

8. JELLIE PARK REDEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to bring forward \$100,000 of capital funding allocated in 2004/05 for the redevelopment of Jellie Park.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 12 December 2002, the Council adopted the following recommendation of the Community and Leisure Committee:

That the \$6.703 million in 2005/06 be utilised to complete the following projects:

QEII - Mezzanine floor
Poolside toilets
Main entrance/southern exterior and facade
Centennial Leisure Centre - Staff facilities extension
Fitness area extension
Upgrade of Jellie Park

At its meeting on 15 July 2003 the Council resolved:

1. That the funding of the Jellie Park upgrade capital allocation in 2005/06 be brought forward and evenly split between 2004/05 and 2005/06.
2. That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board be consulted on issues relating to the upgrade.

DISCUSSION

The effect of the above resolutions is to bring forward the Jellie Park upgrade by a year. Accordingly, there is a need to bring forward some of the budget provision to the 2003/04 financial year to allow project planning to proceed to ensure the work is completed within the planned time-frames.

Discussions have been held with City Solutions staff who have advised that approximately \$60,000 will be required this year to prepare detailed plans and select the consultants.

In addition to this, there is an operational problem at the facility. The lap pool and the teaching pool share a common balance tank but as both bodies of water need to operate at different temperatures this means neither pool can operate at the optimum temperature simultaneously. If the water is too hot in the lap pool and the temperature is lowered then the water becomes too cold in the teaching pool. This problem can be solved by splitting the balance tank and providing a separate filter system for each pool. The cost to carry out this work is estimated to be \$60,000 of which approximately \$40,000 is for a new filter and separate pumping equipment. The equipment can be reused in the upgrade. The additional \$20,000 can be found from within existing Leisure Unit capital budgets.

The \$60,000 for the initial planning associated with the upgrade and the \$40,000 for a new filter and pumping equipment make up the \$100,000.

Recommendation: That \$100,000 of capital funding be brought from 2004/05 to 2003/04 to facilitate the Jellie Park upgrade and to undertake some associated capital works.