the expected announcement regarding the leasing of the site, that: The Director of Environment & Operational Services is authorised to close the golf course with immediate effect.</p>							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
To continue to operate the golf course. Continuing to run this at a loss is not financially sustainable in a competitive market with many other courses in the surrounding area several which are struggling to be viable.							
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS							
<p>1. Year on year WPGC has been run at a significant cost to the Authority. Since 2014/15 the service has reduced its annual expenditure by approx. £208k and during this time, significant measures have been taken to improve the online profile and accessibility of the golf course, whilst, new marketing campaigns have been undertaken. Despite these measures, the number rounds of golf played have continually fallen and annual income has fallen consistently since 2016/17.</p> <p>2. Portfolio decision KD4849 in March 2019 delegated authority to re-market WPGC, taking a more flexible approach in order achieve a sustainable future that optimises delivery of the Council's Corporate Objectives. On 11 April 2019, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed to confirm the decision.</p> <p>3. Following a two phased marketing process, 6 bids were received and evaluated. The evaluation process identified a clear highest scoring bid which most closely met the Council's requirements.</p> <p>4. Shortly following the evaluation process the implications of managing the Global COVID19 Pandemic meant that the priorities of both the Council and many of the bidders changed and progression of the marketing process was deferred. At this stage one of the bids was withdrawn.</p> <p>5. Officers have recently been able to progress the evaluation process and it is expected that an announcement regarding next steps should be made shortly.</p> <p>6. Closing the course whilst this is finalised will reduce ongoing operational losses. There are many courses in Enfield and the surrounding area, many of which will welcome new members and players. Pay and play golf is available at both Crews Hill and Trent Park courses.</p>							
BACKGROUND							
Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.							