

8. CROSBIE PARK - YOUTH ISSUES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The **attached (Attachment 1)** Youth Issues in Crosbie Park report has been prepared in response to a request from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board meeting on 19 July 2011. The purpose of the report is to provide recommendations on how youth issues identified by local residents can be addressed.
2. Residents living near Crosbie Park have previously brought their concerns to the Board about youth drinking, antisocial behaviour and vandalism. They had requested that an alcohol ban be applied to Crosbie Park.
3. In response to these concerns, staff prepared a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Improvement report, which was presented to the Board on 19 July 2011. That report provided a comprehensive CPTED assessment of Crosbie Park and also a range of remediations. The report did not find sufficient evidence of alcohol consumption in Crosbie Park to recommend an alcohol ban.
4. At the 19 July meeting, the Board resolved *“that staff liaise with residents to ensure that residents report concerns appropriately and that a further assessment be undertaken during summer hours and a report back to the Board by March 2012”*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5. The attached Youth Issues in Crosbie Park report outlines the staff response to the Board's request. Actions include:
 - Staff spoke to a meeting of residents on 3 November 2011 and encouraged them to report all issues of concern. An information notice and fridge magnet with relevant contact numbers was distributed. The information notice is attached as **Attachment 2**.
 - Several formal and informal site visits were carried out between November 2011 and March 2012.
 - Informal interviews with Park users were carried out on 3 March 2012.
 - The Council's Customer Service RFS were reviewed for the period September 2011 to February 2012 inclusive.
 - Police data was collected for the same period.
6. Insufficient evidence of alcohol consumption was gathered to justify the recommendation to apply an alcohol ban in Crosbie Park. Considerable evidence of graffiti vandalism was gathered and increased remediation has been requested from the Council's graffiti removal contractor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no direct financial implications.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. Covered by existing unit budgets as per section seven of this report.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal considerations.

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

10. There are no legal considerations provided the adopted recommendations of the Crosbie Park report are incorporated into planned graffiti removal programmes and do not form new levels of service.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Community Outcomes: A safe city
 An attractive and well designed city.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

12. Page 118, Parks Open Spaces and Waterways and page 156 Democracy and Governance.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Safer Christchurch Strategy – Goal Three: Enhance safety from crime through prevention and supportive actions.

Do the recommendations align with the Council’s strategies?

14. As per section 13 of this report.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive the Youth Issues in Crosbie Park Report and that the Board request that the recommendations contained within the report be incorporated into planned graffiti removal activities.