

10. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT ON BROWNLEE RESERVE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board the resolution of Council on 1 December 2005.
2. On 1 December 2005 the Council **resolved** that the Chairperson of the Board be requested to make arrangements pursuant to Standing Order 2.18.17 for the Board to reconsider its decision in respect of the amended development plan.
3. Standing order 2.18.17 reads:

Any local authority meeting may, on a recommendation contained in a report by the Chairperson or chief executive, or the report of any committee, revoke or alter all or part of any resolution previously passed by the local authority or committee thereof, provided that notification of such recommendation shall have been given to the Chairperson and members at least two clear days before the meeting at which such recommendation is to be considered.

BACKGROUND

4. At a seminar on 9 February 2005 the Board heard from Globe Holdings about their proposed development adjoining part of Brownlee Reserve. They requested that 51 trees be removed and replanted. At that stage no development concept plan existed for Brownlee Reserve. A concept plan was prepared and this went out for consultation, 108 submissions were received.
5. On 23 March 2005 the Board declined the application as presented but resolved that a plan for Brownlee Reserve be prepared for the staging of any further work and/or enhancement. A second draft Development Concept Plan was prepared which included a revised (reduced) number of trees to be removed. This plan was open for submissions again until early September as the revised plan initially did not clearly identify the trees to be removed.
6. The Board considered a comprehensive staff report on 26 October 2005, which incorporated the following recommendations:

"It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) *Approve the readvertised and amended Development Concept Plan as requested by the Board and policy recommendations in this report for Brownlee Reserve.*
- (b)
 - (i) *Note that if the proposed subdivision by Globe Holdings Ltd of land adjoining Brownlee Reserve goes ahead Globe Holdings Ltd has undertaken to pay to the Council upon resource consent being granted the sum of \$98,000 to cover the cost of removing 36 trees generally from the boundary between 116-118 Panorama Road and the Reserve and the replanting of this area as shown in the Development Concept Plan.*
 - (ii) *Approve the carrying out of the work referred to above.*
 - (iii) *Note that the payment of \$98,000 by Globe Holdings Ltd is in addition to any reserve contributions required to be paid under the Council's Development Contributions Policy.*
- (c) *If the funding from Globe Holdings Ltd and Reserve Contribution is not available, approve the Brownlee Reserve Concept Plan for implementation in accordance with the Council's current programme for enhancing reserves.*
- (d) *Adopt the policy recommendations following the public consultation process.*

It is recommended that the Council:

- (e) *Approve the expenditure of the reserve contribution funds payable from any subdivision of neighbouring property at 116-118 Clifton Terrace on implementing the Brownlee Reserve Development Concept Plan, excluding (b) above and subject to all work and estimates being approved by the Greenspace Manager."*

The Board resolved:

- (a) To approve the readvertised and amended Development Concept Plan for Brownlee Reserve minus "the trees to be removed" on the concept plan as marked in red and blue.
- (b) That in accordance with Council policy the approximate 15 to 20 unsafe and hazardous trees, identified by the City Arborist, be removed.
- (c) That the Brownlee Reserve Concept Plan be the basis for a management plan in accordance with the Council's current programme for enhancing reserves.
- (d) To adopt the policy recommendations following the public consultation process.

The Board also decided to recommend to the Council that it approve the expenditure of reserve contribution funds payable from any subdivision of neighbouring property at 116-118 Clifton Terrace on implementing the Brownlee Reserve Development Concept Plan subject to all work and estimates being approved by the Greenspace Manager (this recommendation is separately recorded in clause 2 of the Board's report).

CONSIDERATION

- 7. In order to give effect to the Council resolution of 1 December 2005 the Board will need to consider revoking its decision made at the Board meeting of 26 October 2005.
- 8. When considering the Board's resolution Council noted that as a result of over six months consultation on this issue over 80% of the respondents were in favour of supporting the development concept plan as identified in the report of 26 October.
- 9. Further that the number of trees that were proposed to be removed (36) represents only 13 % of the total number of the pine/gum plantation and that the large core of pine trees will be retained.
- 10. Therefore as a requirement of the council resolution I make the following recommendations.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Board revoke its decision made at the Board meeting on 26 October 2005.
- 2. That staff provide a report for the Board on Brownlee Reserve for its meeting on 12 April 2006.