



Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Community Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 9 April 2024
Time: 9:30 am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Lance Vervoort
Chief Executive

Community and Natural Environment Committee

Te Roopuu Haapori me te oranga o te Taiao

OPEN AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor Paula Southgate	Cr Louise Hutt
Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary	Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Maxine van Oosten	Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Moko Tauariki	Cr Sarah Thomson
Cr Ewan Wilson	Cr Emma Pike
Cr Mark Donovan	Cr Melaina Huaki
Maangai Olly Te Ua	Cr Tim Macindoe

Quorum: A majority of members (including vacancies)

Meeting Frequency: Two monthly

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Purpose

The Community and Natural Environment Committee is responsible for:

1. Guiding and monitoring the provision of strategic community infrastructure and services to meet the current and future needs of the city and the enhanced wellbeing of its communities.
2. Governance of recreational, community facilities, amenities, and events.
3. Facilitating community and stakeholder involvement and discussion on community infrastructure, community safety, and community wellbeing matters.
4. Ensuring Hamilton is performing to the highest standard in the area of civil defence and emergency management.
5. The execution of Council's infrastructure and operational plans and strategies across Community asset classes.
6. Funding to benefit the social, cultural, physical, and arts wellbeing of communities in Hamilton.
7. Governance of strategies, policies and plans relating to the wellbeing, protection, enhancement, and sustainability of Hamilton's natural environment as identified in this terms of reference.

In addition to the common delegations on page 10, the Community and Natural Environment Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

8. To provide direction on strategic priorities and resourcing for community infrastructure aligned to city's overall development and oversight of strategic projects associated with those activities.
9. To develop policy, approve community-related strategies and plans, and monitor their implementation.
10. To receive and consider presentations and reports from stakeholders, government departments, organisations, and interest groups on community development and wellbeing issues and opportunities.
11. To monitor Hamilton's social demographics and social climate to assess current and future impacts on the Council and Hamilton communities.
12. To monitor the performance of Hamilton's civil defence and emergency management response against Council's requirements under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act including:
 - a) implementation of Government requirements;
 - b) contractual service delivery arrangements with the Waikato Regional Group Emergency Management Office
13. To determine the funding priorities for the Community Grants Allocation Committees, in line with the Community Assistance Policy, Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.
14. To determine the priority of Council projects suitable for contestable and philanthropic funding, excluding NZTA funding.
15. To coordinate and make decisions on proposals, applications for external funding, and the distribution of Council funding and funding provided to Council for public art, recreational and community facilities, and amenity.

16. To develop policy, approve, and monitor implementation of plans and strategies in relation to the performance of Council's investments in the Domain Endowment Fund and strategic property.
17. To develop policy, approve strategies and plans for the sustainable use of Hamilton's natural resources, and to monitor their implementation as identified in this terms of reference.
18. To develop policy, approve strategies and plans for Council's corporate environmental sustainability, and to monitor their implementation.
19. To develop policy, approve strategies and plans for Council's biodiversity, and to monitor their implementation.

Special Notes:

- The Committee may request expert external advice through the Chief Executive as necessary.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

- Approval of Reserve Management Plans.
- Performing the Council's functions, powers, and duties (excluding those matters reserved to the Council by law, by resolution of the Council or as otherwise delegated by Council) under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and the Reserves Act 1977.
- Approval of purchase or disposal of land for parks and reserves required for designated works or other purposes within the Committee's area of responsibility which exceeds the Chief Executive's delegations and is in accordance with the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan.
- Approval of applications for Council projects suitable for contestable and philanthropic funding.
- Approval of funding for recreational and community facilities and amenities in accordance with the Long Term Plan.
- Approval of public art proposals put forward by the community and/or Council in accordance with the Public Art Development Process and approved budget.
- Approval of the Heritage Fund grant allocation in line with the Heritage Plan.
- Approval of matters determined by the Committee within its Terms of Reference.
- Approval of acquisition or sale or lease of properties owned by the Domain Endowment Fund consistent with the Domain Endowment Fund Investment Policy, for any endowment properties. Note that if the Mayor and Chair consider that a final decision is more appropriately made by Council due to its significance, they may direct that and decision remains recommendatory, requiring ratification by Council.

The Committee is delegated the following recommendatory powers:

- The Committee may make recommendations to Council.
- The Committee may make recommendations to other Committees.

Recommendatory Oversight of Strategies:

- Nature in the City
- Open Spaces Strategy
- Play Strategy
- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Age Friendly Plan
- He Rautaki Whakawhanake Hapori - Community & Social Development

Recommendatory Oversight of Policies and Bylaws:

- *Alcohol Control Bylaw*

- *Animal Nuisance Bylaw*
- *Citizens Initiated Referenda Policy*
- *City Honours Policy*
- *Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy*
- *Community Assistance Policy*
- *Community Occupancy Policy*
- *Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw*
- *Cultural and Recreational Facilities Bylaw*
- *Disability Policy*
- *Dog Control Bylaw*
- *Dog Control Policy*
- *Domain Endowment Fund Policy*
- *External Funding Applications Policy*
- *Monuments and Memorials Policy*
- *Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy*
- *Open Space Provision Policy*
- *Parks, Domains and Reserves Bylaw*
- *Permanent Public Art Policy*
- *Provisional Local Alcohol Policy (if developed)*
- *Psychoactive Substances (Local Approved Products) Policy*
- *Prostitution Bylaw*
- *Public Places Bylaw*
- *Trading in Public Places Policy*
- *Safety in Public Places Bylaw*
- *Smokefree and Vapefree Outdoor Areas Policy*
- *TAB Board Venue Policy*

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

As per Hamilton City Council's Standing Orders, a period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for a public forum. Each speaker during the public forum section of this meeting may speak for five minutes or longer at the discretion of the Chair.

Please note that the public forum is to be confined to those items falling within the terms of the reference of this meeting.

Speakers will be put on a Public Forum speaking list on a first come first served basis in the Council Chamber prior to the start of the Meeting. A member of the Council Governance Team will be available to co-ordinate this. As many speakers as possible will be heard within the allocated time.

If you have any questions regarding Public Forum please contact Governance by telephoning 07 838 6699.

Council Report

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Committee:Community and Natural Environment Committee

Author:Arnold Andrews

Position:Governance Advisor

Report Name:Confirmation of the Open Community and Natural Environment Committee Minutes - 22 February 2024

Date:09 April 2024

Authoriser:Michelle Hawthorne

Position:Governance and Assurance Manager

Report Status	Open
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2024 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Community and Natural Environment Committee Open Unconfirmed Minutes - 22 February 2024

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Community and Natural Environment Committee 22 FEBRUARY 2024 - OPEN



Community and Natural Environment Committee
Te Komiti Haapori me te oranga o te Taiao
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Natural Environment Committee held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 22 February 2024 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

- Deputy Chairperson** Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Heamana Tuarua
Members Mayor Paula Southgate (via Audio-Visual Link)
Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Cr Maxine van Oosten
Cr Moko Tauariki
Cr Ewan Wilson
Cr Mark Donovan
Maangai Olly Te Ua
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Sarah Thomson (via Audio-Visual Link)
Cr Emma Pike

- In Attendance** Helen Paki – General Manager Customer and Community
Maria Barrie - Unit Director - Parks & Recreation
Rebecca Whitehead - Unit Director - Community Services
Cait Cresswell - Strategy and Policy Advisor
Narelle Waite - Strategy and Policy Advisor

- Governance Staff** Amy Viggers – Governance Lead
Keryn Philips and Arnold Andrews – Governance Advisors

Teresa Fernandez and Paul Flanagan from the Catholic Community opened the meeting with a prayer.

- 1. Apologies – Tono aroha**
Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Wilson)
That the apologies for absence from Cr Naidoo-Rauf, Cr Huaki and Cr Macindoe and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Cr Taylor and Cr Wilson on Council business are accepted.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**
Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr van Oosten)
That the agenda is confirmed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipanga**
No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

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4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero

No members of the public wish to speak.

5. Confirmation of the Open Community and Natural Environment Committee Minutes - 26 October 2023**Resolved:** (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 26 October 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Acting Chair took the report as read and responded to questions from Members in relation to attendance statistics of Gallagher Pools.

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report

7. Open Space Provision Policy - Deliberations and Approval

The Strategy and Policy Advisor took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members in relation to public consultation process, linear and pocket parks, name changes from reserves to parks, and Richmond park.

Staff Action: *Staff to consider road frontage and safety during the design stage of open spaces.***Resolved:** (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/ Cr van Oosten)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends that the Council adopt the Open Space Provision Policy 2018 (amended 2024) **(Attachment 1) subject to the inclusion of the minor amendments agreed at the committee meeting;** and
- c) requests staff work with interested Members to prepare a list of stakeholders and advocacy plan of other open space providers to work towards the development of partnerships that will deliver on the Open Space Provision Policy.

