

Suitability of existing facilities for Feed the Need Trust's specific requirements

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Purpose

1. The local board requested a report from the Community Empowerment Unit at their meeting on 13 June 2016 in response to a deputation from Feed the Need.

Resolution number OP/2016/91

MOVED by Member MA Gush, seconded by Member LT Fuli:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- b) request a report from Community Empowerment Unit to identify a suitable location for Feed the Need to base its food preparation activities, with consideration of the suitability of existing facilities, including Kolmar and Rongomai multi-sport facilities and Te Puke o Tara community centre.*
2. The Community Empowerment Unit has provided the attached memo: Suitability of existing facilities for Feed the Need Trust's specific requirements.
3. Staff advise that conversations with both the Kolmar and Rongomai sports centres could enable arrangements that may meet the Trust's requirements, and recommend these are pursued.

Recommendation/s

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) note the Suitability of existing facilities for Feed the Need Trust's specific requirements memo.

Attachments

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Memo

28 July 2016

To: Otago Papatoetoe Local Board
From: Dr Tess Liew, strategic broker

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Background

At their 18 July 2016 business meeting the Otago Papatoetoe local board considered advice from Community Facilities regarding the future use of Sandbrook Community Buildings. The advice recommended demolishing the Sandbrook Community Buildings.

Following input from The Southern Initiative at the workshop, which advocated retaining the buildings to allow community groups to use them, the local board deferred their decision on the buildings' future. The local board sought advice from the Community Empowerment Unit to further inform the decision:

to identify a suitable location for Feed the Need to base its food preparation activities, with consideration of the suitability of existing facilities, including Kolmar and Rongomai multi-sport facilities and Te Puke o Tara community centre (OP/2016/91).

This memo responds to that request.

Feed The Need Trust - background

Feed The Need Trust (The Trust) is a charity which primarily provides meals to children in low-decile schools. The Trust also provides community educational classes in cooking, youth leadership activities, financial literacy and parenting.

The Trust aim to expand their daily lunches from the current 1,500 to 5,000. This is not possible from their current local premises in Mt Wellington, and they are looking for new premises.

The Trust's requirements

The Trust advise that they are looking for a facility in South Auckland and preferably in Otago, so they can be close to the schools they serve. The Trust are ideally seeking a facility that has the following:

- 300m² or larger
- commercial kitchen and office spaces
- Accommodates food preparation and cooking classes as well as social services
- Is available for sole occupancy – especially between May and September
- In Otago although the Trust will consider anywhere in South Auckland

The Trust advise that they have some capacity to renovate an internal space and install commercial kitchen equipment.

Accommodation options for the Trust in Otago-Papatoetoe

Potential facilities in Otago-Papatoetoe include Kolmar, Rongomai, Te Puke o Tara and Sandbrook (pending the decision regarding demolition).

Staff gathered information on these facilities, which is included in the table below:

Table 1: Trust requirements against existing facilities in Otara and Papatoetoe

Trust criteria	Kolmar	Rongomai	Te Puke o Tara	Sandbrook
300m2 + commercial kitchen + Office spaces	Yes	Yes	Not available	Yes, potentially, but needs quite major repairing and refitting for purposes
Food preparation; cooking and other classes; social services	Yes, may be able to negotiate spaces for these activities	Yes, may be able to negotiate spaces for these activities	Yes, may be able to negotiate spaces for these activities	Yes, if buildings are repaired and refitted for purposes
Sole occupancy	Not available currently but might be able to negotiate for weekdays	Not available currently but could be possible in future	Not available	Yes, if buildings are repaired and refitted for purposes
Otara, but will consider anywhere in South Auckland	Yes, in Papatoetoe	Yes, in Otara	Yes, in Otara	Yes, in Otara
Especially between May and September	Not available	Not available	Not available	Yes, if buildings are repaired and refitted for purposes and if lease granted

Commentary

Staff advise that demand from community groups for spaces and facilities far outweigh the supply of the same, especially in the Otara Papatoetoe local board area.

While further facilities may be available elsewhere in South Auckland, staff understand the Trust is eager to be located in Otara and wish to submit an expression of interest to lease the Sandbrook community buildings and to undertake major refitting to their purposes.

Staff understand that an improved Sandbrook community building/s would still present challenges with regard to the site and reserve as outlined by Community Facilities colleagues.

Outside of the Sandbrook option, staff advise the following:

- Te Puke o Tara community centre is not suited to the FTNT requirements and should be removed from consideration.
- Both the Rongomai and Kolmar sports centres are currently not suited because FTNT's need for sole occupancy and exclusive use of the kitchens. However:
 - the Kolmar facility manager is open to enter into talks with the Trust for the use of the kitchen from Mondays to Fridays, and they have knowledge of other spaces that may suit.
 - the Rongomai centre is investigating future opportunities to be more available to community groups and the president of the sports club is willing to accept a proposal from the Trust to take to his board.

Staff advise that conversations with both the Kolmar and Rongomai sports centres could enable arrangements that may meet the Trust's requirements, and recommend these are pursued.