

8. STONNINGTON INDOOR STADIUM

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to make information provided to Council at its meeting held 21 November 2016 available to the public and to outline the next stage of the Stonnington Indoor Stadium feasibility.

BACKGROUND

On 21 November 2016, Councillors considered a confidential report seeking approval to:

1. Recommend a site for a new four-court indoor stadium within Stonnington to be used primarily for netball and basketball; and
2. To seek endorsement to undertake a detailed feasibility study into the construction, management and operation of the stadium on the proposed site.

It was subsequently resolved that Council:

1. ***Endorse Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park as the preferred site for the proposed Stonnington Indoor Sports Stadium.***
2. ***Completes a feasibility study into the proposed development of an indoor stadium at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park with a minimum of 4 courts.***
3. ***Include as part of the feasibility study opportunities to accommodate the Chadstone Bowls Club and/or its members at alternate locations and the future provision of active recreation programs and services for older adults as part of that study.***

The report was initially confidential to allow stakeholders to be informed prior to the issue becoming public.

An extract of that report is included as an attachment to this report and outlines the process followed and reasons for the decision to nominate the preferred site.

DISCUSSION

The next stage of the Stonnington Indoor Stadium project is to undertake a feasibility study on the proposal to construct a new indoor stadium on the site currently occupied by the Chadstone Bowls Club. The purpose of the feasibility will be to recommend to Council to either implement, amend, postpone, stage or abandon the proposal.

Key elements of the feasibility study include:

- A detailed site analysis including traffic and parking assessments and social impact statement;
- Preparation of an operating plan including proposed use, projected usage levels and operating budget;

- Preparation of a detailed concept plan, construction cost plan and identification of any funding options;
- A report on the options for the future of the Chadstone Bowls Club and its members and potential transition plan;
- A report on the future provision of active recreation programs and services for older adults across Stonnington; and,
- Options for the future use of Orrong Romanis Recreation Centre in Prahran and home to the current PNA competition.

The Chadstone Bowls Club, Chadstone Tennis Club and Chadstone Recreation and Civic Club were notified of Council's decision and briefed on the next stage of the project on Wednesday 23 November 2016.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The decision to nominate the Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park as the preferred site for the proposed Stonnington Indoor Sports Stadium was consistent with Council's Recreation Strategy (2014) and Strategies for Creating Open Space.

All work undertaken as part of the next stage of the feasibility will be undertaken in accordance with the Community Engagement Policy which formalises Council's commitment to actively engage stakeholders in the decision making processes of Council.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The total cost to undertake the feasibility study on the proposal will be approximately \$100,000 and include all elements of the project listed above.

LEGAL ADVICE & IMPLICATIONS

Statutory considerations will be assessed as part of the initial site assessment. No other legal matters exist at this time.

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this report is to make information available to the public regarding Council's decision to nominate Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park as the preferred site for the proposed Stonnington Indoor Stadium and to outline the next stages of the feasibility study to determine whether the project proposal proceeds, is amended or abandoned.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

This recommendation complies with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Indoor Stadium Proposal - Report to Council 21 November 2016 Excluded

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes this report on the proposed Stonnington Indoor Stadium.