

11. CITY-WIDE RECREATION AND SPORT FACILITIES PLAN

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Corporate Plan Output: Leisure Planning	

The purpose of this report is to support our Annual Plan bid for \$60,000 for the City-wide Recreation and Sport Facilities Plan.

Over the last few years the Council has received approaches from and made funding decisions about a number of recreation and sport facilities (e.g. Jade Stadium, cricket facility at the Village Green QEII, English Park, Porrit Park). In addition, work is currently under way to identify the future needs for new aquatic facilities. Decisions on these facility developments have been made in the absence of any overall plan or clear priorities for recreation and sport facilities in the city.

The plan would identify current and future facility needs, identify alternative means to meet the needs (including making better use of existing facilities in the city, partnership with other providers, etc) and develop clear priorities for the Council’s involvement in line with the strategic direction identified in the Recreation and Sport Strategy. The plan would also outline the likely implications in terms of operating costs from the recommended facility developments.

The plan will build on work already completed on facilities needs in the north-west of the city, work currently under way to identify pool needs and any other facility needs research currently available. Considerable consultation will need to be undertaken with recreation and sports groups and the community in general.

Staff believe that the plan should be developed by an independent consultant to give it the necessary level of independence and impartiality.

Budget \$60,000.

Leisure Unit Ranking 1