

## **PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSIONS TO PATHWAYS ON THE GOLF COURSE**

Report of the: Head of Operational Services  
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Annexes/Appendices (attached): **Annexe 1** - Proposal for Pathway Extensions from Epsom Golf Club  
Other available papers (not attached):

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

**This report requests permission for Epsom Golf Club to carry pathway extensions on the golf course.**

### **RECOMMENDATION (S)**

- (1) That the Conservators agree in principle to the proposal from the Golf Club to join up two existing pathways across the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway, subject to obtaining the necessary planning permission.**
- (2) That the Conservators agree in principle to the proposal to extend the pathway from 8<sup>th</sup> hole to the 13<sup>th</sup> tee, subject to obtaining the necessary planning permission.**

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 Epsom Golf Club are committed to providing its members with a first class facility on Epsom Downs.
- 1.2 The golf course is one of the driest in Surrey as the chalk subsoil has excellent drainage, which makes the course playable conditions which force other clubs to close.
- 1.3 The Golf Club are continually upgrading the facilities to ensure the club continues attract and retain members.
- 1.4 Following on from successful path improvements last year the club are now keen to carry on with related projects.

## **2 Proposals**

- 2.1 Stuart Walker, the Director of Golf at Epsom Golf Club has approached the Streetcare Manager to propose to two projects as detailed in **Annexe 1**.

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- 2.2 Unfortunately, due to tight timescales the Streetcare Manager has not yet had an opportunity to visit the course to view proposed locations but cannot see any immediate issues from the information supplied.
- 2.3 If the Conservators are minded to support these proposals in principle, Epsom Golf Club will then submit a full Planning application to Epsom & Ewell Borough Council.

**3 Financial and Manpower Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications for the Conservators because of this proposal. Epsom Golf Course will fund the entire cost of the proposed works.

**4 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)**

- 4.1 Under the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984, Byelaw 2. (i) (e) states that:

*A person shall not, without consent of the Conservators, on the Downs: dig or take any stem chalk soil or other materials or take any turf, sods, trees, flowers, shrubs, plants or grass or use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.*

**5 Conclusion and Recommendations**

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**WARD(S) AFFECTED: College Ward; Woodcote Ward;**