

6. JELLIE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW HEARINGS PANEL REPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Council to adopt the recommendation of the Hearings Panel appointed to determine submissions on the Jellie Park Management Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting of 11 December 2008 the Council received a report from the Fendalton/Waimari Community Board of 18 November 2008, recommending to the Council that it approve the release of the Draft Jellie Park Management Plan for public consultation.
3. The Council adopted the Board's recommendation, with the addition of recommendations about the consultation process:
 - (a) Public notice of the consultation to be placed in the Press and on the Council's website (Have Your Say) on or about 2 May 2009;
 - (b) Written submissions to be received by the Council for at least two months between Saturday 2 May and Friday 10 July 2009; and
 - (c) Appoint a hearings panel to hear verbal submissions and to make recommendations to the Council by the end of October 2009.
4. The Jellie Park Draft Management Plan Review was publicly notified on 23 May 2009.
5. A hearings panel was appointed pursuant to the Miscellaneous Hearings Panel Delegation 3.1(d) to hear and determine submissions and objections in relation to the preparation, review and change of a management plan for a reserve (section 41 of the Reserves Act).
6. A total of 48 submissions supporting, opposing or suggesting what projects they wanted the Council to undertake in relation to the plan were received during the period up to 27 July 2009.
7. Verbal submissions were heard on 11 August 2009 in the Fendalton Service Centre Boardroom, Fendalton, following which the Panel considered all of the submissions and agreed on a number of amendments in response to them.
8. A tracked change version of the draft Management Plan is attached as **Attachment 1**.
9. Pursuant to the Miscellaneous Hearings Panel Delegation 3.1(d), the hearings panel approved the Jellie Park Management Plan on Wednesday, 2 September, subject to the inclusion therein of the amendments (**Attachment 1**). A final clean copy of the plan is attached (**Attachment 2**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. See below.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

11. Yes.

Funding was allocated in the LTCCP for a replacement toilet block to be built in 2010. An indicative development programme and budget for other works in the reserve is included in the management plan. It is anticipated that, following approval of the final management plan, this will be considered for future budget allocation through the LTCCP process, but the plan is structured to ensure that, while recommending actions, it does not commit the Council to any particular spending programme.

12. Funding of the recent upgrade of the recreation and sports centre sits outside the management plan, as does funding for the operation and maintenance of the park and the facilities.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. This complies with the management plan review process set down in section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

14. Yes – the preparation and review of management plans for recreation reserves is a requirement of the Reserves Act 1977.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. See below.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

16. Yes:
- (a) Provide a network of safe, accessible and attractive multi-purpose sports parks, in order to:
 - (i) Provide leisure and recreation opportunities, including spaces for organised sport.
 - (ii) Usefully locate sports parks across the city.
 - (iii) Provide green spaces for the city.
 - (iv) Support community health and well-being.
 - (v) Strengthen Christchurch's identity as the Garden City.
 - (vi) Enhance exotic and native biodiversity, and waterways.
 - (vii) Ensure that park design, development and maintenance is sustainable and timely.
 - (viii) Provide leased space for clubs to develop sports facilities (Vol 1 p120 LTCCP).

Customers are satisfied with the range of recreation facilities available, including; playgrounds, skateboard ramps, tennis and petanque courts, BMX tracks and fitness equipment (Vol 1 p122 LTCCP).
 - (b) Provide recreation and sport facilities that:
 - (i) Are accessible and safe.
 - (ii) Develop life skills (such as water safety).
 - (iii) Allow Christchurch to host regional, national and international sporting events (Attachment 1, Vol 1 p108 LTCCP).

Five multi-purpose recreation and sport centres, open between 97–101 hrs/week, 7 days/week, 364 days/year, and six public outdoor pools open seasonally (Vol 1 p109 LTCCP).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. See below.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

18. Yes.

Recreation and Sport Policy 1996, Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy 2002, Christchurch Active Living Strategy 2004, Aquatic Facilities Plan 2006, Skateboarding, Inline Skating and Freestyle BMX Cycling Strategy 2004, Draft Parks & Open Spaces Activity Management Plan 2005, Events Strategy 2007-17, Safer Christchurch Strategy 2005, Parks and Waterways Access Policy 2002, Waterways and Wetlands Natural Asset Management Strategy 1999. In addition, the City Plan - Section 14 sets objectives and policies for the provision of open space and recreational facilities.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. There have been two rounds of public consultation, both of which exceeded the requirements of section 41 Reserves Act 1977.

PANEL RECOMMENDATION

The Panel recommends that:

- (a) The draft Jellie Park Management Plan dated April 2009 be approved by the Council, subject to the inclusion therein of the changes set out in the attached amended draft Management Plan (**Attachment 1**).
- (b) The reviewed Management Plan be approved, including the changes referred to in section (a) above, as the operative plan.

The amended plan was made available to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for its information.