

## 2. SUMMER SUBURBAN POOLS

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The Pools and Stadia Subcommittee and the Community and Leisure Committee have considered a memorandum from the Leisure Unit Financial Manager on five suburban pools situated at Papanui, Edgware, Templeton, Woolston and Belfast (attached). The purpose of the memorandum was to identify possible options for budget saving and revenue increases as part of the 2002/3 Annual Plan process. The report suggested that the option of closing some or all of the suburban pools could be considered.

A further report dated January 2002 from the Council's Health and Safety Auditor regarding an audit undertaken of the suburban pools, was also considered. This report outlined deficiencies in the current operation of suburban pools, and for fullness of reporting is also attached.

**Recommendation:** That pending further decisions on the future of the five suburban pools the Council agree:

- (a) That the five suburban pools at Papanui, Edgware, Templeton, Woolston and Belfast now be managed by the Council's Leisure Unit.
- (b) That Community Boards be advised of the rationale for change in management of pools in their communities.
- (c) That each of the pool management committees be consulted on opening hours, entry charges and maintenance standards.
- (d) That discussions be held with the schools, management committees and Community Boards on the long-term options for the suburban pools, drawing attention to the poor condition of pools and expected asset maintenance costs over the next 10 years.
- (e) That the Pools and Stadia Subcommittee continue its work in reviewing the long-term options for the future of these pools.