

## 8. AVONDALE PARK STORE ROOM PROPOSAL

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the Avondale Park Store Room Proposal to proceed with detailed design and construction.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Avondale Park is a small neighbourhood reserve accessed via Mervyn Drive, De Courcy Place and Woolley Street. The park currently has a toilet block, public tennis court, basketball hoop, cricket oval and petanque court available. Sports groups utilising the park for cricket have made past requests for a store room facility. Presently they have to bring equipment from other venues for preparing cricket wickets. This has become a limiting factor for use of the park. There is \$30,000 funding available in the 2007/08 financial year to install a storage shed.
3. A preliminary development plan was circulated to key stakeholders in April 2007 to obtain feedback on store room installation and design. The proposed design is consistent with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. Two montage views and floor plan of the proposed building are attached to this report.
4. The original design layout for Avondale Park indicated a future car park to be installed at the corner of De Courcy Place and Mervyn Drive. In 2001 the allocated funding of \$15,000 became available to implement the car park. At that time the general feeling of the sports club and residents was that extra parking was unnecessary. The plan was therefore put on hold in case there was increased demand for future parking. In 2007/08 financial year funding of \$30,000 is available to implement the car park. However, a formal survey completed in December 2006 again confirmed that local residents and sports club view a car park as unnecessary. An overwhelming 92% of respondents considered car parking on Avondale Park to be superfluous to requirements.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There is \$5,000 available in the City Environment Group 2006/07 financial year for design work and consultation regarding Avondale Park. During 2007/08 financial year there is \$30,000 available to implement a storage shed plus \$30,000 for the proposed car park. Feedback from residents and sports clubs deems the car park unnecessary. Therefore, City Environment Group would like to combine both funding codes to create an enhanced store room facility worth \$60,000.
6. The reserve and buildings will continue to be maintained by a Christchurch City Council maintenance contractor (usually City Care). Therefore the park can be expected to receive regular maintenance and management. Ongoing maintenance costs will be absorbed by the maintenance budget.

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. Implementation of Avondale Park proposed store room installation is a project listed on the 2006-16 LTCCP budget. Recommendations of this report are in alignment with 2006-16 Long Term Council Community Plan Budget.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Design and construction is in accordance with New Zealand building standards. The park layout is consistent with CPTED policies.

### Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. All legal requirements pertaining to buildings have been met so there is no adverse impact for community.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

10. Provision of the Avondale Park store room construction is consistent with the:
- (a) LTCCP 2006-16;
  - (b) Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan;
  - (c) Parks and Waterways Access Policy.

### **Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?**

11. The recommendation of this report is to proceed with the construction of Avondale Park store room which is identified in the 2006-16 LTCCP.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

12. Provision of the cricket store room has primary alignment with the following Council strategies:
- (a) Recreation and Sport Strategy;
  - (b) Children's Strategy;
  - (c) Pedestrian Strategy for Christchurch City;
  - (d) Security Strategy;
  - (e) Urban Renewal Programme;
  - (f) Equity and Access for People with Disabilities Policy;
  - (g) Environmental Design Policy.

### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

13. Recommendations made in this report are consistent with the Council strategies listed above.

## **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. A seminar was held with the Board seeking permission to consult with residents. A consultation flyer seeking residents feedback regarding the proposed car parking was circulated during December 2006. The result of this survey confirmed that 92% of respondents considered a car park unnecessary.
15. A public information leaflet seeking responses on the preliminary store room proposal were distributed to residents and key stakeholder groups in April 2007. Residents were asked to indicate their acceptance/non-acceptance of the proposal and were given the option to comment. In total 39 response forms have been received from the 60 consultation packages delivered.
- 92% Accept the proposed plan (36).
- 08% Do not accept the proposed plan (3).
16. A number of suggestions and comments were made that have been considered for improvement of the design. However, no changes resulted on this occasion.
17. An information update letter and copy of the plan will be circulated to residents and stakeholder groups after Board approval is met.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve the Avondale Park proposed store room design and the City Environment Group commence implementation.