8. Public Places Bylaw Review and Determination Report

The Strategy and Policy Advisor took the report as read.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) determines that a Public Places Bylaw is the most appropriate mechanism for addressing issues relating to the management of Public Spaces; and
- c) notes that staff will begin the review of the bylaw including the preparation of draft statements of proposal.

9. Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw - Deliberation and Adoption**Item 5****Attachment 1**

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The Strategy and Policy Advisor took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members in relation to gaps in the bylaw, separate burial areas within the cemeteries, and cultural relevance of the awa to mana whenua.

- Resolved:** (Cr Tauariki/Maangai Te Ua)
That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:
- a) receives the report; and
 - b) recommends that the Council adopt the Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw 2012 (amended 2024) (**Attachment 1**) effective from 10 April 2024, or other date resolved by Council.

10. Cultural and Recreational Facilities Bylaw - Deliberations and Request to Revoke

The Policy Advisor took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members in relation to other resources used which are better fit than the current bylaw, threatening behaviour at council sites, and funding for safety and security.

Staff Action: *Staff to include Shama Ethnic Women’s Trust as part of the public communication and engagement process.*

- Resolved:** (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr van Oosten)
That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:
- a) receives the report; and
 - b) recommends that the Council revoke the Cultural and Recreational Facilities Bylaw 2012, effective from 1 May 2024, or other date resolved by Council.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Casey-Cox)
Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:
That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.
The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Public Excluded Community and Natural Environment Committee Minutes - 10 August 2023) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

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to enable Council to carry out negotiations Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 10:38am.

The meeting was declared Closed at 10:39am.

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Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee
Date: 09 April 2024
Author: Arnold Andrews
Authoriser: Michelle Hawthorne
Position: Governance Advisor
Position: Governance and Assurance Manager
Report Name: Chair's Report

Report Status	Open
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Recommendation - *Tuutohu*

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Chair's Report - 9 April 2024



Chair’s Report

LTP engagement and feedback is open until 21 April 2024. This is an absolutely crucial time to gather as much feedback as possible from Hamiltonians. Thanks to the many Elected Members and staff who are proactively engaging with our communities, attending events, and making themselves available to meet with the many community groups who wish to be involved.



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Deputy Chair Anna and I have begun another round of Community House visits as we continue our work to strengthen our relationships across the city. This helps to provide us with a quick snapshot of their successes and challenges. At the moment, kai provision is the biggest challenge we are hearing about. We continue to acknowledge these community heroes – Community House staff and volunteers, as well as Council staff who work closely with them.

Community events have been all go as summer draws to an end! From the Hamilton Arts Festival, Boon Sculpture Trail, Chinese Lantern Festival to Balloons over Waikato, Hamiltonians have been out in large numbers making the most of it! One highlight would have to be Hamilton Childrens' Day which saw multiple Council facilities join forces with event organisers to create a mega weekend of fun for our youngest of residents and their families. Some feedback from Council staff below:

Pools – Rosie Short, Customer Bookings Representative

"We celebrated Children's Day at both of our pools over the weekend. A highlight for me at Gallagher's Aquatic Centre was watching whaanau and friends enjoy the day together, mingle with other families and the partnering with volunteers from Glenview Community Centre. It was great to see everyone getting to know each other, the celebration was a close-knit community vibe, and the feedback was so positive. My highlight at Waterworld was the bomb competition hosted by Waikato Bomb Club. There was a big line of kids ready to have a go and the hosts did such a great job amping up the jumpers and getting the crowd to cheer for each contender. For the little kids, we had Ariel the Little Mermaid making balloons, musical statues, and a mega lolly scramble. It was an awesome weekend, and everyone had a great time."

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Library – Su Bradburn, Whakaahu Service Development Librarian

Children's Day 2024 saw a fantastic number of families coming into the library to enjoy our activities. All the activities were really popular and families were going outside and telling people about the great stuff going on in the library. Some of our activities included a race car track, kinetic sand, green screen, art activities and a puppet show.

Comments received at the event included parents praising the creativity of the greenscreen and kids' excitement at the wizardry of the app, the enthusiasm of staff with kids with the race cars making the challenge of breaking a time record really fun, the art activities in the CreatorSpace and what a great teacher Natela is; kids loved how good she is at craft. People were commenting they didn't even know Auaha existed, how much they liked the interactive screen, the fact that there were instruments available in the recording studios, the 3-D printing and t-shirt printing, looking forward to using the space more.

Hamilton is a fun city with lots to do – these past few months of events together with our well-run Zoo, Gardens, Museum, Pools and Libraries have been driving this priority and I'd like to acknowledge and thank the many hundreds of people involved in making this happen! Thank you.

Chair's Recommendation:

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

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Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee

Date: 09 April 2024

Author: Sean Murray

Authoriser: Sean Murray

Position: General Manager Venues, Tourism and Events

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Report Name: Waikato Regional Theatre - Update Report

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To provide the Committee with an update on the Waikato Regional Theatre project.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. In June 2018, Council resolved via the 2018-2028 Long-Term Year Plan to formally grant \$25 million towards a build contribution plus a provision for an annual property maintenance and equipment renewals grant of \$1.1 million per annum (plus Consumers Price Index (CPI)) from the opening date of the Waikato Regional Theatre.
4. Site preparation and construction began in late 2021 by Foster Group and the new theatre is set to open in central Hamilton in 2025.
5. The report will provide an update on the history and commitments by Council. In addition, Gus Sharp (General Manager - Waikato Regional Theatre) will provide a verbal presentation at the meeting.
6. Staff consider the decision in this report has low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

7. On 26 July 2016, Council accepted a proposal from Momentum Waikato Community Foundation (Momentum Waikato) and committed (in principle) to support the design and build of a new 1300-seat, state of the art, regional theatre facility in Hamilton named the Waikato Regional Theatre (WRT).
8. The project to construct the WRT had a total estimated cost of \$73.9 million including contingencies. The centrally located site (former Hamilton Hotel) was gifted by a private contributor and was valued at \$4 million.

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9. The project was led by Momentum Waikato who secured funding of the build cost and established an ownership and operating structure independent of Council, via the Waikato Regional Property Trust (WRPT). Momentum Waikato have a detailed webpage on the history on the project and this can be found [here](#).
10. In June 2018, Council resolved via the 2018-2028 Long-Term Plan to formally grant \$25 million towards a build contribution plus a provision for an annual property maintenance and equipment renewals grant of \$1.1 million per annum (to be CPI adjusted) from the WRT's opening date.
11. In October 2019, Momentum Waikato confirmed they had secured Central Government's Provincial Growth fund support of \$12 million towards the project, along with other funding from Hamilton City Council (\$25 million), Waikato Regional Council (\$5 million), Trust Waikato (\$15 million), Lotteries Board (\$4 million) and a range of trusts and philanthropic individuals, families and businesses (\$12million).
12. In December 2020 Council's Strategic Risk and Assurance Committee received a report (following a workshop on the item) to consider the risk assessment mitigations in the draft funding deed for Council's contributions to understand how these risks related to the project and Council's overall approval of the Funding Deed
13. In February 2021, Council approved the Funding Deed for Council's contributions to the WRT project and delegated authority to the Chief Executive to execute the Funding Deed with WRPT.
14. Deed conditions were satisfied allowing Council to provide the balance of funding to WRPT.

Financial Considerations - Whaiwhakaaro Puutea

Construction Funding

15. The Council has paid its overall contribution of \$25 million towards the construction and fit-out of the WRT. This was made up by a payment of \$100k in 2016/17 (concept design), \$250k in 2017/18 (next stage design development) and \$6 million through funding via the Vibrant Hamilton Trust in November 2018, with the remaining balance paid post signed of the funding deed from FY22-FY24.

PEMA Funding

16. The Council also agreed to provide funding of \$1.1 million per annum (plus CPI) for a property asset maintenance grant (PEMA). The funding commences on the date that the WRT is completed and ends on the 30 June that is 10 years from the Commencement Date. If Council is satisfied with the Business Plan and the performance of the Trust in operating and maintaining the WRT, the Funding will renew for a further 10-year period.

Discussion - Matapaki

17. Gus Sharp (General Manager - WRT) will be present at the meeting to give a presentation to the Committee (**Attachment 1**) and include an update on the construction programme and opening details.
18. Elected members can also ready monthly construction updates from RDT Pacific, the Theatre's Overall Project Managers via <https://waikatoregionaltheatre.co.nz/> to get updates.

