

Briefing Paper: Te Puawaitanga Sports Facility Needs Assessment Update

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Ngā whāinga | Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to get clarity from Council what it wants from Te Puawaitanga Sports Facility in Waipapa.

The outcomes of this workshop are to:

- have a clear understanding from Council how Te Puawaitanga will look once it is completed.
- have a clear understanding from Council the expectations of what this new facility will achieve for the community.
- be able to articulate to the wider community the direction of the project moving forward.
- be able to implement a needs assessment with community groups (e.g. sport clubs), regarding Te Puawaitanga.
- find out whether a formal resolution is required from the workshop from Council.

Horopaki | Context

Te Pūawaitanga - Bay of Islands Sports Hub is a \$10.759 million sporting centre being developed in Waipapa. It will address the shortage of facilities in the region, support growing participation in sports and help meet future demand in Northland, as one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

Council funding of \$8.759 million was supplemented with \$2 million from the Government's COVID19 Response and Recovery Fund. This is sufficient to complete the first stage of the development which includes several multi-use playing fields and cricket pitches, parking for 300 cars and six buses, and an ablutions block incorporating changing and toilet amenities. These facilities are expected to be in use after Christmas, in the upcoming summer sports season.

The first phase of this project is nearly completed (see attachments 1 and 2).

- A working group has been in place for phase 1.
- Papers went to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 6 September 2022, to be recommended to Council.

Phase 2 is currently being determined.

- A new term of reference is being worked on with the working group for phase 2.
- There is discussion on expanding this working group for wider community and community board involvement.
- In the current draft of the constitution to form an Incorporated Society, council will be involved:
 - Council will nominate the first members of board for the Incorporated society.
 - Council will have a representative on the board to speak for council.
- Some indications of the plans to come in phase 2 and beyond.
 - additional fields and sport/recreation spaces for activities (possible examples: hockey, softball, croquet, and dog training facilities).
 - clubrooms.
 - competitive gymnastics facility.
 - community spaces.
 - the possibility of one or two commercial/social enterprises.
 - This is still yet to be determined and will be a task for the newly established working group.

The working group understands that ratepayer funding for development beyond the first stage may not be granted and will therefore seek funding assistance from sources other than Council.

Ultimately, the value of the complex could be well over \$35 million, with substantial operating costs, so it is important that a suitable structure be confirmed for the ownership of assets and ongoing operations of the hub with little, if any, financial impact on the ratepayer.

Ngā kōrerorero | Discussion

Key Discussion areas:

- What are the outcomes Council is wanting to achieve through Te Puawaitanga?
- What do you see as the sporting and recreational current and future priorities in the community?
- Are there any identified sporting and recreational needs in the community that are not currently being met?
- Which sporting codes should the needs assessment focus on?
- If the needs assessment identifies more needs than can be met through Te Puawaitanga, how should these be prioritised?

E whai ake nei | Next Steps

1. Finalise scope and outline plan for phase 2.
2. Complete terms of reference for phase 2.
3. Communicate future direction with community (eg sporting codes).
4. Complete needs assessment with sporting codes.
5. Implement phase 2.

Ngā tāpiritanga | Attachments

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[figure-2-stage-1-of-onsite-developments \(A4180797\)](#)