

## **Council Briefing Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, 11 December, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chamber  
Forum North, Rust Avenue  
Whangarei

**In Attendance**

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
Cr Gavin Benney  
Cr Vince Cocurullo  
Cr Nicholas Connop  
Cr Ken Couper  
Cr Shelley Deeming  
Cr Jayne Golightly  
Cr Phil Halse  
Cr Greg Innes  
Cr Greg Martin  
Cr Anna Murphy  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid

**Not in Attendance** Cr Tricia Cutforth

**Scribe** N Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

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The briefing commenced at 1.00pm.

### **Active Recreation and Sports Strategy – Submissions report.**

Submissions to the Draft Active Recreation and Sport Strategy were presented to elected members for feedback and discussion. Sue Hodge (Manager Parks and Recreation) and Bernadette Aperahama (Senior Strategic Planner) took elected members through the presentation and the summary of submissions.

Elected members feedback and discussion

- It would be helpful for the applicant to see the process for funding approval.
- There is a disconnect in the facilities available in different areas, some of the bigger communities e.g. Maunu have very little sports facilities. Sue Hodge advised that there is a recommendation to review sports facilities in all areas.
- The strategy should address how to deliver people to the sports facilities. Public transport is key to ensure that there is a bus stop near to each facility.

Sue Hodge advised that the shared path will help to connect facilities to each other.

- Car parking at facilities, especially Kensington, is an issue. We should be looking at buying property around Kensington to provide for parking. Sue Hodge advised that car parking at Kensington needs to be considered in the next LTP.
- Water sports is not prominently featured in the strategy. Sue Hodge advised that there is a recommendation to review access to water-based activities.
- Banning electric scooters is a restriction on other modes of transport.
- The criteria requirements should be refined and provision should be made for scoring and weighting.
- Activating young people is key, we need to be providing activities which are fun, cheap and easily accessible.

### **Complete Streets Masterplan update**

Elected members were provided with a second update on the Complete Streets Masterplan, following the first update on 4 December.

Tony Horton (Manager Strategy) went through the presentation.

Elected members feedback and discussion

- Is there any provision for a public carpark? Tony Horton advised that this depends on political and market appetite. We have received some feedback from the Chamber of Commerce that the market could be ready for this. Rob Forlong (Chief Executive) advised that this would have to be placed on the priority list for the next LTP.
- There was discussion on the options for Dent Street
- Could look at developing Dent Street further by building a carpark building.
- The options for Dent Street are not ready to go out to the communities but can take to stakeholders.

### **Growth Strategy update**

Elected members were provided with a further update on the Growth Strategy following the first update on 4 December.

Tony Horton went through the presentation.

Rob Forlong has prepared a paper for the December Council meeting on what we are doing to plan for the port and navy.

The briefing concluded at 15.46