Legal and Policy Considerations - Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

19. Staff confirm that the matter within this report complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Climate Change Impact Statement

- 20. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation.
- 21. Staff have determined no adaptation or emissions assessment is required.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

- 22. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
- 23. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
- 24. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.
- 25. The intended outcomes of the creation and ongoing operation of the WRT are well connected to Council's vision for Hamilton and is specifically mentioned in Priority Three – Shaping a Central City where people love to be.

Social

- 26. The project's primary purpose is to deliver a purpose-built performing arts theatre for the city and region that is accessible to the performing arts sector, professional, amateur, and community groups for performance and events. The facility will act as a hub and add vibrancy and social character to the city and central precinct.

Economic

- 27. The theatre build itself will take place over four years and will employ over 100 workers (excluding indirect employment generation).
- 28. Once operational the theatre will have a small permanent staff base and it will deploy a casual pool and generate significant downstream employment opportunities for local performance, design, technical, maintenance contractors and hospitality industries. It will also attract an audience base from outside Hamilton and the Waikato. The WRPT as owner/operator of the WRT will operate and be governed by robust financial management practices and systems.

Environmental

- 29. The WRT will include design elements with a range of best practice solutions to mitigate any environmental impacts. The facility will act as a hub and add vibrancy and social character to the city and central precinct.
- 30. The WRT will be built and operated in a way to ensure the venue is safe, secure and operates within a healthy environment.

Cultural

- 31. The purpose of the WRT is to provide performance space access for a wide range of cultural groups from across the community.

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Risks - *Tuuraru*

32. There are no known risks associated with this matter.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

Significance

33. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the recommendation(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance.

Engagement

34. The WRT is a project initiated by an external party (Momentum Waikato) which came from a significant engagement process already conducted by Council in 2016 and 2017.
35. The project has had strong ongoing communication to the public in respect of development, the totality of the funding achieved and any issue resolution of interest. Therefore, no further engagement is required.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Waikato Regional Theatre - Presentation



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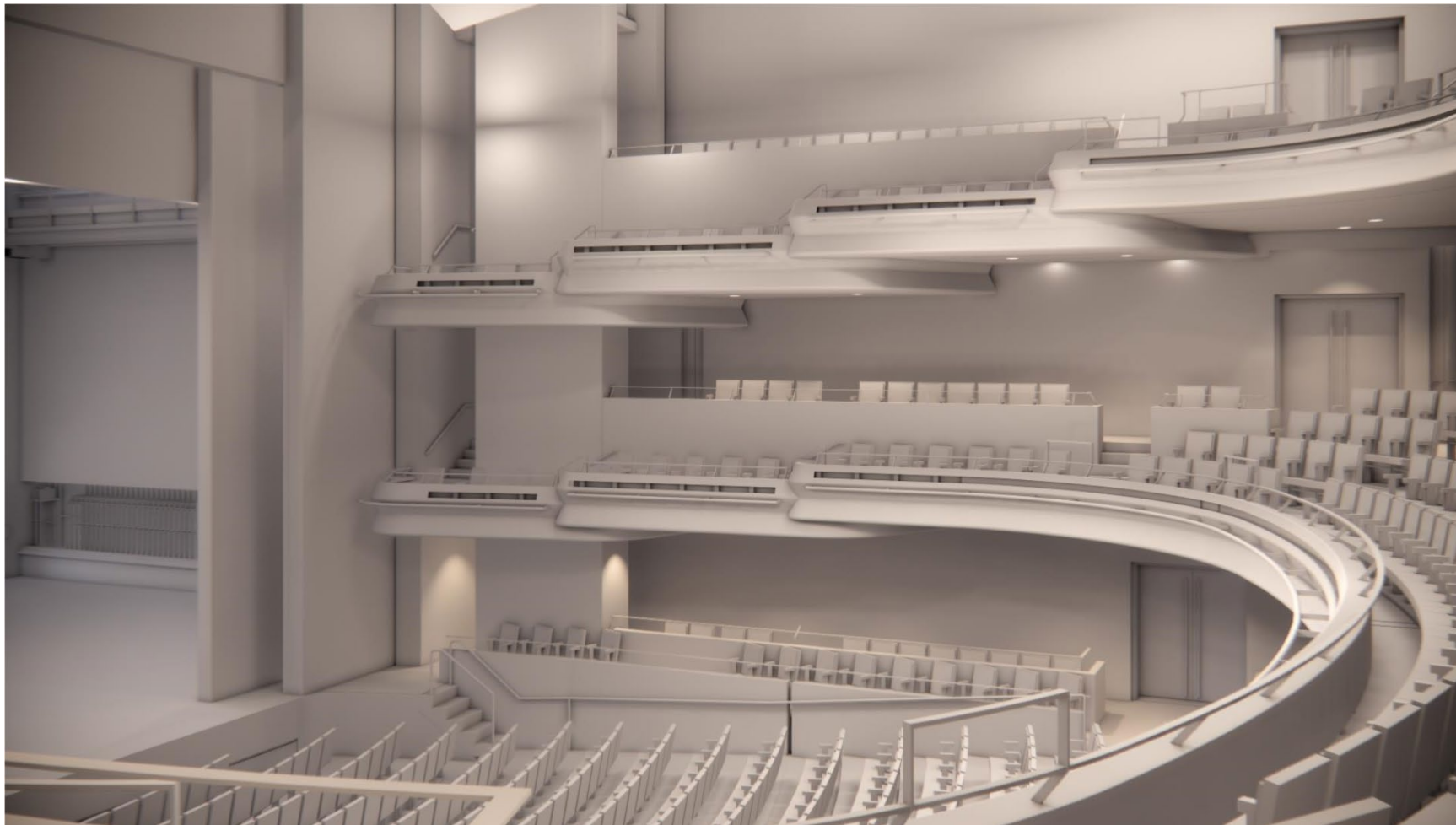


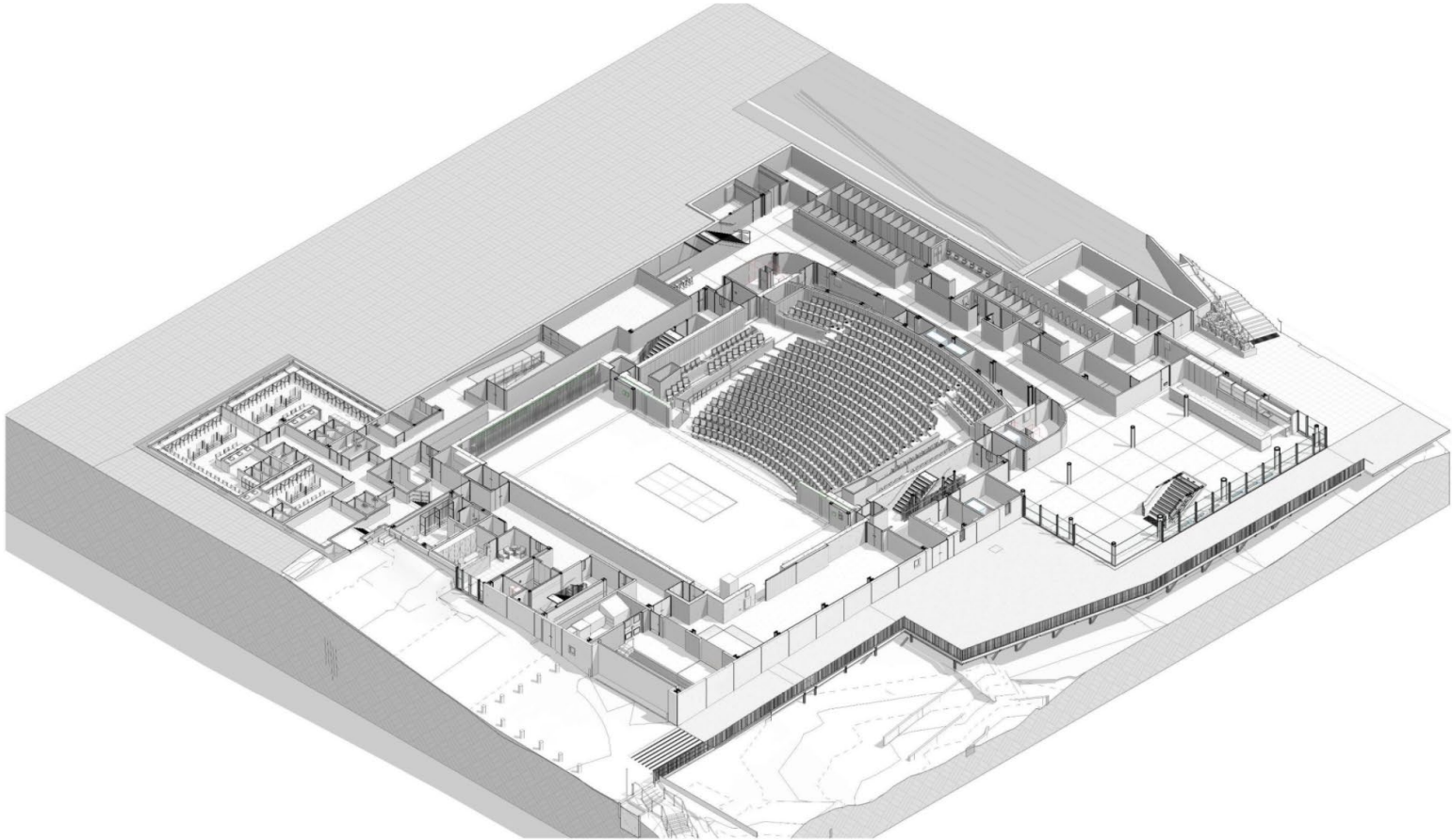
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Notes

