

## 19. REPORT OF THE QEII ATHLETICS TRACK SUBCOMMITTEE

At its April meeting the Committee considered a report from the Leisure Manager on the condition of the QEII Athletics Track. The report advised that the present track, which was installed in 1991 and had a 14 year life expectancy, had deteriorated more rapidly than originally envisaged and would not last until 2003/04. Authority to bring forward the funding was therefore requested to enable the work to be completed earlier than scheduled. In addition the report also sought the direction of the Committee on whether the track should be relocated to another area at QEII Park.

The Committee appointed a Subcommittee comprising the Chairman, Councillors Baker, Corbett and Sheriff to investigate the issues raised in the staff report and report back to the Committee on the best option for the replacement and relocation of the new track.

A detailed report addressing both issues was before the Committee at its September meeting. The Committee **decided** to refer the report to the Strategy and Resources Committee with the following recommendation:

1. That the athletics track remain in the QEII Stadium.
2. That sufficient funding to cover the cost of the track replacement be brought forward to the 2001/02 financial year.
3. That the balance remain in the 2003/04 capital works budget for the replacement of the wooden embankment seating.

The Strategy and Resources Committee is reporting to the present meeting on the track placement and funding issues.