

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor

REFERENCE: C752

DATE: 18 April 2006

SUBJECT: Regional Physical Activity Strategy for the Top of the South

REASON FOR REPORT

To present the finalised version of Regional Physical Activity Strategy (RPAS) for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Physical Activity Strategy was lead by Sport Tasman with the major funding from Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC). The Plan's focus is on collaboration outcomes.

As part of the agreement to provide funding for the development of the strategy, SPARC required that the five Territorial Authorities sign an accord to agree to support the development of a strategy. This agreement was reached in November 2003. During the period 1 January 2004 to 30 September 2005, the Taskforce Steering Committee has met on 11 occasions. Eight workshops and 14 Task Group meetings were held within the same period. A total of 324 selected persons from the communities across the top of the South Island were involved in the workshop and Taskforce deliberations.

The Strategy was released for consultation with nine submissions received on the draft. The submissions were again largely supportive of the draft document. The strategy will sit beside the Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan which is an action focused plan for Nelson and Tasman. The Regional Physical Activity Strategy is the over-arching strategy with a focus on collaboration across the regions with the aim of better using resources available.

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 the Communities Recreation Activity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the final Regional Physical Activity Strategy for the Top of the South be adopted.

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