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B 95% DETAILED DESIGN
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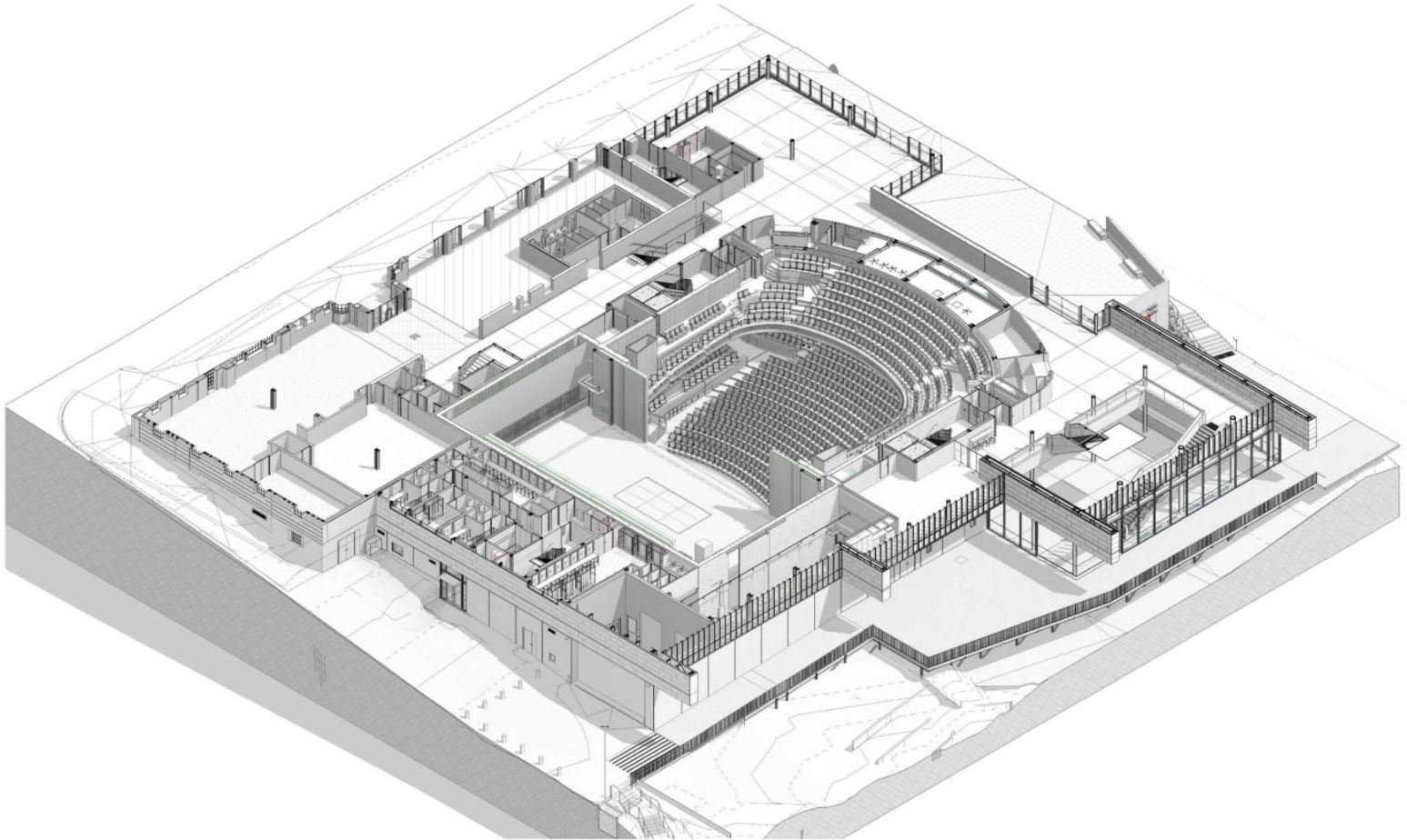
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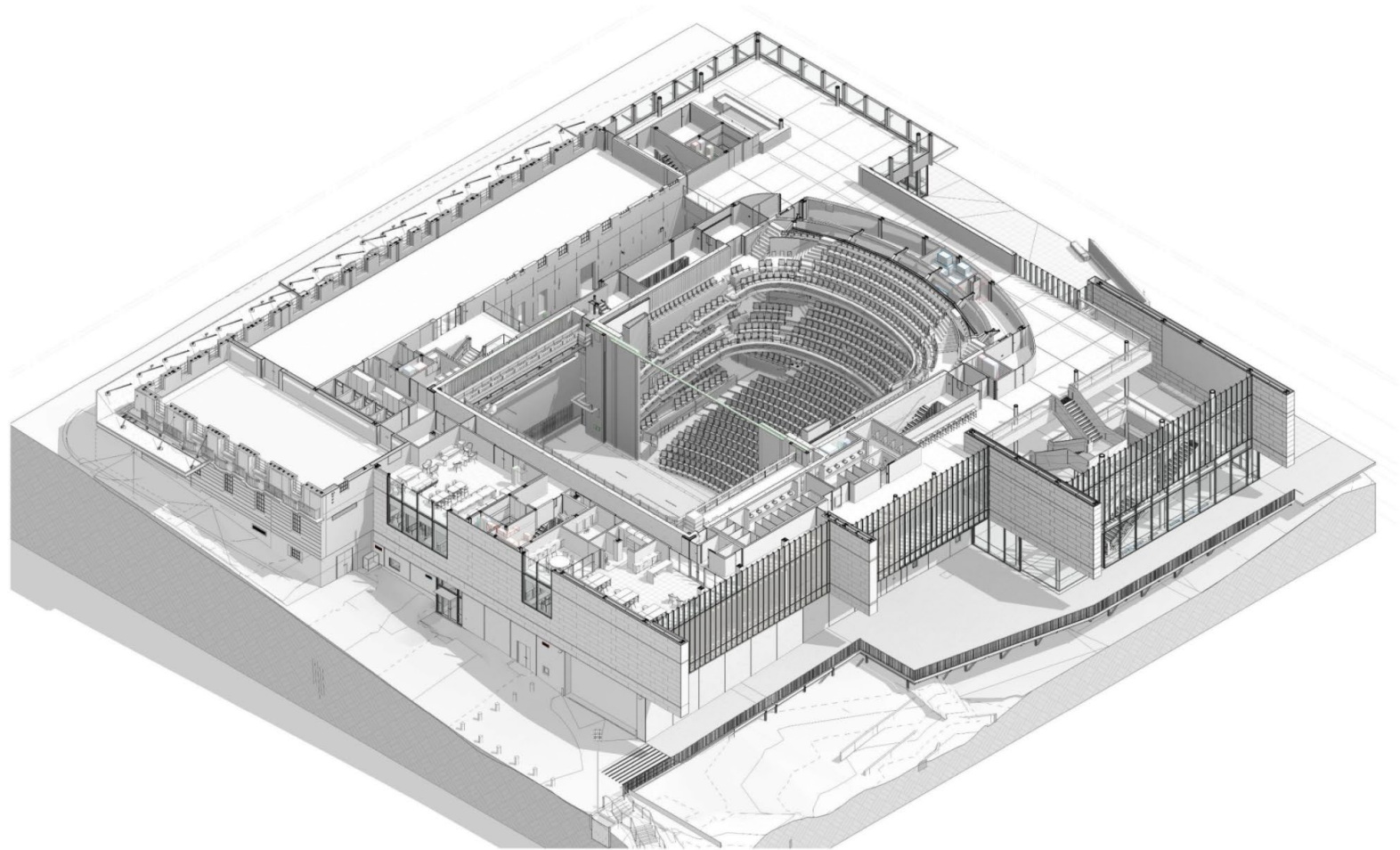
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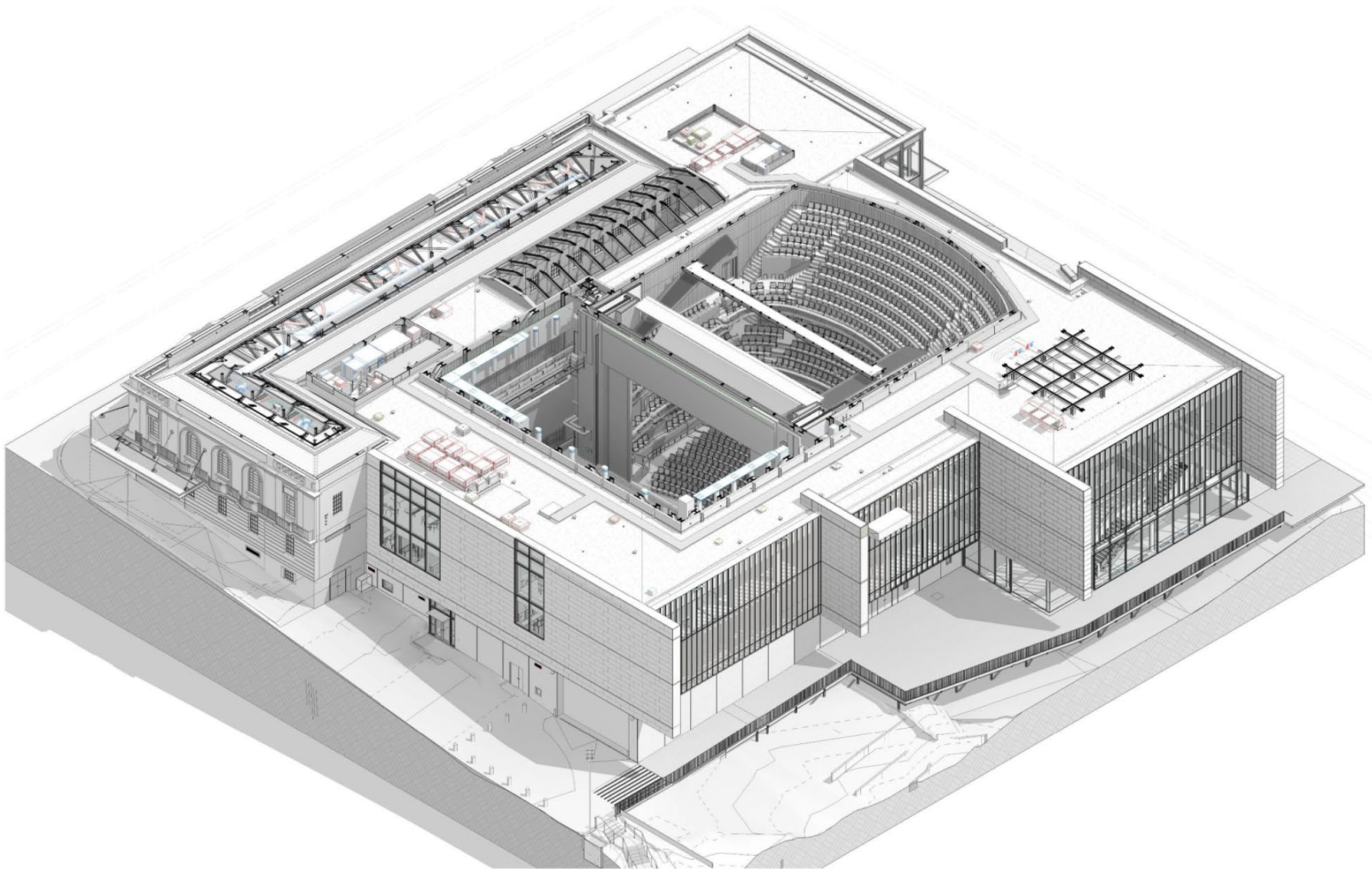
