Report No.120/2024 Report of the A/Executive Manager



## Grant of a 5 year licence at Silloge Park Golf Course, Ballymun Road, Dublin 11.

Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department has requested that The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club be granted a further 5 year licence to operate a golf club at Silloge Park Golf Course. Silloge Park Golf Club is affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies Golfing Union. The area in question is shown delineated in red on Map Index No. SM-2018-0062.

The Chief Valuer has reported that agreement has now been reached with The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club for the granting of a 5 year licence, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. That Dublin City Council own and maintain Silloge Park Golf Course, Ballymun Road, Co. Dublin. The subject property is shown outlined in red on attached map SM-2018-0062.
- 2. That Dublin City Council shall engage a Service Provider to manage the running of the golf pavilion at the subject property. (A *new contract with the Service Provider commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024*).
- 3. That Dublin City County shall grant The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club a licence to operate a golf club at the subject property. The Licensee shall not use the property for any other purpose.
- 4. That the Licence shall be for a term of 5 years, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. This licence is personal to The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club and the Licensee shall not assign, sublet or part with possession of the property or any part thereof.
- 5. That the Licence fee is to be 1 euro per annum if demanded. VAT is not applicable.
- 6. That for the effective management of Silloge Park Golf Course, the membership of Silloge Park Golf Club will be limited to 350 members per annum, which can be a combination of full members and pay and play members. The membership limit may be reviewed by the Council, in conjunction with the Golf Club and the Service Provider and any changes to membership numbers must be agreed with the Council.
- 7. That Dublin City Council, The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club and the Service Provider shall agree to meet annually to review the current arrangements.
- 8. That any future agreements with The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club and the Service Provider or any other party must be agreed in advance in writing with Dublin City Council.
- 9. That Silloge Park Golf Club shall be affiliated to Golf Ireland and shall remain in good standing with Golf Ireland.

- 10. That Silloge Park Golf Club shall operate women's, men's and juvenile sections in the Club.
- 11. That the membership fee for the Club will be set by The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club. These fees or any proposed changes will be subject to the prior written approval of the Dublin City Council.
- 12. That the Service Provider shall collect all club membership fees and shall distribute the full fees (without deductions) annually between Silloge Park Golf Club (the Licensee), the Service Provider and Dublin City Council (the Licensor) as set out below **from the 1**<sup>st</sup> **January 2024**. The Service Provider will provide an annual report detailing the collection and distribution of membership fees to the Licensor:

Name	Proportion of Membership Fee
Silloge Park Golf Club	17%
Service Provider	18%
Dublin City Council	65%

- 13. That the Licensee shall meet with the Licensor on an annual basis.
- 14. That the Licensee shall indemnify the Council against any claims, injury or damage caused by its members and shall take out and produce to Dublin City Council Public Liability Insurance in the sum of €6,500,000 (six million, five hundred thousand euro). Employer Liability Insurance (if applicable) in the sum of €13,000,000 (thirteen million euro) for any incident and Product Liability Insurance in the sum of €6,500,000 (six million, five hundred thousand euro) with an insurance company authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland and operate in the Republic of Ireland.
- 15. That the Club shall have the use of an agreed area of the existing Pavilion at Silloge Park Golf Course where the Club's business can be conducted.
- 16. That the holding of all competitions shall be subject to consultation and agreement with the Council and the Service Provider.
- 17. That priority tee times for Club members competitions are Tuesday first light until 11.30am, Thursday 9.00am to 11.30am and Sunday 10.00am to 1 pm. From the end of May for 12 weeks there is also a Friday night club from 6pm to 8pm. On the Captains, Presidents and Charity days the times will be 10am to 3pm, dates for which shall be agreed in advance with the Service Provider. For the good management of the golf course, priority tee times can be extended or reduced as agreed between the Licensor and the Service Provider. Members who wish to play outside of priority tee times must do so in accordance with the guidelines as agreed between the Service Provider and the Licensor.
- 18. That the Licensee shall sign a deed of Renunciation and the granting of this Licence to The Trustees of Silloge Park Golf Club shall not confer any rights under Landlord and Tenant Law.
- 19. That the Licence may be terminated by the Council at any time, subject to a minimum of three months' notice in writing to the Licensee.
- 20. That the licensed area shall be subject to a wayleave to Uisce Éireann as shown coloured yellow on the attached map. This may not be the final wayleave area, as Uisce Éireann have not yet confirmed the exact area they require for their proposed underground orbital sewer, planned as part of the Greater Dublin Drainage Project.

Please note: An Bord Pleanála granted permission for this project in November 2019 but this decision was quashed in November 2020 by the High Court. The High Court remitted the

planning application to An Bord Pleanála in July 2021 and I understand that the application is ongoing with An Bord Pleanála.

- 21. That Dublin City Council, alone shall negotiate all terms and conditions of the wayleave with Uisce Éireann, whether or not the Licensee is served with a wayleave notice by Uisce Éireann. Uisce Éireann has yet to confirm if works will be carried out via above ground works or below ground works. The Council shall update the Licensee in due course, in relation to all practical aspects of the works. The Council shall endeavour in its negotiations with Uisce Éireann to minimise the impact of the works (as much as practically possible) on the Golf Course operations.
- 22. That the Licensee shall accommodate Uisce Éireann with access to the Golf Course when they are constructing the orbital sewer.
- 23. That the each party shall be responsible for their own fees and costs in this matter.
- 24. That the Licensee shall be responsible for the payment of any Stamp Duty liability that may arise on the creation of this Licence.

The property to be disposed of was acquired from Nicholas Monks, Richard Warner Wilkinson and by Deed of Exchange from Fingal County Council.

The Land Development Agency has advised that it is not intended to acquire the land for the purposes of Section 53(4) of the Land Development Agency Act 2021 and has notified the Council in writing to this effect.

No agreement enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until an exchange of contracts has taken place.

This proposal was approved by the North West Area Committee at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

This report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

## **Resolution:**

That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this report and assents to the proposal outlined therein.

<u>Máire Igoe</u> A/Executive Manager

25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

