

## Memorandum

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**To:** Penny Hulse, Chair, Environment and Community Committee  
Alf Filipaina, Deputy Chair, Environment and Community Committee

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All Waitematā Local Board members

**Subject:** Feedback on draft Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport:  
Sport Investment Plan 2019 – 2039.

**From:** Waitematā Local Board

### Purpose

1. To provide Waitematā Local Board's feedback on the draft Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport: Sport Investment Plan 2019 – 2039.

### Summary

- The Waitematā Local Board:
  - supports the overall purpose and outcomes Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport: Sport Investment Plan 2019 – 2039, focusing on increasing participation in community sports.
  - supports the key shifts in the council's future investment approach in sport
  - supports the equity principle as outlined in the draft plan, and support it having the highest weighting of all the investment principles.
  - supports the proposed investment framework as it will ensure a structured, evidenced-based approach for sport investment

### Context/Background

2. The draft Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport: Sport Investment Plan 2019 – 2039, was endorsed by the Environment and Community Committee in December 2018 for public consultation.
3. The Waitematā Local Board received a report at its February 2019 business meeting requesting their support for the draft plan and to provide additional feedback. This feedback would be provided to the Environment and Community Committee to consider prior to the plans adoption.
4. At its February 2019 business meeting, the Waitematā Local Board resolved:  
Resolution number WTM/2019/8  
MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Chambers, seconded by Member A Avendano Christie:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) endorse the draft *Increasing Aucklanders' participation in sport: Investment Plan 2019-2039*
- b) delegate to the Parks, Sports and Recreation portfolio holders to provide any additional feedback on the draft Increasing Aucklanders' participation in sport Investment Plan 2019-2039, subject to public consultation feedback, for consideration by the Environment and Community Committee.

5. The Waitematā Local Board Plan 2017 includes the following aspirational outcomes and objectives:

- Outcome 1: Inclusive communities that are vibrant, healthy and connected  
Objective: Ensure our communities have opportunities to lead active and healthy lifestyles.
- Outcome 2: Attractive and versatile public places that meet our communities' needs  
Objective: Deliver high-quality facilities that encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

6. The Increasing Aucklanders' participation in sport: Investment Plan 2019-2039 seeks to:

- increase participation in sport by targeting communities of greatest need and addressing disparities
- deliver a broad range of programmes, services and facilities that respond to the diverse needs of Auckland's communities
- address population growth and changing sport preferences through regular assessments of, and changes to, programmes, services and facilities to maximise participation.

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### 7. Key Shifts

- endorse the key shifts in the council's future investment approach provided they don't disregard existing investment in both facilities and people
- endorse the emphasis on multisport facilities to cater for future sporting needs acknowledging that some facilities of a certain scale need a lead user
- note the following statements in Key Shift 1, implies that investment in stadia for professional sports would not come from Auckland Council:
  - "Focus Auckland Council investment on community sport – where it can add the most value" and
  - "Future Auckland Council investment will be driven by Aucklanders' needs, instead of responding to particular interest groups".

### 8. Equity

- endorse the principle of equity as outlined in the draft Sport Investment Plan however request a baseline level of service is established to maintain adequate access to sport for all Aucklanders

- note that current and future needs cannot be addressed with current facilities, due to a significant historic under- investment in sports facilities
- request the plan has a greater emphasis on sustainability of clubs and community groups, to ensure their long-term viability and success.

#### 9. Investment Framework

- endorse the proposed investment framework as it will ensure a structured, evidenced-based approach for sport investment
- request a level of flexibility is provided for within the proposed investment framework for local boards to react to local investment decisions that are relatively minor in the total scheme of council's investment in sport
- endorse using the draft Increasing Aucklanders' participation in sport: Investment Plan 2019-2039 as a guiding document for the investment into new facilities
- request that investment decisions should be based on community outcomes as outlined in key documents such as Local Board Plans
- note that the plan may be used as a tool to help inform local board decision making on the future of local assets

#### 10. General

- endorse the people-centric approach used to develop the plan
- express concern that having only one objective for council's investment in sport - to increase participation in community sport - is potentially limiting, particularly considering the agenda report states that 'the plan will guide all council investment in sport'
- note that both active and passive sport and recreation contribute to enhanced outcomes, in particular physical activity, health and wellbeing, and social and community benefits
- request connecting new and emerging sports with well- established sports to leverage off existing facility investment and to enable trial projects to be undertaken, such as adding temporary court markings, before investing in more permanent solutions
- express concern that incidental infrastructure such as clubrooms are identified as lower priority as these facilities are a key part of bringing people and communities together
- express concern should this plan be used to inadvertently add costs to our sports clubs and organisations through charges for sports field use, increased facility hire or increased community lease costs
- express concern that the draft plan includes limited analysis and information relating to the quantum of funding council currently provides in support of sport, and in particular, the lack of information regarding the potential under-funding of sport now and in the future
- express concern that the draft Sport Investment Plan may have a detrimental impact on the ability of community sports clubs or organisations to partner with council to

receive support for renewal and maintenance costs associated with community-owned buildings and assets (such as playing surfaces) on council-owned land

- express concern that the draft Sport Investment Plan has the ability to undermine the current community club based sport model and does not analyse the potential financial and social impact if the sport delivery model is changed
- express concern with the lack of analysis on the potential impact on sport volunteers (administrators, managers, coaches etc) and seek confirmation on how council will mobilise and coordinate the volunteer participation in sport if community sports clubs are weakened
- endorse the use of partnerships to address the current and future investment required in sport facilities endorse the close alignment between the Sport Investment Plan and the Facility Partnerships Policy when setting up and investing in community partnerships with the various sporting codes.