

7. ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS 2004/05 MAJOR ISSUES STATEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to update members on the Board resolution (19 November 2003) in respect of promoting a new recreation and pool complex in the south-west of Christchurch. (Other Business Unit responses, to the Board's major issues statement, were received.)

The Board and the local community had previously expressed interest in promoting a new recreation and pool complex in the south-west, and in promoting and developing the existing suburban pools at Halswell and Templeton.

The Leisure Unit response (as reported to the 19 November 2003 Board) was that "there was little point in undertaking the required research into these proposals until closer to the time that funds were likely to be available, being 2011/12".

Both Hagley/Ferrymead and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards have been promoting a new aquatic/leisure facility in their respective areas, also.

Following a (July 2003) resolution of Council, the question of new aquatic facilities is to be reported to the Community and Leisure Committee, and the 2004/05 Annual Plan Subcommittee.

The Community and Leisure Committee, at its 3 November 2003 meeting, agreed that an agreed set of criteria be now followed to determine the location of future aquatic/leisure facilities; also, that any research on the location of future aquatic/leisure facilities be carried out within three years of the proposed development.

A third recommendation, from the Community and Leisure Committee, is that a report be prepared for the Committee and the Annual Plan Subcommittee about bringing forward expenditure for one pool and the possible provision of additional money for a second facility. These committees meet in mid-February 2004, so the Board will be able to track the progress.

Clearly, this last recommendation (adopted by Council 20 November 2003) recognises the pro-active lobbying of the three Community Boards.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received and that the Board's Finance and Police Committee continue to lobby for early consideration of the commencement of the process to investigate new aquatic/leisure facilities.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.