

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 18 April 2006
SUBJECT: Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan

Please see attached plan.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

To present the finalised version of Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan (NTPAP) for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan was lead by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council with funding from SPARC. The Plan's focus is on identifying recreation outcomes from the community and how those outcomes can be achieved.

The Community Services Committee meeting on the October 2005 passed the following resolutions:

That the Community Services Committee approves the Nelson/Tasman Physical Activity Plan Summary to go Stage Two – consultation on outputs identified, subject to appropriate changes made by ward councillors.

The Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan was released for consultation in December, closing 24 February with 43 submissions received on the draft. The submissions were largely supportive of the draft document. Issues raised included:

Some concern that the overall target of increasing the percentage of the Region's population that are physically active by 1% per annum is too low. This is consistent with the Regional Physical Activity Strategy and is a 10% increase offer the life of the plan.

The value of walking and cycling as a physical activity was strongly supported. The need for physical activity programmes to target new migrants and refugees. Access to physical activity opportunities and information was a frequent theme.

The submissions have been considered by the NTPAP steering group and the strategy revised accordingly. No substantive changes have been made to the strategy although several of the community specific actions had minor amendments.

The plan will sit beside the Regional Physical Activity strategy which is an overarching guiding document for the top of the south region.

The plan and strategy will not have the same status as a policy developed by Council as it also involves a number of other stakeholders but will be a guiding document.

CONSULTATION

Significant consultation was undertaken with open community meetings at the preliminary stage of developing the strategy. Their views were used to develop the draft.

RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

Council's Long Term Council Community Plan has identified the development and implementation of the Regional Physical Activity Strategy and the Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan.

These will provide the policy direction for Council's Community Recreation Activity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are some financial implications to Council but these will fall under existing budgets. The Physical Activity Plan enables us to apply to SPARC Communities funding. We have been successful in applying for funding of \$285,000.00 over three years for the Way 2 Go project as a result of the planning process. We will be able to apply to support further initiatives identified in the plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the final Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan be adopted.

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