

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 9 June 2015

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)

SUBJECT: The East Lothian Council (Scottish Open, Gullane Golf Course) (Exemption) Order 2015

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 For Cabinet to approve the making of an Order under Section 11 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to facilitate the holding of the Aberdeen Asset Management 2015 Scottish Open Golf Championship at Gullane Golf Course, Gullane Links, East Lothian.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the making of The East Lothian Council (Scottish Open, Gullane Golf Course) (Exemption) Order 2015.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Aberdeen Asset Management 2015 Scottish Open Golf Championship is being held at Gullane Golf Course, Gullane Links, East Lothian in July 2015.
- 3.2 The Championship organiser European Tour has applied to East Lothian Council for an Order under Section 11 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to exempt areas of Gullane Golf Course from the access rights which would otherwise be exercisable there.
- 3.3 The purpose of the Order is to enable the 2015 Scottish Open Golf Championship to be held, with the land being exempted temporarily from access rights (1) in the interests of the safety and security of players and the safety of the public during the Championship; and (2) to permit an entrance fee to be levied on spectators during the Championship.

- 3.4 It is proposed that the Order will take effect at 05.00 hours on Wednesday 8th July 2015 and will expire at 18.00 hours on Monday 13th July 2015.
- 3.5 Consultation on the proposed Order has taken place with East Lothian Local Access Forum, Gullane Area Community Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, Hill Road Landowners (Gullane) and Aberlady Local Nature Reserve Advisory Group. No concerns have been raised by these organisations.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This Order is consistent with the provisions of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, and with policy and good practice set out in the Scottish Government Guidance for Local Authorities and National Park Authorities on Part 1 Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – None.
- 6.2 Personnel – None.
- 6.3 Other – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Appendix 1: Proposed Order to exempt land from access rights for the 2015 Scottish Open: “The East Lothian Council (Scottish Open, Gullane Golf Course) (Exemption) Order 2015”.

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Appendix 1: Proposed Order to exempt land from access rights for the 2015 Scottish Open

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

**THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (SCOTTISH OPEN, GULLANE GOLF COURSE)
(EXEMPTION) ORDER 2015**

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 11(1) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 ("the Act") and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, HEREBY MAKE the following Order:-

1. The Order may be cited as "The East Lothian Council (Scottish Open, Gullane Golf Course) (Exemption) Order 2015" and shall come into effect at 05.00 hours on 8 July 2015 and will expire at 18.00 hours on 13 July 2015, unless revoked earlier.
2. The effect of the Order is to exempt the areas of land at Gullane Golf Course, Gullane Links, which areas are shown hatched blue on the plan thereof annexed and executed as relative hereto, from the access rights which would otherwise be exercisable in respect of that land by virtue of Part 1 of the Act.
3. The purposes for which the Order are made are:
 - (a) to permit an entrance fee to be levied on spectators for admission to the Scottish Open Golf Championship; and
 - (b) to secure the safety and security of players and the safety of the public during the Championship.

The foregoing Order typewritten on this page is, together with the plan annexed hereto, sealed with the Common Seal of East Lothian Council and subscribed for and on their behalf by Morag Ferguson, an authorised signatory and as such a "Proper Officer" for the purposes of Section 194 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, at HADDINGTON on the day of TWO THOUSAND and FIFTEEN.

The East Lothian Council (Scottish Open, Gullane Golf Course) (Exemption) Order 2015



This is the area that the above Order will cover