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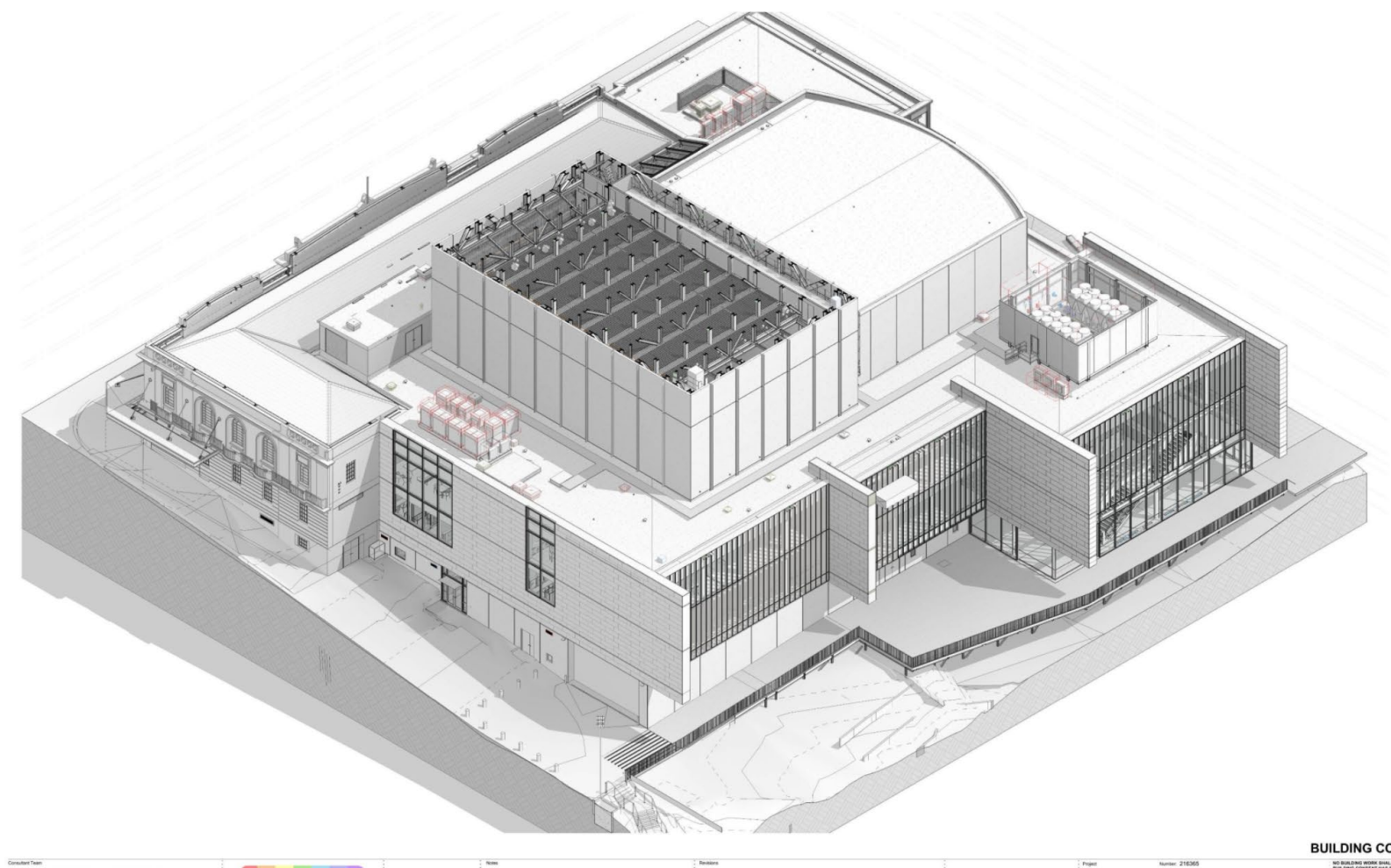
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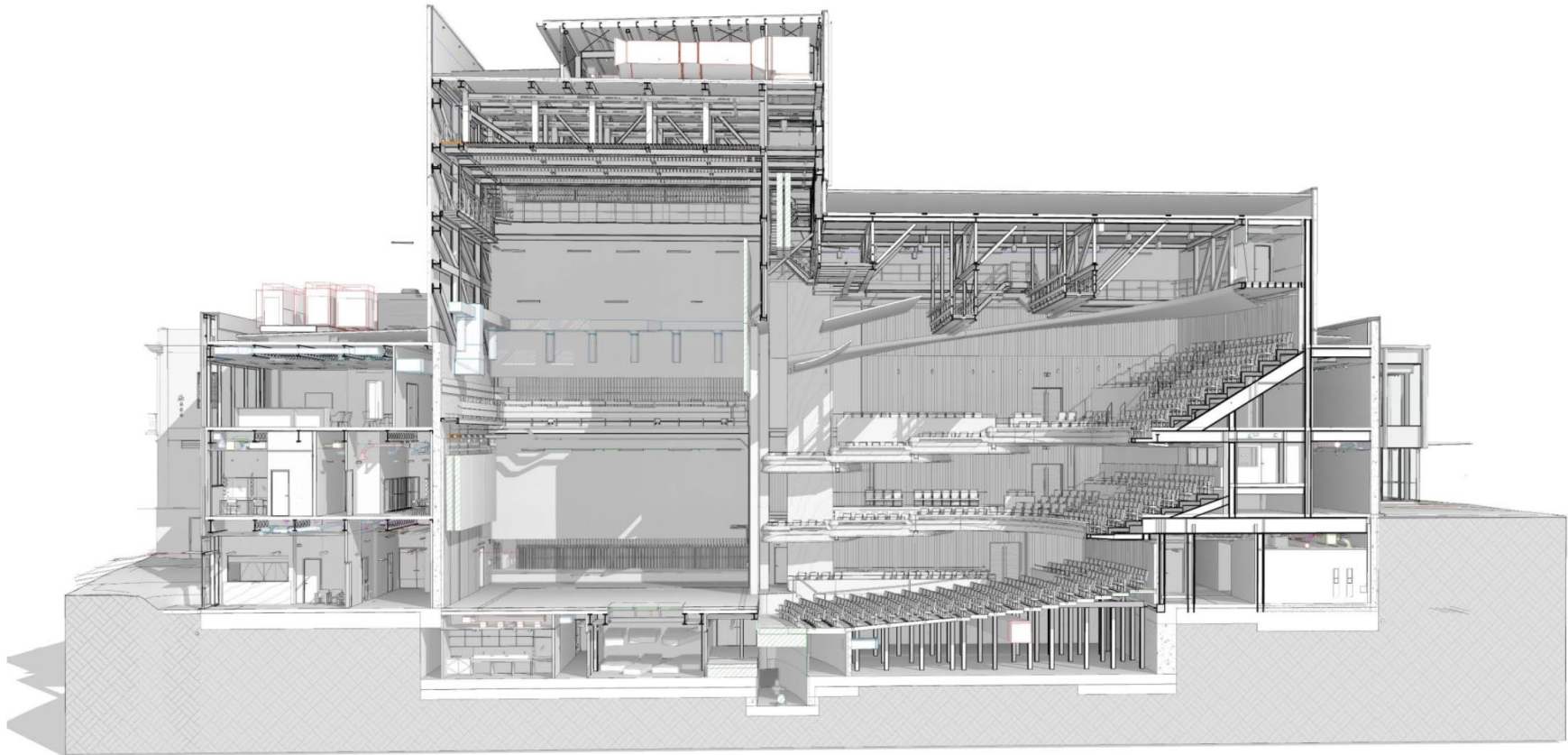
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Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee
Date: 09 April 2024
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Report Name: 30 Victoria Street Celebrating Age Centre Options

