

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 12TH NOVEMBER 2003

ANNANHILL GOLF COURSE

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on discussions with the Annanhill Golf Club regarding purchasing the Clubhouse and operating the Golf Course.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Community Services regarding Annanhill Golf Course at its meeting on 28th May and requested that the Director reported back on progress in due course.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Meetings have taken place with representatives from the Annanhill Golf Club and issues and options regarding the Club's current position and its plans for the future have been discussed in detail.
- 3.2 The Club representatives asked for further details on the value of the Clubhouse to allow them to consider purchasing the building as part of their wider plan to manage the golf course in the future. After considering the purchase option, the Club has concluded that it does not wish to proceed and will concentrate on existing club activities to improve its financial position.
- 3.3 Annanhill Golf Club will be seeking to review its current level of payment to the Council as part of the regular review of the Clubhouse lease arrangements scheduled to take place this month. The Director of Development Services will progress this matter.
- 3.5 It has also been agreed that efforts to promote the Club, and in particular the facilities and catering services available at the Clubhouse, will be supported by the Council to ensure that the Club is able to maximise its income and improve its financial position.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Annanhill Golf Club has withdrawn its interest in purchasing the Clubhouse at Annanhill Golf Course and in operating the golf course.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

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Director of Community Services

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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