

Date: Thursday 3 July 2014
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Reception Lounge
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

Regional Strategy and Policy Committee

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Regional Policy The unbudgeted financial impact on Local Boards



Regional Policy

- Smokefree policy 5k signage
- Waste Management 10k scoping
- ED strategy 25k scoping
- Reserve Management 25k plan
- Maori Responsiveness 10k admin
- Procurement Policy cost unknown

Future policy

- Psychoactive Substances LAP
- Local Alcohol LAP
- Arts and Culture Action Plan
- AT's CPMP (Parking Discussion Doc)



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- Community Reserve 567k
- Esplanade Reserves 281k
- Pocket Park North West 132k
- Pocket Park North East 129k



Request

That the Governing Body question
the costs to Local Boards when
discussing regional policy



Reasons for these amendments:

Cr J Watson

- 1) The low level of public support evident from the annual plan consultation process (only 21% in favour)
- 2) The prospect that this figure of support could have been even lower if the Eden Park Trust Board's Unitary Plan submission to potentially develop the Eden Park outer oval into 9,7,5 and 4 storey buildings had been made public at the time of the consultation.
- 3) The recent statement of one of the key stakeholders in the strategy, the Warriors, that it is their clear preference to stay at Mt Smart Stadium in the future.
- 4) The interdependency of this strategy in that if one stakeholder does not want to proceed the other parts of the strategy are affected
- 5) The absence of any financial detail as to the prospective cost to ratepayers from the implementation of the strategy proposed by RFA and other options including existing code use of Auckland's stadiums together with integrated management by RFA. It is 4 years since this strategy began yet there is still no relevant costings to inform decision making and viability.
- 6) This includes the cost to Council in essentially having to construct a new international cricket facility at Western Springs.
- 7) The inappropriateness of the \$73 million sum quoted as the upper figure required to meet the Warriors future 'expectations' at Mt Smart Stadium– this figure is derived from a Warriors' 'wish list' and the need to accommodate crowds of 30,000 plus. The average Warriors' crowd for 2012-2013 was 13,219 rendering the construction of new stands and associated facilities unnecessary. As a result this figure of \$73 million could conceivably be reduced by nearly \$60 million. Given that this is a 'wish list' it is the Council that determines the level of additional investment, if any and on what grounds. It is not part of any directive from the NRL.
- 8) If Auckland cricket stay at their home ground of Eden Park where they enjoy protected user rights and associated indoor and office facilities there is no cost to Council
- 9) If speedway remain at Western Springs, their traditional home for the last 85 years, there is similarly no cost to Council in having to transform another venue.
- 10) The failure of the current strategy to adequately address the proud sporting heritage of the respective codes (at their current venues), the substantial

previous ratepayer investment in developing purpose built facilities and the strong preferences exhibited by supporters and fans to remain where they are, especially in the case of the rugby league community.

- 11) The availability of a modern, first class facility at North Harbour Stadium to accommodate extra events and fixtures.