

**MEMO**

16 May 2019

**To:** Finance and Performance Committee Members  
Planning Committee Members

**From:** Stephen Town, Chief Executive

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**Subject: Venue Development Strategy, Western Springs Speedway and Colin Dale Park**

**Purpose**

This memo provides a progress update on the Venue Development Strategy, Western Springs Speedway and Colin Dale Park, matters that are related and included on the work programmes of the Finance and Performance Committee and Planning Committee.

**Venue Development Strategy**

Auckland Council, as shareholder of Regional Facilities Auckland, has sought feedback from mana whenua, stakeholders and partners on Auckland's draft Venue Development Strategy. I extended the closing date for feedback from 30 April until 15 May 2019 due to an initial low number of submissions. This meant that my original proposal to present the feedback to the Planning Committee in early May 2019 was not possible, notwithstanding that the May meeting for Planning Committee was cancelled due to lack of substantive items.

I have now received valuable and wide-ranging feedback, which will need to be carefully considered. This will take some time as it will be subject to further conversations with submitters. The feedback will need to be reconciled with recent decisions on Eden Park and when this has happened, it will be presented to the Planning Committee.

**Speedway's Proposed Relocation to Colin Dale Park**

This item was to be considered at the May 2019 meeting of the Finance and Performance Committee but has been deferred while the stakeholder feedback on the Venue Development Strategy is considered and to allow staff to work through a number of issues specific to the Colin Dale Park initiative. When that work has been completed staff will organise a workshop prior to any committee meeting. Any decision on the relocation of Speedway will be an open item on the Finance and Performance Committee agenda.

**Western Springs Speedway**

Regional Facilities Auckland and Springs Promotions Limited have negotiated a new Venue Hire Agreement, for speedway events to occur at Western Springs for the 2019/20 summer season, only. The negotiation of this new agreement is consistent with specific provisions of the previous Venue Hire Agreement. A schedule of ten speedway events and two practice events has been formalised by the two parties. This is within the Western Springs Stadium Precinct rules of the Unitary Plan.