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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Since its development in 2016, the Franklin Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Fund has contributed and advocated for more than \$800,000 into local provision (planning, development, and operations). The investment has been instrumental in maintaining, enhancing, and activating facility provision for Franklin residents. Investment has been allocated to a wide range of codes/activities, servicing both Franklin and beyond.

The Franklin Local Board and Auckland Council should be commended on their investment approach to date which has enabled projects to advance for the betterment of local communities. Without this intervention many projects may have stalled or fallen over altogether in an ever-constrained funding climate.

When community clubs and groups were asked about their awareness of the existing Franklin Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan, only 27% had come across it prior to the engagement process. Under half of the clubs/groups that were aware of the Plan have actively used it. There was a direct correlation between those groups that found it valuable with those that received funding. Unfortunately, for many projects the level of investment required far exceeds what the investment fund can provide or leverage. There is extremely high demand for facility investment across Franklin (at either planning or capital stages as this refreshed plan demonstrates).

After six years, the plan's refresh reflects the need to provide updated strategic, evidence-based decision-making which aligns with the growing and changing needs of the community. The refreshed Plan provides a comprehensive analysis of local sport and active recreation needs to guide future facility investment and advocacy decisions.

1.2 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The purpose of the final Franklin Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan is to provide direction to the Franklin Local Board to assist with the prioritisation of future sport and recreation facility investment. It is designed to provide direction on what should be done and crucially, what should not be done.

The plan will ensure that any investment aligns with the priorities, as identified in the facilities plan and assist in ensuring that ad-hoc development is limited. It is designed to focus thinking at a network wide sport and recreation facilities level. The plan will also provide recommendations for new developments, redevelopments (capital improvements) to existing facilities, including ancillary facilities. Where possible it will also provide indicative costs for the recommended improvements.

This document is not intended to be a funding plan for the Franklin Local Board. Inclusion of projects within this Plan in no way guarantees financial support from the Franklin Local Board. The plan focuses on sport and active recreation facilities which are under a wide range of ownership structures (including council-owned facilities, private facilities, club-owned facilities, and facilities owned by not-for-profit groups).

Facilities used for passive recreation were out of scope (such as the chess club, drama group or art club facilities).

The refreshed plan contains a wider scope of facilities including aquatic facilities and sports fields (previously excluded as other work was being completed concurrently).

To reflect the increase in facility analysis and wider community engagement to be undertaken, it was agreed the geographical area of the plan will concentrate directly on the Franklin Local Board and consider adjacent Local Boards and the Waikato District Council where applicable.

