

23. UNIT RESPONSES TO CAPITAL WORKS

The Capital Works Submissions which were forwarded to the Business Units for comment have now been returned and are attached to this agenda.

A comment on the Woolston Pool was omitted from the schedule and the Senior Facility Adviser, Peter Walls has provided the following update.

“This pool is in the vicinity of 80 years old and its long term prospects are poor. This pool costs the Council and Community Board considerable money \$15,000 - \$25,000 per annum (depending on maintenance required) and in real terms it only serves the school (22,400 admissions) with the local community (3,210) coming a distant second.

If the pool was heated it could extend the season in line with other outdoor pools from November to March but it is unrealistic to speak of a season in an outdoor pool in Christchurch from September to May, the people will not use it.

The most viable option for heating would be using solar panels but the capital cost is hard to justify. Maintenance at this pool will only increase as plant and the pool degenerate from age and the Council should consider the option of providing a transport service to other pools for this area as an alternative to continuing with this pool. In real terms the School pays for the cost of chlorine and has use of the pool, which is a good deal for them, but the pools days are numbered and alternatives should be evaluated.

I have also provided a similar report at Annual Plan time on this request which the Board should have on file.”

We have been advised that a subcommittee will meet on 8 December to look at the future location of new aquatic facilities and part of this process will be a review of the outdoor and suburban pools.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: For discussion.