

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Community Services
DATE: 10 September 2007
SUBJECT: Draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek approval to release the draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan for public consultation.

BACKGROUND

The Reserves Act 1977 requires management plans to be developed by Local Authorities for all reserves under their control. The attached Reserve Management Plan sets out objectives and policies for managing Saxton Field. A development plan will be subsequently written and will set out the detail of how Saxton Field is to be managed.

As Saxton Field is a joint development with Nelson City Council the Plan has been jointly drafted under the auspices of the Saxton Field Working Party. The Working Party has had two meetings and a round of remote consultation to arrive at the attached draft which is also being presented to Nelson City Council for approval to begin a public submission process.

OWNERSHIP ISSUES

During the drafting of the Plan there was discussion about issues relating to ownership of assets, provision of depreciation and ongoing maintenance costs. Where sporting codes had fundraised significant amounts of money towards assets at Saxton Field should they have guaranteed exclusive use and for how long, who would pay for maintenance of the asset or be responsible if facilities weren't adequately maintained? There are some significant issues that staff consider need to be tackled more broadly than just for Saxton Field and approval is sought for further work to be initiated on this.

CONSULTATION

Public notice of the Councils' intention to draft a plan was given in May and 11 submissions received. These were taken into account in the drafting of the plan. A

further public submission process lasting two months will be undertaken once both Councils have approved the draft for consultation.

FUNDING

Funding for activities arising from the Reserve Management Plan will be covered within existing allocations.

The Plan has been prepared by a consultant, Dave Allan from Strategic Leisure Ltd.

VIEWS AND PREFERENCES OF INTERESTED OR AFFECTED PERSONS

Iwi and key sporting codes have been advised directly of the intention to develop a management plan and a number have made submissions. All submitters will be sent a copy of the draft Plan when it is released and offered the opportunity to make a further submission. All submissions from both the first and second round will be considered by the Saxton Field Working Party when the final draft is being prepared later in the year. (The two council's membership of the Working Party will be confirmed following the election).

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

The decision to release this draft for consultation is not significant in terms of the Council's Significance Policy.

RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

This Management Plan supports the LTCCP objective of enhancing recreational assets and encouraging people to be active and involved.

This Plan is consistent with the aims of the Nelson-Tasman Physical Activity Plan, adopted as a guiding document by Council on 3 May 2006, and contributes to its goals and objectives in a number of areas.

OPTIONS

Option 1: Approve the draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan for public consultation.

Option 2: Amend the draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan, refer it back to the Saxton Field Working Party and consider a revised draft at a future Committee meeting.

Note: Nelson City Council have already agreed to Option 1.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Option 1: Approve the draft plan for public consultation

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan (August 2007) be approved for public consultation;

THAT the Saxton Field Working Party membership be confirmed following the election;

THAT the Saxton Field Working Party hear submissions on the Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan at the end of the consultative period, amend the draft Plan accordingly and refer it to Nelson City and Tasman District Councils for approval.

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http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/community_services_committee/reports/2007/rcs070919_report_draft_saxton_field_reserve_management_plan.doc