

9. HANSEN PARK NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to approve the final landscape plan (refer **Attachment 1**) for Hansen Park new recreational facilities and landscape development following community consultation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Hansen Park is situated in Opawa with entrances from Butler Street, Fifield Terrace, with the main entrance being off Hawford Road. It is bounded by the Heathcote River, Rudolf Steiner School and Opawa/St Martins Kindergarten, as well as a small number of residential properties.
3. It is the location of the clubrooms of Port Hills Athletics Club as well as the home of their training and competition facilities. Both rugby and cricket are played on this park during the year.
4. Following consultation in 2000 regarding the upgrade of the existing play equipment, a junior composite structure and roctopus were installed.
5. From these submissions a large amount of feedback was received regarding the need for further shelter planting, and more seating. Also identified at this time was the need for play equipment for older children, hard surface areas and pathways to the playground. A concept was developed in 2001 which has been updated and formed the plan which was then sent out for consultation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The funding for this development project in Hansen Park has been set aside in the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme:
 - (a) Recreational Facilities Hansen Park - \$60,000
 - (b) Pathways - \$20,000
 - (c) Playground Upgrades - \$35,000
 - (d) Undersurfacing - \$10,000
7. The above funding allows for the proposed concept to be completed, however to achieve the completion of the half court to a full court there is a shortfall of \$9,000. It would make good economical sense to complete the full court while other work is underway, as well as enabling the whole plan to be completed at one time. There was support in the consultation for this to be done. The Board has approximately \$51,830 in its 2007/08 Discretionary Fund.
8. A recommendation of this report will be to request the shortfall of \$9,000 from the Spreydon/Heathcote discretionary fund to enable the full completion of this project. Should the request be declined, the half court will still be constructed, however, the extension to a full court funding will be applied for in the 2009 round of LTCCP.

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

9. Yes. See above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. All work will be carried out by a Council approved contractor.

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

11. Yes. See above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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- (a) Recreation: By offering a range of active and passive recreation and leisure opportunities in parks, open spaces and waterways.

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

13. Yes. See above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Parks Access Policy; Youth Strategy and Recreation & Sport Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. Yes. See above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. In July 2007, 380 public information leaflets were distributed to the local community with a proposed concept plan for a playground upgrade and landscape enhancement at Hansen Park. The summary of consultation, including comments is attached for your information (refer **Attachment 2**).
17. There was a medium degree of community engagement in this project (approx 14% response rate) which were largely supportive of the project.
18. From the feedback received the following figures outline the level of support:
- (a) Support the proposed concept plan: 49
- (b) Do not support the proposed concept plan: 3
- (c) Position not indicated: 2
19. The key features of the proposed plan included:
- (a) A half basketball court with allowance for an extension to a full court in the future
- (b) New seating and picnic tables
- (c) New horizontal nets which cater for all ages and abilities
- (d) New asphalt paths leading to and around the playground and Clubrooms
- (e) New low mounding and planting on the eastern side of the playground to provide shelter from the wind while still providing clear sight lines into the park
- (f) New additional planting and landscaping around the playground to provide pleasant and inviting areas for families.
20. Two site meetings were also held prior to the plan being sent out with a representative of Port Hills Athletics Club and representatives of Rudolf Steiner School with some minor changes made following discussions.

21. Following consultation, staff have proposed a final plan which is now being presented to the Community Board for approval. The following changes and/or additions have been made following feedback received.
- (a) Two dog tie up posts outside the boundary of the playground
 - (b) Connect the basketball court to the paths to provide an all weather surface
 - (c) Include a dog drinking bowl to the existing drinking fountain
 - (d) Include low planting along the existing path to provide separation between the basketball court and path
 - (e) There is now a total of six seats and two picnic tables being provided plus three new seats along the front of the Port Hills Athletic Clubrooms.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

- (a) Approve the final landscape plan for the Hansen Park recreational facilities and landscape development project and for it to proceed to final design and construction.
- (b) Allocate \$9,000 from the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Fund to allow completion of the full basketball court.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.