

## 6. WHARENUI SPORTS CENTRE - EXTENSIONS

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The purpose of this report is to brief the Committee on the proposal by the Wharenuui Swimming Club for an extension to the Wharenuui Sports Centre following its deputation to the Committee on 24 November last year.

### PROPOSAL

The club's proposal is for an extension to the front of the existing stadium building to increase the size of the existing foyer, to provide additional offices for staff, who are currently located in unsatisfactory conditions, and to provide for an extension to the upstairs gymnasium. The extension would also provide a lift for access to the mezzanine floor. The estimated cost provided by the Wharenuui Swimming Club for this work was \$350,000.

The Leisure Unit capital budget does not have any capital funding for this project until Year 6 (2009/10) where unspecified sums are brought forward. There are no sums large enough from other non committed projects which could be substituted for this project.

The Community and Leisure Committee on 24 November recommended:

- "1. That Leisure Unit staff undertake a needs and space analysis to determine requirements including the provision of disabled access to the mezzanine floor.*
- 2. That funding for the proposed extension be referred to the Annual Plan Subcommittee for inclusion in the 2004/05 Long Term Council Community Plan process."*

### PROGRESS

Staff have not had sufficient time since the November Committee meeting to undertake the space and needs analysis for this proposal. While the needs of additional office space are established, the need and cost of extending the gymnasium require closer examination. The costs associated with this project should also be further examined before a commitment to future funding is made to ensure that the budget provision is sufficient to meet the costs of the extension.

#### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the analysis of the proposal be undertaken by staff before consideration to committing funding is made.

#### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** Not seen by Chairman.