
REPORT 13
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 10 December 2009

Members: Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 235/09P WHAREWAKA: APPROVAL OF GROUND LEASE**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *See Part A*
3. *See Part A*
4. *Note that any liabilities payable under this guarantee would be in addition to the \$800,000 funding already committed.*
5. *Note that Council's approval of the ground lease is subject to the Wharewaka o Poneke Charitable Trust and Wellington Waterfront Limited successfully agreeing the terms of the lease*

2. **ITEM 236/09P REVOCATION OF PEDESTRIAN STATUS OF MANNERS MALL AND CREATION OF SHARED SPACE IN LOWER CUBA STREET**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information*

2. *Note that the special consultative procedure on the proposal to revoke the pedestrian mall status of Manners Mall and create a shared space in lower Cuba Street was carried out between 29 September 2009 and 30 October 2009*
3. *Note that 473 written submissions were received on the proposal*
4. *Note that 50 oral submissions were heard by Strategy and Policy Committee on November 10 and 12 2009*
5. *Note the analysis of submissions included in this report*
6. *See Part A*
7. *Request officers report back on the issue of cycling in inner city bus lanes.*

3. **ITEM 237/09P COMMUNITY FACILITIES POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

Part A: Community Facilities Policy:

2. *Agree the draft Community Facilities Policy attached as Appendix 1 (of the officers report) for public consultation*
3. *Agree to consult on the amendments to the general grants framework attached as Appendix 2 of the officers report.*
4. *Note that the strategic priorities within the draft Community Facilities Policy are:*
 - (a) *Aquatics*
 - *Making the most of the existing pool space available*
 - *Improving opportunities for aquatic education and learn to swim*
 - *Providing facilities that meet the demand and growth in aquatic sports*
 - (b) *Library services*
 - *Increase community access to digital information*
 - *Integrate community development and library services*
 - *Strengthen service delivery in high growth areas*
 - (c) *Community spaces*

- *Develop partnerships to manage demand for additional community space*
- *Ensure regulatory compliance of existing buildings and building accessibility.*

Part B: Aquatics

5. *Agree with the Government policy articulated in the Health and Physical Education Learning Area, Ministry of Education curriculum that all students will have has opportunities to learn to swim and have basic aquatic survival skills by the end of year six.*
6. *Note that the Government underfunds the cost of this provision currently by not providing sufficient funding (either capital or operating) to schools so they can deliver on the curriculum requirements*
7. *Note that the increased use of Wellington City Council pools by school learn to swim groups puts significant pressure on WCC pools which means its has to consider capacity upgrades at a cost to its ratepayers*
8. *Direct officers to work with the Ministry of Education to develop funding partnerships to meet the curriculum requirements that are able to be used by all local authorities*
9. *Agree in principle the following funding priorities for reallocation of the existing LTCCP funding for pool upgrades as set out in Option 4:*
 - (a) *upgrade of Keith Spry Pool (Stage 1) - \$4.95m*
 - (i) *that the two co-located Johnsonville projects (phase one of the Keith Spry Swimming Pool project and the new library) be aligned in planning, funding, construction, in line with the 2010 commencement of phase one of the Keith Spry Swimming Pool upgrade project and,*
 - (ii) *include an integrated administration area.*
 - (b) *installation of a learn to swim pool for Karori - \$0.59m*
 - (c) *construction of a dedicated hydrotherapy pool for Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre - \$2.10m*
 - (d) *installation of a retractable roof for Thorndon outdoor pool - \$1.30m*
 - (e) *investment in school pools subject to satisfactory investment from Ministry of Education or other parties - \$2m*

(all costings are at 2009 prices)
10. *Note the following aquatics initiatives are not proposed as priorities for funding:*

- (a) upgrade of Keith Spry Pool (Stage 2 - linked to integration with proposed library) - \$12.3m
- (b) additional pool space at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre for aquatic sports - \$11.5m
- (c) water features at Keith Spry, Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre and Kaori pools – \$1.32m
- (d) installation of a hydroslide at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre - \$0.59m
- (e) upgrade of the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre crèche area - \$0.77m
- (f) upgrade of Khandallah pool - \$1.2m
- (g) additional investment in school pools above the \$2m identified (all costings are at 2009 prices)

11. Agree that Tawa Pool roof replacement and building insulation project(\$1.6m) should be removed from CX055 (Aquatic Facility Upgrades) and transferred to CX056 (Aquatic Facility Renewals) in 2011/12

Part C: Libraries and Community Facilities

12. Agree in principle the draft implementation plan for libraries, community centres/ halls and recreation centres prioritising:
- (a) A refresh of the central library and introduction of electronic item management system - \$14.88m
 - (b) Technology investments to enable the library service to respond to changes in technology and introduction of digital formats - \$11.18m
 - (c) A new library in Johnsonville - \$11m
 - (d) Development of a partnership to deliver facilities in Churton Park - \$0.85m
 - (e) Upgrade of the community facilities in the catchments centred on
 - Aro Valley - \$0.98m
 - Strathmore - \$1.00m
 - Newtown \$2.745m, and
 - Kilbirnie \$3.78m
 (all costings are at 2009 prices)

General

13. Agree to the new initiatives (with additional funding implications) identified below be included for consideration as part of the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan deliberations:
- (a) grants funding for increasing access to community facilities – C678 -\$55,000
 - (b) planning and concept design for Karori, WRAC, Keith Spry and Thorndon pool upgrades – CX055 -\$500,000
 - (c) planning and concept for Johnsonville Library \$300,000

14. *Agree the indicative timing of agreed projects will be considered through the consultation on the draft Community Facilities Policy and investment priorities*
15. *Direct officers to develop appropriate documentation to enable consultation on the draft Community Facilities Policy and investment priorities outlined in recommendations 9 and 12 in parallel with the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan*
16. *Delegate the authority to the Chief Executive and the Social Portfolio Leader to agree minor editorial changes to the draft Community Facilities Policy prior to publication*

Sessionalisation

17. *Note the 2009-19 LTCCP provides for the introduction of demand management strategies and includes \$250,000 additional revenue from the reallocated pool space*
18. *Consult specifically and in detail on the level of service changes proposed as part of the 2010/11 Annual Plan.*

4. **ITEM 238/09P REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2009**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Notes the following key risks and issues facing the entities, outlined in the individual analyses and summarised in the covering report, attached as Appendix One of the report of the Committee:*
 - (a) *Asset management plans are yet to be completed for the Basin Reserve Trust and Wellington Waterfront Limited and St James Theatre Charitable Trust;*
 - (b) *St James Theatre Charitable Trust continues to experience cash flow pressures;*
 - (c) *See public excluded minutes*
 - (d) *See public excluded minutes.*

Andy Foster
Chair