

6. METROPOLITAN SPORTS FACILITIES PLAN CRITERIA



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to establish the criteria that the Council will use in determining the priority of proposed sports facility developments under the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan was requested by the Council in the 2006-16 LTCCP process. It will offer a coordinated city-wide planning framework in response to numerous requests from sporting organisations for the provision of metropolitan sporting facilities. The plan concept and subsequent detail were refined by the Strengthening Communities Portfolio Group in September 2006, April 2007 and finally July 2007. A Council seminar introducing the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan resulted in Councillor feedback on the proposed project scope and methodology. Councillor feedback also covered the criteria that the Council will use in determining the priority of proposed sports facility developments included in the plan. All Councillor feedback has been considered and adopted into the planning process to be presented in this report.
3. The objective of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan is *“To develop an implementation plan specifying Council’s role in and contribution to the provision of metropolitan sports facilities over the next 20 years.”*
4. In particular the plan will:
 - Combine the principles of the Council’s recreation and sports strategies and the results of stakeholder consultation to identify and prioritise metropolitan sports facility developments over the next 20 years, where the Council has a role.
 - Feed the Council’s prioritised proposed sport facility developments identified by the Plan into the 2009-19 LTCCP process for decisions against other Council priorities.
 - Recommend a course of action to address any non-facility based needs of sport that are identified through the research and consultation with sporting organisations.
5. It is recommended that the Council establish a series of criteria that the Council will use to determine the priority of proposed sports facility developments. This is necessary in order to ensure a robust, transparent and fair process and to ensure alignment with the principles of the Councils strategy and policy governing recreation and sport. Following input from Councillors through the Portfolio Group and a Council seminar the proposed criteria are presented in the ‘Criteria to Prioritise Proposed Sports Facility Developments’ section of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no significant financial implications from this report as it only establishes criteria allowing the Council to prioritise proposed facility developments. Any developments recommended by the Council as the end result of this planning process will be fed into the 2009-19 LTCCP process.

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

7. The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan is in the 2006-16 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan is an output under the Pools, Leisure Centres Stadia and Sporting Facilities Activity Management Plan.

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

10. The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan explicitly supports the Stadia and Sporting Facilities level of service under "*facility provision to maximise community benefit*".

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan is directly aligned to, and will contribute to the implementation of the following Council policy and strategy:

- Recreation and Sport Policy 1996
- Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy 2002
- Sports Facilities Strategy 2003
- Strengthening Communities Strategy 2007

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. This report recommends the establishment of criteria that the Council will use in determining the priority of proposed sports facility developments included in the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan. The proposed criteria are directly aligned to the principles of the Council's strategies.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. There is no requirement to consult as the proposed criteria are directly aligned to Council policy and strategy that have been fully consulted and formally adopted by the Council. This report does not make any recommendation on sport facility developments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council adopt the criteria listed in the 'Criteria to Prioritise Proposed Sports Facility Developments' section of this report for use in determining the priority of proposed sports facility developments included in the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan.

BACKGROUND

14. The objective of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan is *“To develop an implementation plan specifying Council’s role in and contribution to the provision of metropolitan sports facilities over the next 20 years.”*
15. In particular the plan will:
 - Combine the principles of the Council’s recreation and sports strategies and the results of stakeholder consultation to identify and prioritise metropolitan sports facility developments over the next 20 years where the Council has a role.
 - Feed the Council’s prioritised proposed sport facility developments identified by the Plan into the 2009-19 LTCCP decision making process for decisions.
 - Recommend a course of action to address any non-facility based needs of sport that are identified through the research and consultation with sporting organisations.
16. The scope of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan is primarily based around metropolitan sports facilities. These are facilities which provide benefits and services for sport at a city-wide, national or international level. The plan will include Council owned metropolitan sports facilities and non-Council owned facilities. The Council is not the only provider/owner of sports facilities in the city and any proposed solutions will consider the effect on and possible partnerships opportunities with non-Council providers.
17. The research base for this project will include a thorough review of existing material held by the CCC and others such as Sport Canterbury and SPARC. Sporting organisations at a local, regional and national level will be engaged. Other stakeholders such as sporting media and major sports funding organisations will also be invited to contribute. Options will be evaluated against the prioritisation criteria established by the Council. Prioritised options will be presented to the Council at a seminar for feedback before a draft plan is produced.
18. During the research and planning phase it is anticipated that sporting or other needs may be uncovered that do not require a facility-based solution or that can be resolved within current resources. In such cases an appropriate course of action outside the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan will be identified.

CRITERIA TO PRIORITISE PROPOSED SPORTS FACILITY DEVELOPMENTS

19. It is recommended that the Council establish a series of criteria to determine the priority of proposed sports facility developments. This is necessary in order to ensure a robust, transparent and fair process and to ensure alignment with the principles of the Councils strategy and policy governing recreation and sport.
20. The proposed criteria directly align to the principles of the Council’s strategy and policy in relation to sport and recreation. The Portfolio Group shaped the proposed criteria and supported the information being presented to the Council at a seminar on 24 July 2007. Councillor feedback has further shaped the proposed criteria into a format presented below.
21. It is recommended that the Council adopt the following criteria for prioritising proposed sports facility developments under the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Plan:
 - The numbers of participants affected now and reliably predicted into the future.
 - The degree to which current demand/need exceeds current facility provision.
 - The degree to which city-wide planning processes are accommodated in respect of:
 - Council processes, eg UDS, Area Plans
 - Other providers’ processes, eg Vbase, Sports Organisations
 - Major funding organisations processes, eg Sparc, Community Trusts
 - The degree to which proposed developments enhance Christchurch’s ability to host major events consistent with the Council’s Event Strategy.
 - The degree to which proposed developments enhance Christchurch as a centre of sporting excellence.

- The degree to which capital and operational costs can be met by others.
- The degree to which proposed developments utilise/positively impact/complement (rather than compete with) existing facilities or sporting hubs.
- The degree to which proposed developments are sustainable and reflect best industry practice, including but not limited to:
 - Multi use facilities,
 - Hubbing,
 - All weather facilities,
 - Ability to change offerings in line with changing sporting trends.
- The degree to which the proposed development is supported by reliable and verifiable information.
- The degree to which the needs identified are can only be met through additional facility provision (ie the needs cannot be met without additional facility provision).
- Degree to which the partner organisation(s) involved have the infra-structural capability to sustain and manage the facility?