

22. CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL TRUST – PARKS RESTORATION PROJECT



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - (a) Seek a resolution of the Council acknowledging and accepting the proposed funding of \$3,528,700.00 by the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust to fund the works necessary to restore some of the non-insured assets damaged in the September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes as specified in the schedules **attached** to this report (“the Parks Restoration Project”); and
 - (b) Seek a delegation to the General Manager City Environment to enter into such contractual or other documentation that is considered appropriate or necessary with the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust to facilitate the completion of the Parks Restoration Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust is the official global fundraiser for the recovery effort for Christchurch and the Canterbury region established by the New Zealand Government. The Trust is an independent Trust established under the New Zealand Charities Act. The Government lends support by covering administration costs and providing resources to increase the fundraising capacity of the Trust through the Department of Internal Affairs. The Council has been approached by the Department of Internal Affairs with an offer from the Trust to fund the repair of some non-insured Greenspace assets damaged by the September 4 and February 22 earthquakes.
3. Following a field visit by the relevant Department of Internal Affairs Funding Manager, a detailed list of repair works was submitted that met the requirements of the Trust. Simply, the Trust wishes to see high use and sports parks returned to a functional condition as quickly as possible. Two packages of work were proposed. Package One aims to restore mainly sports parks to their pre-earthquake condition before winter 2011. Package Two aims to restore sports parks and other high use parks to as close as possible to their pre-earthquake conditions before summer 2011-12.
4. A total of \$15,000,000 worth of damage to 313 parks has been identified as a result of the earthquakes.
5. \$3,528,700 has been made available by the Trust, subject to a formal agreement being entered into, to fund the repair of 62 parks and thereby restore levels of service that existed before both earthquakes. A summary table of how the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Fund money will be spent is provided below:

Greenspace Activity	Number of Parks to Receive Repairs	Estimated Cost of Repair
Sports Parks	27	\$1,275,700
Garden and Heritage Parks	20	\$1,194,000
Regional Parks	13	\$703,500
Neighbourhood Parks	2	\$55,500
Temporary Facilities		\$300,000
Totals	62	\$3,528,700

6. Details of the proposed works are provided in the schedule attached to this report.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The Trust will make available \$3,528,700 to fund the Parks Restoration project.

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

8. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. For reasons related to the charitable nature of the Trust and conditions imposed on the Trust by certain of its donors, the Trust has requested that the arrangement between it and the Council be structured as a 'project management agreement' rather than a grant subject to conditions arrangement. Under the proposed 'project management agreement' the Council will project manage the delivery of the parks restoration works on behalf of the Trust and the costs of those works will be funded directly by the Trust. The Council will use its existing contractual relationships with its existing contractors to deliver the works, however the Council will not receive any payment from the Trust in respect of the project management services provided by it.

10. Council approval is required before the 'project management agreement' can be entered into.

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

11. See above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. Yes, see pages 118 to 143 of the LTCCP 2009-19. Levels of Service in the Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways Activity Management Plans.

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

13. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Public Open Space Strategy 2010 to 2040.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. The Trust has set conditions around the donation and through site visits agreed the overall schedule of works. The schedule of works was developed and agreed to by the relevant Greenspace Team Leaders.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Acknowledges and accepts the offer of funding of \$3,528,700 from the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust to restore the non-insured Greenspace assets damaged in the earthquakes of 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011 as specified in the schedules attached to this report; and
- (b) Delegates authority to the General Manager City Environment to enter into such contractual or other documentation with the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust that is considered appropriate or necessary to facilitate that Trust's funding of, and the completion of, the Parks Restoration Project; and
- (c) Notes the works that will be undertaken as part of the Parks Restoration Project as specified in the schedules attached to this report.