

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community Services Manager
DATE: 19 March 2008
SUBJECT: Development of Mapua Reserve Land

PURPOSE

To consider options for developing the balance of the former contaminated site at Mapua that has been set aside as open space.

BACKGROUND

The agreement with the Ministry of the Environment provides that a minimum of 40% of the land is to be made available as open space and the areas for this have been agreed to. Over the years a number of options have been proposed for the development of this land and we are now in a position to move on with the development.

The recent meeting of the Enterprise Committee resolved that the responsibility for designing and developing the open space area (excluding the car park which is engineering) be undertaken by the Community Services Department.

DISCUSSION

Due to the additional amount of material that had to be placed within this site, the mounding and contours within the open space areas, which includes the proposed car park, have already been undertaken. The Community Services Department has funds set aside to develop the recreation portion of the open space in the 2007/08 Annual Plan.

A decision now needs to be made on how best to proceed with this development bearing in mind the public interest, particularly from the Mapua community in this matter.

The local community is currently gathering ideas for this development and these will need to be considered as part of the development plan.

OPTIONS

- 1 That Council staff prepare draft plans for the development of the open space land for consultation with the public. Because of current workloads, this option is not recommended.
- 2 That the design of the open space area be put out as a competition. It is understood that some members of the community would like this to happen. However with a site as significant as this one, staff believe that a more professional approach would be appropriate.
- 3 That an appropriate consultant with the necessary landscape architectural background be appointed to prepare a concept plan for the development of the open space areas bearing in mind the suggestions previously received from the community.

SIGNIFICANCE

The development of this land is not regarded as significant under the Council's policy on significance.

AFFECTED PERSONS

The Council has agreed to consult the residents of Mapua over the final concept for developing of this open space land and this would occur with any concept plans being used as part of that consultation process.

RECOMMENDATION

That an appropriate consultant with a background in landscape architecture be engaged to prepare concept plans for the development of the open space land following which consultation be undertaken with the community.

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