

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive Committee
Date:	22nd March 2021
Subject:	Future of the Llangefni Golf Course
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Local Members:	Canolbarth Môn but relevant to all Members

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s
<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That the Executive consider the contents of the accompanying “Consultation Report” and makes a decision on the future of the Llangefni Golf Course. The options are to either:</p> <p><u>Option 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Proceed with the sale and begin to market the Site (Ffridd household with some land and the remaining 42 acres lotted to maximise income) on the open market for sale; b) Undertake a minimum period of 6 weeks notification in the local press of a “Decision Notice” indicating the Council’s decision to dispose; and c) Reinvest any capital receipts received from the disposal of the Site into the Plas Arthur leisure facility. <p><u>Option 2</u></p> <p>To not proceed with the sale, absorb the facility back into the County Council’s asset portfolio. A decision will then be required on what/ if any role it will play.</p> <p>A formal consultation on the proposed disposal of the Llangefni Golf Course went “live” on the 12th October 2020 and ran for a period of 7 weeks until 30th November 2020.</p>

The County Council received a total of 61 (sixty one) individual engagements with the consultation. Of these, 43 (forty-three) left without completing the response box whilst a further 18 (eighteen) offered some responses. Out of the 18 only fifteen (15) provided comments and responding to the questions outlined within the consultation documents. Three responses were received by e-mail separately. These can be found in Section 4.0 of the Consultation Report.

The Regulation and Economic Development Service has undertaken a thorough assessment of the impacts that the proposed disposal of the golf course would have on various local strategies, plans and assessments, as well evaluated the recreational value of the facility to the local community. The Service has also reviewed and considered all responses received to the latest consultaion process. The County Council must now decide whether to proceed with the recommendation in the Report to dispose of the golf course.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

Do nothing – this is not a viable option either as part of the consultation process nor the very future of the golf course as an extensive and costly public consultation has been re-run as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. A decision on the future of the Llangefni Golf Course is now required so as agreement on the Ffridd house and adjoining 40+ acres can be reached.

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

Consistent with the requirements of the Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015, any decision on the future of the Golf Course must be made by the Executive Committee.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Yes – it aligns with the current Council Plan's objective (2017-2022) to work with the people of Anglesey, our communities and partners to ensure high quality services that will improve the quality of life for everyone on the Island. It also reflects the aim of promoting active lifestyles amongst children, young people and adults by ensuring multi-sports facilities in modern fit for purpose premises are available. This decision helps to address the Council's current financial challenges, providing investment in other local leisure facilities from the anticipated capital receipt which should be realized from the disposal of the golf course.

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

Yes – there is an opportunity for an annual saving to be made (in relation to the running

costs) and for a significant capital receipt to be realised.		
E – Impact on our Future Generations(if relevant)		
1	How does this decision impact on our long term needs as an Island	Any decision will have an impact on the Island. A decision to dispose the golf course will result in one less play facility however, in mitigation, any capital receipt will be ringfenced to invest in other local leisure facilities.
2	Is this a decision which it is envisaged will prevent future costs / dependencies on the Authority. If so, how:-	Yes. The golf course was making an average, sustained loss of £28,000 per annum. This was subsidised by the County Council and the trend is unsustainable.
3	Have we been working collaboratively with other organisations to come to this decision, if so, please advise whom:	A number of other organisations were afforded the opportunity to play a role in the consultation but many did not respond. A whole list of organisations approached can be found in Section 3.1, Point 6 in the table.
4	Have Anglesey citizens played a part in drafting this way forward? Please explain how:-	Member of the public were afforded the opportunity to play a role in the consultation. We invited them to comments and observations on four key questions. From 61 engagements, 18 comments were made.
5	Outline what impact does this decision have on the Equalities agenda and the Welsh language	A Welsh Language Impact Assessment was completed as part of the wider consultation and its output demonstrated a Positive/ Neutral impact.

DD – Who did you consult?		What did they say?
1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	Supportive of the proposal
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Procurement	
8	Scrutiny	The Corporate Scrutiny Committee at its

		<p>meeting of 8th March, 2021 considered the report on Llangefni Golf Course. In light of its deliberations, the Committee resolved as follows:</p> <p>It was resolved to recommend to the Executive that the sale of Llangefni Golf Course land be delayed to allow consideration to be given to options for incorporating the land in part or in full within the Joint Local Development Plan when the Plan is reviewed, and that in the meantime the Ffridd property be marketed for sale on the open market and the proceeds of sale reinvested in the Plas Arthur Leisure Centre.</p>
9	Local Members	

F - Appendices:
Proposed Disposal of the Llangefni Golf Course; The Consultation Report

FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):