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To inform the Community and Natural Environments Committee on the relative benefits of retaining, upgrading, or demolishing the Celebrating Age Centre.
2. To recommend to the Community and Natural Environments Committee that renewals works be undertaken on the Celebrating Age Centre to make it habitable for community use.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

3. That the Community and Natural Environments Committee:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) approves **Option 2: Retain the Celebrating Age Centre for Community Use**, subject to renewals funding being confirmed in the 2024-34 Long-Term plan; and
 - c) notes that staff will report back with updates on partnership conversations.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

4. The Celebrating Age Centre (CAC) at 30 Victoria St occupies a key central city site in the south end of Victoria St and is on Municipal Endowment Fund (MEF) Land. The building has been occupied by community groups serving our older people since 1979 and provides bookable space for the wider community.
5. Developments on MEF Fund land are normally expected to contribute financial returns. While this has not been the case for the CAC building, a Community Centre at this site has contributed broader social benefits for the city in line with Hamilton's strategies to support growth and liveability.
6. Following significant repair efforts, the building was vacated due to water tightness issues in December 2021 and the leaseholder, Age Concern, was relocated to a commercial premises at 150 Grantham St. Age Concern had also provided a booking service on behalf of Council, for community use of the building at 30 Victoria St.
7. During 2022 and 2023 staff were directed to investigate options for basic renewal and upgrades of the CAC building, wider CBD community facilities needs, a commercial/community partnership development, and purely commercial development.

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8. These investigations concluded that community space is needed, a commercial/community partnership development is not viable due to low/negative development margins, and that a purely commercial development is most likely not feasible for 10+ years.
9. Staff met with Momentum Waikato in late 2023 and will continue to explore possible partnership opportunities with them for the development of Community Facilities.
10. Staff recommend **option 2 – Retain the Celebrating Age Centre for Community Use**. This option enables Age Concern to return to delivering their full range of services and restores 1007m2 of space for community use.
11. Staff consider the decision in this report has medium significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council’s legal requirements.

Background - Koorero whaimaarama

12. There was funding allocated for a roof renewal of CAC in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan. On 23 February 2022, staff briefed Elected Members on the status of the CAC building on Victoria Street. Staff were directed to prepare a report for the 26 April 2022 Community Committee meeting providing options beyond basic replacement of the roof. This report was deferred to Council meeting of 12 May 2022 for discussion.
13. The report identified there was a shortfall in funding to complete roof renewals and that detailed costs to inform options had not been completed. High level estimates suggested a like for like roof renewal would cost between \$1-2million, and a roof renewal with minor internal reconfiguration was likely to cost between \$3-6million.
14. Rather than selecting from one of the options presented, the Committee directed staff to work with the community to better understand the need for community facilities in the CBD and the Municipal Endowment Fund working party were directed to carry out an assessment to inform future decisions for this site.
15. The Property Group were engaged to complete the CBD community facility needs work which was concluded in April 2023, where the Committee resolved for the Municipal Endowment Fund working group to investigate a commercial/community partnership for a redevelopment of the CAC building.
16. At the Economic Development Committee on 14 September 2023, it was determined that a Commercial/Community partnership was not a viable option. It was also noted that a full commercial development was not expected to be viable in the short to medium term.
17. The Economic Development Committee resolved:
 - a) *receives the report;*
 - b) *requests staff:*
 - i. *Cease investigation of the mixed-use commercial and community development options at the Celebrating Age Centre building physically located at 30 Victoria Street, Hamilton, and described in the schedule below, as none of the mixed-use options investigated was financially feasible;*
 - ii. *commence investigation of the relative benefits of retaining, upgrading, or demolishing the Celebrating Age Centre building and report back with findings and recommendations to the Community and Natural Environment Committee.*
 - c) *requests that the Community and Natural Environment Committee notes that the land is Municipal Endowment Fund land, and that any decision affecting the existing building or use of the land should not preclude the Municipal Endowment Fund undertaking future commercial development on the site.*

Discussion – *Matapaki*

Strategic Context

18. A report exploring options for mixed use community and commercial options for 30 Victoria St was presented to the [Economic Development Committee on 14 September 2023](#).
19. The strong legacy of serving older people from this central city location has significance to Age Concern. The 2022 Property Group Report concluded that a single building would not likely provide all the needed community space.
20. While Age Concern are a key stakeholder and have been a tenant in the Celebrating Age building since the early 2000s, and have also managed bookings for the facility, it has been used by a range of groups (e.g. Tai Chi, dance and exercise classes, events, markets, community meetings etc). The mix of large and small rooms, along with a commercial sized kitchen lends itself to a wide range of activity and diversity of use.
21. The Community Facility was developed at 30 Victoria Street prior to changes in the MEF policy which require a financial return from developments on MEF land. Whilst it doesn't provide a financial return, the Celebrating Age Centre does support broader social benefits for the city in line with Hamilton's strategies to support growth and liveability.
22. Staff are currently looking at options for the Municipal building which may include opportunities for community groups to share space within the building. This would most likely provide office space with access to book the reception lounge for activities. A report back to council is expected in May 2024 and would need to explore if this space would meet user's needs.
23. Should the Municipal Building be able to accommodate Age Concern it is unlikely the arrangement would provide the flexibility the Celebrating Age Centre previously offered, catering for the wide range of activities and user groups. It is also not likely to provide the necessary free carparking that Age Concern require to run outreach services and for customer access.

