
REPORT 8
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 20 November 2008

Members: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 319/08P RESIDENTIAL AREA AND SUBURBAN CENTRES REVIEW**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to publicly release proposals for the review of the Residential Area and Suburban Centre chapters of the District Plan for public consultation as amended.*
3. *Agree to extend the consultation period to 1 April 2009.*
4. *Note that the feedback received will be reported back to Committee in the second quarter of 2009.*
5. *Request that officers report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee by the end of April 2009 with proposed amendments to the utilities chapter of the District Plan to address consistency with the Telecommunications National Environmental Standards, and to provide for electric car charging facilities and under road technology for electric buses.*

2. **ITEM 320/08P COMMUNITY FACILITIES REVIEW**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the provision of libraries, community centres and halls, swimming pools, recreation centres and sports fields contribute to Council's strategic direction and community outcomes.*
3. *Note that work will be undertaken on an integrated service model for recreation centres, swimming pools, libraries, sports fields and community centres and halls.*
4. *Agree to undertake needs assessments in each of the Planning Areas over the next 5 years factoring in service and facility choices around investment, divestment and partnership.*
5. *Note that the needs assessments will be reported back as part of the LTCCP process.*
6. *Agree that the principles guiding the way forward for community facilities are:*
 - a) *Building strong communities.*
 - b) *Developing an integrated service model.*
 - c) *Maximising the use of existing facilities.*
 - d) *Meeting the needs of community.*
 - e) *Maximising the effectiveness of investments.*
 - f) *Developing partnerships.*
 - g) *Sustainability.*
 - h) *Optimising access to facilities.*
 - i) *Supporting existing centres.*
 - j) *Providing consistent quality across facilities.*
 - k) *Balancing local and city wide provision.*
7. *Note that further work will be undertaken on appropriate service levels and performance measures for community facilities and services prior to undertaking the needs assessments.*
8. *Note that work on depreciation assumptions for the community facilities network will be reported back to the LTCCP deliberations.*
9. *Agree that further work is undertaken to develop a partnership framework for community facilities including opportunities for partnership on:*
 - a) *medium to large-scale facilities such as pools, artificial turf, community centres.*
 - b) *utilisation of existing facilities currently being used to support local community development.*

10. *Agree that a review of grants support to community centres is undertaken scoped to include:*
 - a) *Altering criteria to enable support for non-Council facilities that are serving as a focus for community development.*
 - b) *The potential for a partnership fund for large scale projects.*
 - c) *An assessment of the current support for community centres focusing on alignment to this review, consistency between centres and capacity of the existing fund to meet community needs.*
11. *Note that current 3 year contracts supporting community centre activities are due to expire in 2010.*
12. *Note the potential areas of over and under capacity in the community facilities network.*
13. *Note the variation in quality across the library and community centre and halls networks.*
14. *Agree to review the Community Facilities Policy to enable alignment with the principles set out in recommendation 6 above.*
15. *Note the current requests for Council investment in community centres attached as Appendix 7 to the officers report.*
16. *Agree that any significant capital investment decisions on new or upgrade facilities will be deferred until the completion of the planning area reviews except in the following circumstances:*
 - a) *where there is a one-off opportunity to achieve a particular outcome including issues around timing, other projects and partnership opportunities).*
 - b) *where there are significant safety or regulatory compliance issues with the existing buildings and no oversupply of Council facilities has been identified in that area.*
 - c) *where previous commitments have been made.*
 - d) *where a one-off city wide strategic investment is identified which has clearly demonstrated benefits to the majority of Wellingtonians.*
17. *Agree that the following projects meet the criteria in recommendation 16 and will go forward to the LTCCP deliberations to be considered against other priorities:*
 - a) *Scoping of Central library refresh and internet infrastructure investment.*
 - b) *Khandallah Town Hall upgrade.*
 - c) *Scoping of issues and options for the Aro Valley community centre.*

- d) *Scoping and business case for Johnsonville library upgrade, and.*
- e) *Scoping and business case for pool investment in the city to meet growing demands for learn to swim programmes, recreational swimmers and aquatic codes.*
- f) *Roll out of artificial turf.*

18. *Agree to consultation as follows:*

- a) *Proposed principles and approach to community facilities as outlined in this paper between now and March 2009.*
- b) *proposed projects as agreed through the LTCCP deliberations.*
- c) *locally based services and facilities through the area based needs assessments.*

3. **ITEM 321/08P APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT TO DISCHARGE STORMWATER INTO WELLINGTON HARBOUR AND COASTAL MARINE AREA**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. *Receive the information.*
- 2. *Agree to option 4 as the preferred course of action to apply for resource consents for all stormwater discharges into the coastal marine area from Horokiwi to Owhiro Bay.*

4. **ITEM 322/08P TAWA DRIVEWAYS MAINTENANCE**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. *Receive the information.*
- 2. *Agree that the service is self funded through a targeted rates levy and associated service levels may be adjusted as appropriate using the Council LTCCP budget and consultation process.*
- 3. *Agree that the maintenance service for the 41 specific driveways in Tawa should continue with review again in 2018 or earlier if Council reviews its wider policy for driveways in Wellington.*

Kerry Prendergast
Deputy Chair