

2019 Open – Visit to Royal Troon	14th June 2016
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Members will build relationships to help deliver our vision for this Council area.
Lead Officer	Richard Baker, Director
Cost: (If applicable)	£1,200 approx.

The Purpose of this report is to request that the Leisure and Development Committee nominate 4 Councillors to participate in a visit to South Ayrshire District Council and Royal Troon Golf Club on 13th and 14th July 2016, in preparation for the 148th Open Golf Championship in 2019 at Royal Portrush Golf Club.

Following the announcement in October 2015, preparations for the 148th Open Golf Championship in 2019 at Royal Portrush Golf Club have commenced. Whilst the Club is currently focused upon course modifications and preparations for the on-site infrastructure, Council have a key role off-site.

The Royal and Ancient has proposed a ‘tried and tested’ Multi Agency Event Planning Group Architecture, which is based upon Gold, Silver and Bronze operational sub-groups.

Council will be represented at every level of the Planning Architecture and likely to have a lead role in the following operational sub-groups:

- Transport.
- Safety and Security.
- Marketing and Communications.
- Contingency.
- Marshalling.

To date officers have been working with Royal Portrush Golf Club, the Royal and Ancient, the PSNI and more recently South Ayrshire District Council, who are involved in the 2016 Open at Royal Troon Golf Club.

Royal Troon Golf Club has hosted the Open eight times, most recently in 2004. The Council has consequently accrued significant experience as an event delivery partner.

To understand the scale and unique nature of the Open, plus the planning requirements, including Council’s role, the R&A and South Ayrshire District Council have invited a small contingent (Chief Exec, Director and 4 Councillors) from this Council to attend a working visit to the 2016 Open in Royal Troon.

The visit will include the following key elements:

- Briefing from the Chief Executive of South Ayrshire District Council (Strategic Oversight).
- Briefing from the Head of Enterprise, Development and Leisure (Operational Responsibilities).
- Briefing from a representative of the Royal and Ancient.
- Tour of Royal Troon Golf Club during the 145th Open.

The general programme for the visit will be:

Date	Location	Remarks
Wednesday 13 th July	Travel to Glasgow	Travel and overnight stay details to be confirmed.
Thursday 14 th July AM	South Ayrshire District Council Civic Building in Ayr	Briefing from Chief Exec and Senior Officers.
Thursday 14 th July PM	Royal Troon Golf Club	Briefing from the R&A. Tour of Royal Troon Golf Club. Return to Northern Ireland.

Recommendation

The Leisure and Development Committee is requested to nominate 4 Councillors to participate in the working visit to South Ayrshire District Council and Royal Troon Golf Club on 13th and 14th July 2016.