Building Condition

24. The CAC building has previously been assessed as being in sound structural condition with an New Building Standard of 67%. The building was wrapped in 2022 to stop further water egress while a decision could be made on the best course of action. Regular pest control activities are ongoing. The wrap is in reasonable condition; however, it may need replacement if damaged by the weather.
25. Cuesko were recently commissioned to check on building condition and provide an estimate of the works required to complete a roof renewal and enable the building to be re-occupied.
26. Site visits to the building confirm that water egress has been significantly slowed, however, there has been some structural elements that have been damaged by water and would require replacement or repair, including most of the ceiling, wall coverings, and flooring. In addition, a building consent will trigger minor structural work and upgrades to fire, electrical, and HVAC systems.
27. The revised Cuesko estimates for a roof renewal include allowances for the replacement of framing, wall linings, and some minor structural improvements. They also consider inflation, replacement of building services systems, and flooring which were not considered in the original high-level estimates.

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Partnership Opportunity

28. Late in 2023 Momentum Waikato approached Hamilton City Council looking for a Hamilton site in relation to a potential community opportunity. The conversation evolved into widening the scope for a combined community facility. Conversations are at very early concept exploration stage, with some potential interest in the Celebrating Age Centre as a site for development.
29. Staff will continue to work with Momentum to explore partnership opportunities in the Community Facilities space and report back to the Committee.

Options

30. Staff were asked to explore options and provide the relative benefits of each option for the Committee to consider. This assessment reflects the level of significance as detailed in the Significance and Engagement section of the report. The options are set out below:

Option 1: Retain the building– Status Quo.

31. In this option, the building would remain on site unoccupied until such time that a commercial development could be considered and funded.
32. This option is not considered viable due to the ongoing costs to keep the building secure, its deterioration over time, and likely reputational and other risks of keeping a building in a run-down state at this very prominent location.
33. The key issues and opportunities of this option listed below:

Issues	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing security and reactive costs to hold the building. • Ongoing annual costs for Age Concern to remain in a commercial rental. • Age Concern continue to be constrained in the services they provide by operating from a smaller commercial space. • Likely ongoing vandalism and lack of occupancy resulting in further deterioration of the building. • Reputational risks associated with displacing Age Concern and having a vacant deteriorating building at this prominent site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site would be available to deliver on the MEF requirements. • Capital renewals funding for CAC would not be required in the 2024-34 Long term plan.

Option 2: Retain the Building for Community Use – Complete Renewals Works

34. This option is considered a do minimum renewal, which would result in the building footprint being retained, roof strengthening, and renewal and replacement of building elements that have been damaged by water egress such as rotten framing, wall linings, ceiling, and floorings. It would also bring fire, electrical, and HVAC systems up to modern building standards.

Issues	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic renewals work will not provide for internal reconfigurations that would deliver more fit for purpose community space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables Age Concern to return to delivering full range of services and bookable space in the short term. The site could remain available for MEF purposes in the longer term.

Option 3: Retain the Building for Community Use – Complete renewals Works with internal reconfiguration to accommodate other activities.

35. This option would result in the roof renewal, roof strengthening, and renewal and replacement of building elements that have been damaged by water egress such as rotten framing, wall linings, ceiling, and floorings. It would also bring fire, electrical, and HVAC systems up to modern building standards. It would allow for some internal space reconfiguration to accommodate other activities.
36. There may be opportunity to partner with Momentum to accommodate other Community activities at this site, in which case external funding would be raised to cover any works over and above the minimum renewals required to make the building habitable again. The feasibility of this could be fully explored and reported back prior to renewals works being completed.

Issues	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likely to delay MEF development of this site beyond 10 years as investors will want security of tenure for community activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables Age Concern to return to delivering full range of services and bookable space in the short term. Provides additional community space within the CBD.

Option 4: Demolish the Building and hold the site for future commercial development.

37. In this option the building would be demolished, and the space returned to green space until such time that there was a viable commercial development option for Council to consider.

Issues	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing annual costs for Age Concern to remain in a commercial rental. Age Concern continue to be constrained in the services they provide by operating from a smaller commercial space. Reputational risks associated with displacing Age Concern and demolition of a building that is in sound structural condition. Operational costs to demolish the building are currently unbudgeted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site becomes available for MEF purposes at any time. Allows a blank canvas to enable a future design for a commercial development to be unconstrained. With a purely financial lens, demolition is potentially the most cost-effective option, although there is no guarantee of future commercial feasibility or a short-term option to rehome Age Concern activities.

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38. Staff recommend **Option 2: Retain the Building for Community Use – Complete Renewals Works** because the CAC building is still in good condition (once the roof and other issues are addressed), it enables Age Concern and other displaced groups to return to delivering their full range of services, and provides 1007m2 of bookable space for community use. Council would have the opportunity to revisit options for delivering MEF outcomes in the future, should it become more viable to do so.
39. Approving option 2 would not preclude any potential partnership opportunity to further develop the Celebrating Age Centre, as the renewals work would need to be completed anyway.
40. If the recommendation is not approved, the Committee may direct staff to proceed with other options noting the issues and opportunities associated with each option presented.
41. The recommendation supports Councils Facilities Strategy, and Age Friendly goals. It limits opportunity to deliver all Municipal Endowment Fund Policy objectives.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

42. Renewals funding of \$860,000 was allocated in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan towards roof design and renewal (\$100,000 in year 3 for design and \$760,000 in year 4 for construction).
43. In addition to operational expenditure of \$35,000 to initially scaffold and wrap the building, approximately \$80,000 of renewals funding has been used in professional fees and staff time to inform design options to date. The remaining \$20,000 in the 2023/34 financial year has been spent procuring the necessary testing (Asbestos Survey, invasive condition assessment) to provide higher confidence renewals estimates for option 1. These costs may have to be expensed should the renewal works not proceed.
44. The costs associated with providing commercial premises for Age Concern are \$71,760 which is the value of the commercial lease, plus maintenance, minus the community lease fee that Age Concern continue to pay. Other ongoing operational monthly costs detailed below are being met by existing operating budgets.
45. Organisational renewals budget allocations in the Draft 2024-34 long term plan are still to be finalised and may be subject to further prioritisation.
46. The cost of each option (uninflated) is shown in tables below:
47. **Option 1: Retain the Building Status Quo**

Type of Costs	Annual Cost
Operating Expenditure	
Scaffold rental	\$ 65,000
Security, Pest Control & Reactive Maintenance	\$30,000
Age Concern Commercial Lease	\$71,760
Total Annual Opex	\$166,760
Depreciation	\$4,000
TOTAL Annual Opex incl Depreciation	\$170,760

48. Option one costs could be incurred for up to 10 years until the market is ready for a commercial development. Replacement building wrap renewal may be necessary 3-4 times during the 10 year period which has not been included in annual costs. There may also be a loss on disposal which will need to be calculated at the time.

49. **Option 2: Retain the Building for Community Use – Complete renewals works.**

Type of Costs			
Capital Expenditure	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Renewals		\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000
Total Capital Expenditure		\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000
Operating Expenditure	2024/25	2025/26	Future yrs
Scaffold rental	\$65,000	\$0	\$0
Security, Pest Control & Reactive Maintenance	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Age Concern Commercial Lease	\$71,760	\$71,760	\$0
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$4,000	\$28,000	\$78,000
Total Operating Expenditure	\$170,760	\$129,760	\$108,000

50. Replacement building wrap may be necessary prior to construction commencing which would add \$35,000 to year one costs.
51. Assuming construction starts in year 2, scaffold rental costs remain for year 1 and the commercial lease costs to accommodate Age Concern remain for years 1 and 2. Pest control and reactive maintenance and depreciation may be recalculated post renewal and there may be a loss on disposal which will depend on what elements are being re-used.
52. Due to depreciation & amortisation costs being included in the 2024-34 draft Long-Term plan budgets, operational costs of \$136,760 (scaffold rental and commercial lease) could be saved from year 3.
53. The Community Facilities Renewals programme currently has \$12,193,000 (inflated) allocated in the base budget in years 1-3. This will be prioritised across 9 buildings which are due for renewal over that period including the Celebrating Age Centre. If approved, planning will be carried out in year 1 for physical works in year 2.
54. **Option 3: Retain the Building for Community Use – Complete renewals Works with internal reconfiguration to accommodate other activities.**
55. Cuesko estimates a range of \$6-\$9m to complete roof replacement and some internal reconfiguration. This option has not been explored in detail due to the current financial environment.
56. Level of service building improvements have not been funded in the draft 2024-34 Long-Term year plan so external funding would be required to cover the shortfall. This could be explored during the planning phase of preferred option 2.

