

7. REPORT OF THE HEARINGS PANEL ON THE MONTGOMERY SPUR RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report from the Hearings Panel, is to seek approval from the Council for the revised Montgomery Spur Reserve Management Plan to be adopted as the operative plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A draft Montgomery Spur Reserve Management Plan was prepared in 2008–09, following public consultation in 2007. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approved the public release of the draft plan at their meeting on the 19 May 2009. The draft plan was available for public consultation from 29 July 2009 to 9 October 2009. A total of 103 submissions were received.
3. A hearing was held on 9 November 2009 where 12 submitters made oral submissions. The panel reconvened on 1 March 2010 and 20 April 2010 to deliberate and decide on the extent to which submitters' comments would be put before the Council as the Hearings Panel recommendations.
4. The decisions of the Hearings Panel have been incorporated into the revised management plan, attached both in the tracked changes format (**Attachment 1**) and clean copy (**Attachment 2**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The management plan contains a number of projects that will be put forward for consideration in the 2012-22 LTCCP. The plan clearly states that the projects are subject to approval through the LTCCP process.

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

6. Yes, as above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The management plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.
8. The management plan has to be sent to the Department of Conservation for inspection as the land is held as a scenic reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. This to occur following the approval of the plan by Council.

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

9. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. The Montgomery Spur Reserve management plan comes under the activity of Regional Parks in the LTCCP and Activity Management Plans.

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

11. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The Council strategies relevant to the management plan include, Biodiversity Strategy 2008, Christchurch Active Living Strategy 2004, Climate Change Policy 1995, Draft Climate Smart Strategy 2010-2025, Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy 2002, Recreation and Sport Policy 1996, Christchurch City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2008, Draft Public Open Space Strategy 2010-2040

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Yes, consultation has exceeded the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

HEARINGS PANEL RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- (a) The Council approves the Montgomery Spur Reserve Management Plan, with the changes shown as tracked changes in the draft plan and incorporated in the final version of the plan, as the operative plan.