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DIBDEN GOLF CENTRE VIREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The current Expenditure Plan includes £21,000 for the resurfacing of the overflow car park at Dibden Golf Centre.
- 1.2 The scheme was deemed necessary given that during periods of heavy rain the car park drainage is unable to cope and water overflows from the car park and runs down the 12th fairway.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to identify a number of other schemes which are considered to be a higher priority and for which funding is required.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Dibden Golf Centre Focus Group at it's meeting of the 17th April raised the following two key issues:
 - 2.1.1 Car Park Security – The number of thefts from the cars in the car park had greatly escalated in recent months.
 - 2.1.2 Further drainage to the 18th fairway was urgently required.
- 2.3 The meeting made it clear to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure who was in attendance that they saw these two schemes as being of a higher priority than the car park drainage and asked that he consider a virement of funds as follows:
 - a) £12,000 to implement the first stage of a CCTV system for the car parks. With a further bid during the expenditure plan process.
 - b) £9,000 for drainage to the 18th fairway.
- 2.4 The Portfolio holder agreed to consider their requests.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 CCTV SYSTEM

- 3.1.1 The incidence of theft from cars at the Golf Centre has seriously escalated in recent months and follows the pattern for other Golf Courses in Hampshire.
- 3.1.2 A number of individuals and Societies have contacted the Council and indicated that unless security measures are improved then they would give serious consideration to no longer using the facilities at the Golf Centre.

- 3.1.3 Although various security measures have been taken in the past which include reducing hedge heights to improve sight lines, the erection of notices and increased patrols by Course Marshalls, thefts continued to occur and a scheme for installation of CCTV priced at £22,000 was prepared.
- 3.4 Unfortunately funding was not available and the scheme was not taken forward. Given the recent escalation in thefts it is felt that Phase I of the scheme could be implemented for the sum of £12,000.
- 3.4 A bid for the second part of the funding would then be included in the Expenditure Plan proposals.
- 3.2 18th Fairway Drainage
 - 3.2.1 During wet conditions in the winter it is important that the Council is able to offer its' users a reasonable product on which to play.
 - 3.2.2 In this respect having 9 holes available on the 18 hole course, which can be played as 9 holes or combined with the 9 hole course to make 18 holes is very important.
 - 3.3.3 Currently we are unable to offer this facility as regularly as we would like, as the 18 hole has to be closed, as it does not drain effectively. The improvement of drainage to the 18th fairway is therefore seen as a priority if the winter golf product is to be satisfactory.
 - 3.3.4 The Head Green Keeper has costed the works as £9,000.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The total costs of the two schemes is £21,000 and would be met from virement from the existing budget for car park drainage.
- 4.2 Failure to do either scheme may affect current levels of income.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The installation of the CCTV system is likely to lead to a major reduction in car thefts at the Golf Centre. It has proved a major deterrent at the Recreation Centres.

6. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS VIEWS

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder supports the recommendations.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The proposals have come forward as the result of a Focus Group Meeting regarding both schemes as a priority.
- 7.2 Local Members' views are being sought and will be reported at the meeting.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are none directly related to this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that £9,000 for additional drainage to the 18 hole and £12,000 for CCTV are funded by virement from the existing £21,000 budget for resurfacing the overflow car park.

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Background Papers:

Published documents
Notes of Focus Group
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