8. MINIATURE GOLF COURSE – NORTH HAGLEY PARK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's acceptance of a proposal for the constructing and operating of a mini golf course at North Hagley Park and to approve a lease of the site under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 22 July 1998 the Council resolved that the provision of a mini golf course as proposed in North Hagley Park be subject to public notification of a request for proposals. This resolution followed consideration of a proposal by Mr Stephen Godfrey for an eighteen hole mini golf course occupying some 700 square metres at the south western end of Lake Victoria. Mr Godfrey had earlier outlined his proposal for a mini golf course when he was given speaking rights at the 8 April 1998 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The request for proposals was publicly notified in the Christchurch Press on 17 and 21 October 1998. Proposals were called for in terms of the "Request for Proposals for Constructing and Operating a Mini Golf Course at North Hagley Park" document dated 14 October 1998 which is laid on the table. By closing date 11 November 1998 two proposals were received.

1. Simtech New Zealand Limited – Mr Frank Marquette

A design based on miniaturisation of an actual golf course – maintaining a classical atmosphere. (The original enquirer regarding miniature golf in Hagley Park, having met with Leisure and Community Services Unit staff in November 1995.)

2. Putt in the Park – Mr Stephen Godfrey.

A design focusing on a natural and relaxed atmosphere with emphasis on safety and enhancement of existing natural features.

Both proposals plan to open in September 1999.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The two proposals received have been assessed and ranked in terms of the evaluation criteria set out in the request for proposals document:

- 1. Strength of the Proposal
 - Viability
 - Added Recreational Value/Effects
 - Landscape Enhancement
- 2. Credentials of Proposer
 - Management
 - Finance/Backing
 - Track Record
 - Experience
 - References/Referees
- 3. Rental Offered/Lease Terms
 - Rent
 - Terms and Conditions Agreed/Offered
- 4. Use of Local Firms
 - The supply of goods and services

For reasons of protecting privacy and conduct of negotiations the comparisons, analysis and ranking of each proposal with a recommendation for acceptance and the granting of a lease to one of the proposers is set out in the report given in the public excluded agenda. It should be noted that the granting of a lease (if approved by the Council) will be subject to public notification in terms of the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

Recommendation:

That the Council support the concept of constructing and operating a mini golf course in North Hagley Park and consider the recommendation outlined in the report in the public excluded agenda.