

7. DRAFT RECREATION AND SPORT STRATEGY – SHIRLEY/PAPANUI MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to report on the outcome of the Shirley/Papanui consultation meeting on the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy.

INTRODUCTION

The Recreation and Sport Strategy aims to establish a broad strategic direction for recreation and sport in Christchurch and how the many organisations involved can work together in a more coordinated and collaborative way. This is based on a belief that if the organisations involved work together better they can provide more effectively for the people of Christchurch and increase participation. The Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy is written as a strategy for the City of Christchurch rather than one for the Council.

Community Board members and representatives of local recreation and sports organisations were invited to a meeting at the Papanui Service Centre on 5 February 2002 as part of the consultation on the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy. Regional Sports Associations were invited to attend any one of the six consultation meetings held at the service centres around the City.

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Graham Condon attended the meeting as a member of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board and the Recreation and Sport Strategy Steering Group. In addition there were three representatives from the Crichton Cobbers Youth Club as well as representatives of Edgeware Croquet Club, Leisure Learning Centre, Northcote School and a community centre based table tennis group.

The level of attendance at the meeting was quite disappointing but was in line with the attendance at similar meetings at other service centres.

CONTENT AND FEEDBACK

All those attending the meeting had received a copy of the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy in advance of the meeting. The meeting consisted of a presentation covering the background to the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy, how it was developed and a brief overview of its content by staff. The rest of the meeting was devoted to listening and receiving feedback from those attending. Notes were made on the electronic whiteboard so that all those attending could see what was being recorded. The feedback received included comments specifically focused on the content of the Draft Strategy, information on the issues faced by the groups concerned and a sharing of some initiatives that have been effective for some groups. Inevitably the feedback was at a range of levels from the 'big picture' level at which the Draft Strategy is pitched to the very specific.

A copy of the notes from the whiteboard at the meeting is attached as Appendix 1.

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The meetings at the Service Centres were one of a number of ways in which consultation has been carried out on the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy. Through these processes a significant amount of feedback has been received. The Recreation and Sport Strategy Steering Group will be analysing the feedback and revising the Strategy where it deems necessary based on the feedback received.

The intention is that the final Recreation and Sport Strategy will receive approval from the Council and a number of other key organisations in the recreation and sport sector. The implementation of the Strategy will create some interesting challenges as we develop ways for the many organisations to work together more closely.

Recommendation: That this report be received for information.

**Chairperson's
Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.