
ROCHFORD RESERVOIR – GRANT OF NEW MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report concerns the bailiff arrangements for regulating fishing at the Rochford Reservoir and the management agreement with the Rochford Angling Club, which undertakes the stewardship of the fishing activities on the reservoir.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Rochford Reservoir is owned and maintained by the Council as a public open space with the stewardship of the fishing activities managed by The Rochford Angling Club under agreement with the Council. The Club has managed the facilities since 1969. The current term is shortly to expire and the Club is seeking a renewal of the agreement.

3 AGREEMENT

- 3.1 The agreement regulates all fishing in the reservoir, requires the waters to be kept stocked and provides for their proper management and for the angling activities to be bailiffed. The present five-year term, which was for a fee of £450:00 per annum expires on the 15 March 2002. The agreement carries over after this date until its formal determination by the Council.

4 RENEWAL

- 4.1 The Trustees of the Rochford Angling Club have applied for the agreement to be renewed for a further term of five years.
- 4.2 The Property Maintenance and Highways Manager is satisfied that the Club has fulfilled its duties under the terms of the current Agreement and has no objection to the renewal of the agreement for a further term, subject to an inflationary increase in the annual fee.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Stewardship of the waters is important in assisting to protect wildlife, maintain the environment and the attraction of the reservoir which is a prominent and popular public open space close to the Town centre and also safeguarding the amenity of the residents immediately adjoining the site.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There is a small yearly income and a saving to the Council as the bailiffing and general management is carried out by the Club.

7 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The site falls within the Rochford Parish.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the Council grants a new Management Agreement to the Club for a term of 5 years from the 15 March 2002 at an annual fee of £550:00 and upon such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services deems fit.

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Background Papers:

Letter from Club dated 4 February 2002.

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