

4. LINFIELD CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS CLUB PROPOSAL AT CUTHBERTS GREEN

The Committee considered a report from Kelly Hansen (Parks and Waterways Planner) and Warwick Scadden (Parks and Waterways Area Advocate) which outlined a development proposal resulting from a direct request from the Linfield Cultural and Recreational Sports Club.

The proposal included the development of new soccer and rugby fields on approximately 5.4 hectares of land in Cuthberts Green, Kearneys Road, by the Recreational Sports Club, a club with links to the Linwood Rugby Club and the Rangers AFC and catering for rugby, soccer, and touch with options being explored for netball, softball and bowls.

The following three options were scheduled:

- (i) Decline the application
- (ii) Lease the site to the club for development by the club at its own expense
- (iii) The Council develop the site (in partnership with the club) for annual allocation to the club.

As Cuthberts Green is a district sports park and as the proposal may have significant budget implications, the report was also referred to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.

The Board at its meeting on 4 June 2003 **resolved**:

1. *That the Board support in principle the proposal for the Council to develop the site at Cuthberts Green with a view to allocating the sports fields to the Linfield Club, as outlined in option iii contained in clause 6 of the (Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board) agenda.*
2. *That staff explore funding options for reporting back to the Board.*

The Committee **decided**:

1. To support further investigations by Council staff (including provisions for public access and appropriate buffer zones).
2. That Council staff further develop funding and development options.