

4. BROWNLEE RESERVE CONCEPT PLAN

The Board considered a report seeking its approval of the amended concept plan for Brownlee Reserve including the felling of some trees as requested by a developer. Approval was also sought to spend reserve contribution funds from the possible adjacent development on implementing the approved concept plan.

Three options relating to the proposed tree removal and replanting of Brownlee Reserve were identified and assessed. These were:

- (a) Decline the application, with minimum pruning for safety of users and adjoining residents to Brownlee Reserve, as required.
- (b) Limit tree removal proposed in the application to a maximum of 30m (falling distance) from the boundary of Brownlee Reserve.
- (c) Allow removal of trees as shown on the Brownlee Reserve concept plan and replanting with more sustainable native plants (the preferred option).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommended:

1. That the Board:
 - Approve the development concept plan for Brownlee Reserve.
 - Approve the application by Globe Holdings Ltd to remove trees from the boundaries of the company's land and undertake associated native replanting as generally shown in the development concept plan for Brownlee Reserve subject to the on site approval of the City Arborist and Design Leader (landscape). All costs to be met by the applicant.
2. That the Council approve the expenditure of reserve contribution funds from the development of 116-118 Clifton Terrace on implementing the Brownlee Reserve Development Concept Plan, subject to the on site approval of the City Arborist and Design Leader (landscape).

BOARD DECISION

Pursuant to delegated authority the Board **resolved**:

1. To decline the application, and that minimal pruning of the existing trees be carried out as required, to ensure the safety of users and adjoining residents.
2. That a management plan for Brownlee Reserve be prepared for the staging of any future work and/or enhancement and that the plan be developed in liaison with local residents, groups and Globe Holdings Ltd.

With respect to the question of the reserve contribution the Board **recommends** that the Council approves the expenditure of reserve contribution funds from the development of 116-118 Clifton Terrace on implementing the Brownlee Reserve Concept Plan, subject to the on site approval of the City Arborist and Design Leader (landscape).

The foregoing resolution and recommendation was **adopted** on division no 1 by six votes to one, the voting being as follows:

For (6): David Cox, Anna Crighton, John Freeman, Yani Johanson, Brenda Lowe-Johnson and Bob Todd

Against (1): Brendan Smith

It was further **resolved** that the Board seek an urgent report on a set of basic minimum standards for consultation as required under the principles of the Local Government Act 2002.