

7. ADOPTION OF AQUATIC FACILITIES PLAN 2006

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council adopt the Aquatic Facilities Plan 2006 as circulated with the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Aquatic Facilities Plan arose in response to the Council's request for a city-wide planning framework to assist the provision of aquatic facilities to meet current and future needs. The Aquatic Facility Plan is a city-wide plan setting out how the city's pools and associated facilities can be provided over the next 30 years. This plan recognises existing Council and provision by others.
3. The Plan, if adopted, will:
 - Determine the future number and location of aquatic facilities
 - Outline the type, size and priority order of facilities to be developed
 - Include plans for dealing with aging facilities.
4. Christchurch City already has a network of aquatic facilities. The plan shows how this network can be developed to meet current and future community demand. By identifying gaps in today's network, the plan should ensure that, as far as possible, the city will have a relatively uniform spread of core aquatic facilities. It also considers facilities that, in time, are no longer required to serve the Council's aims.
5. To ensure the plan remains current and reflects community changes and city growth, it will be reviewed every five years and, if necessary, updated.
6. All changes to the levels of service proposed by the plan were included in the Council's draft 2006-2016 LTCCP. The Council considered many submissions. The resulting Council decisions on 14 June 2006 amended the Aquatic Facilities Plan as follows:
 - The construction of a indoor pool and sports hall at Papanui High school.
 - The provision of support to keep school pools open.
 - Continue to operate Templeton Pool, review in five years.
 - Continue to operate Belfast Pool until Papanui Pool is complete.
 - Continue to operate Woolston Pool as a schools only pool.
 - Close Edgeware Pool.
 - Close the Sockburn Pool and Recreation Centre.
 - Sell the land occupied by the closed pools at Edgeware and Papanui.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. All levels of service and budget implications are included in the 2006-2016 LTCCP. The plan contains estimates of the capital cost (in today's dollars) of proposed development options into the future. The costs are a contractor estimate with a number of qualifications, the sums will be finalised as the planning process proceeds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Adopt the 2006 Aquatic facilities Plan as amended by 2006-2016 LTCCP decisions.
- (b) Note that this plan will be reviewed every five years.