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Dear Customer,

**RE: Tamworth Golf Course update**

Earlier in the year we wrote to customers setting out our new fees and charges. In this letter we advised that the Council might need to review the closure date for the course if it didn't meet its income targets.

The budgeted loss to the council at the golf course this year is £135,000. To achieve this, the course needs to hit the income targets to offset the cost of running the course. Income targets were set for membership, and pay and play usage. Although we just managed to hit the target of 160 memberships for the 2014/15 season, we are not meeting the income budgeted for pay and play golf.

Unfortunately the income for pay and play usage, which contributes a more substantial proportion of the overall income budget, is considerably less than the previous year. This means that should the course continue to run till March 2015 it is likely to cost the tax payer an additional £62,000. This is despite the efforts of our dedicated staff who have worked hard to improve the condition of the course and to promote it to new customers.

Therefore I'm writing to advise you that the councils Cabinet will be considering a report on the current operational and financial position of the course on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. The report contains three options for the course including closure on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. Should the course close earlier than originally planned members will be issued with a pro rata refund.

We appreciate that this is unwelcome news but given the situation the council must consider the option of closing earlier. I wish to thank you for your continued custom and support for the golf course.

Yours sincerely

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