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Option 4: Demolish the Building and hold the site for future commercial development.**Type of Costs**

Operating Expenditure	2024/25	Future years
Age Concern Commercial lease	\$71,760	\$71,760
Demolition Estimate (Unbudgeted)	\$1,050,000	\$0
Total Operating Expenditure	\$1,121,760	\$71,760

57. The Age Concern Commercial Lease costs of \$71,760 would continue to be incurred until a viable alternative can be found.
58. The current book value of the CAC building is \$631,812.06. This would be recorded as a loss on sale in the year the demolition is carried out.
59. Annual Operating costs (security, pest control & reactive maintenance) of \$91,550 could be saved once the building was demolished.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

60. Staff confirm that the staff recommendation complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Climate Change Impact Statement

61. A full Climate change assessment has not been included as there will be variables depending on design. Generally building re-use is viewed as a more sustainable option. Assessments will be completed as part of the design process.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

62. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
63. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
64. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

65. Community facilities contribute to social wellbeing in Hamilton. Community facilities such as the Celebrating Age Centre have been a focal point for social connection and provide opportunities for community cohesion.
66. A well-functioning older person facility increases a sense of belonging for older people themselves, but also ensures that the rest of the community better understands the value of older people.

Economic

67. Economic wellbeing is enhanced through the provision of community facilities by strengthening local communities and improving cohesion at a local level. This contributes to making Hamilton a welcoming place to live, and increasing individual's desire to move to, and stay in Hamilton.

68. Older people are a critical part of the job market, with many working beyond the age of 65, or moving into part time or voluntary roles within the community.

Environmental

69. Community facilities can contribute to environmental wellbeing by enhancing public spaces and ensuring that local communities feel a greater sense of belonging and care for their area. A renewal of the CAC provides opportunity to improve the sustainability of this facility in the long term to reduce its environmental impact.
70. Older people are generally higher users of public and active transport options. Ensuring these options work well for older people in accessing the central city community facilities will increase usage amongst this group directly, and for the wider community as well.

Cultural

71. Community facilities already contribute a great deal to the cultural wellbeing of Hamiltonians. For example, the Celebrating Age Centre is a space that was used for cultural activities and is known as a space where residents from a variety of ethnic backgrounds can express their identity freely.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

72. Across our community facility portfolio, there is a growing risk that our provision of facilities will see increased reductions of service due to old buildings no longer being fit for occupation, or due to them no longer being fit for purpose.
73. Without investment in new and existing facilities, Council will not be able to provide suitable community facilities for existing and new community groups with resulting impacts on the levels of service and the wellbeing of Hamiltonians.
74. There is also a risk of public dissatisfaction and media scrutiny if the community perceives levels of services are reducing and/or their expectations for provision of suitable community facilities have not been met.
75. Investment in the CAC building for community purposes may impact the likelihood of the site being used for commercial purposes in the future, meaning the site may not deliver on the financial returns normally associated with property on MEF land until well into the future.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

Significance

76. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the recommendation(s) in this report has/have a medium level of significance.

Engagement

77. Some Community views and preferences are already known to the Council through previous user group engagement.
78. The community will have a further opportunity to express their preferences through the 2024-34 Long-Term plan consultation, prior to final funding decisions being made.
79. Given the medium level of significance determined, the engagement level is medium. No engagement is required.

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Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

There are no attachments for this report.

Council Report

Item 9

Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee **Date:** 09 April 2024

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Report Name: Sport Waikato Update

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To inform the Committee about how Sport Waikato achieved against agreed outcomes over the 2023 calendar year.
2. An update from Sport Waikato is attached to this report.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

3. That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

4. Sport Waikato and Hamilton City Council work in partnership to increase the physical activity levels of people and communities in Kirikiriroa Hamilton.
5. Sport Waikato has a contract with Council to help achieve positive outcomes around play, active recreation, and sport.
6. In recent years Sport Waikato has implemented a new way of working that replaced a large delivery-based workforce, with a smaller team of highly capable and strategic influencers who work in partnership and collaboration with key stakeholders in the play, active recreation, and sport system of the Waikato region - including Hamilton City Council and 9 other Council's in the Waikato region.
7. In 2023 Sport Waikato achieved these key outcomes in partnership with Hamilton City Council:
 - a) Collaborative cross-boundary planning projects including the Waikato Regional Water Safety Strategy – developed with all 10 TA's in the Waikato Region.
 - b) Professional development with 16 schools and 18 Early Childhood Centres within Hamilton to improve early sport, active recreation and play experiences.
 - c) Facilitating sport facility optimisation projects with neighbouring councils Waipa District Council and Waikato District Council.
 - d) Working with Sports Clubs and Regional Sports Organisations to improve sport and recreation sector capability, including in diversity and inclusion.
 - e) Funding and Advocacy for Low Cost and Local Opportunities including \$477k of funding for initiatives within Hamilton City.

8. **Attachment 1** provides further detail on progress made between 1 January and 31 December 2023.

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Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Sport Waikato - Update March 2024

Sport Waikato Update | Hamilton City Council Play Strategy
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ORGANISATIONAL UPDATE/S – Dr. Amy Marfell, Sport Waikato GM Regional Leadership

The work of Sport Waikato staff is guided by the Regional Strategy for Sport and Recreation in the Waikato – Moving Waikato – which is underpinned by a focus on 3 key areas: Our People; Building Communities; and Regional Leadership.



On behalf of Sport Waikato, I would like to thank Council for their support of and partnership with Sport Waikato as we work together to increase the physical activity levels of people and communities in Hamilton City. As an organisation, we've been hugely successful in elevating some of our strategic goals to increase community physical activity participation, and particularly increasing the level of satisfaction children and young people are having in play, active recreation, sport and physical education. As we make our way to 75% of our region's population being active enough to positively impact their wellbeing, we know that quality, regular delivery of physical activity and participation satisfaction are key measures of the likelihood of sustained participation among young people.

- For tamariki (children aged 5-11 years) we have worked alongside 71 schools in the region (many of which are in Hamilton City) to increase the quality and quantity of physical education delivery, with 91% of these schools now delivering better planned HPE and 73% increasing the frequency of delivery for the benefit of tamariki wellbeing.
- Equally our work has seen increased satisfaction among rangatahi in physical activity and sport in secondary schools from 22% of students in 2022 to 34% of students in 2023 being satisfied or highly satisfied with their experiences.







We are incredibly proud that more young people are now participating and enjoying their involvement in physical activity through the work that we are progressing with schools, communities and the sport and recreation sector.





Thank you again for your support and partnership, we look forward to continuing to work together in 2024 and beyond to increase the number of people in your community being active in ways that positively impact their wellbeing.

HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL PLAY STRATEGY PROJECT UPDATES

STATUS	On Track 	Some Challenges 	High Risk 	Complete 
Focus Areas	Key Project/s	Progress	Further Considerations	Status
Connection and collaboration with key stakeholders to increase play, active recreation and sport opportunities and participation across the city	Waikato Regional Water Safety Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On December 1st, Sport Waikato, in partnership with our 10 TLAs, WRC, Water Safety NZ, Swimming Waikato, MOE and iwi, were proud to launch the Waikato Regional Water Safety Strategy – a nation first and the beginning of the Waikato's region's targeted and collaborative efforts to reduce the number of preventable drownings in the region to 0 by 2030. The strategy, which covers aspects of education, community, and advocacy, takes a region-wide approach to water safety and drowning prevention, bringing together key stakeholders to influence increases in water safety education and practice to lower our region's preventable drowning statistics 	<p>You can find the strategy here</p> <p>Next steps include all key agencies working together to bring increased focus on and funding to the strategy as we begin implementation of key initiatives</p>	
	Work within Educational Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Learning in Primary Schools – Workshops have been held within the Te Pae Here (North East Hamilton) and He Waka Eke Noa Kaahui Ako (a community of learning consisting of 16 schools and 18 ECE services in North West Hamilton) for School Champions and Health and PE leads. The knowledge from these workshops is then shared by those leads back to the whole school staff. Additionally, within He Waka Eke Noa, we have helped facilitate Principal connections, fundamental movement skills and brain development workshops for primary and ECE teachers, and whole-staff development days. Active As – through our partnership with Sport NZ, Sport Waikato have leveraged funding to work alongside Nga Taiatea as part of a national Active As project. The aim of the work is to increase physical activity among Rangatahi while also providing evidence for the link between movement, wellbeing, and educational engagement. The partnership (worth \$100,00 p/a for 3 years) is progressing well with the school driving a number of physical activity initiatives designed to get students more active. 	<p>Evidence of impact in the primary school setting can be found in Appendix 1 (attached)</p> <p>Next steps involve a dedicated programme of work to establish facilities partnerships with schools to open more playing space in Hamilton City</p>	





	Sector Capability Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waka Ama – Sport Waikato met with Waka Ama NZ regarding the recent growth of the sport and the opportunities and challenges this brings. The NBOW plan (outlined later in this report) will further help to understand the user groups and access required including specific issues such as storage of waka ama. • Disc Golf - Sport Waikato has supported the recent establishment of Waikato Disc Golf through which to continue to make representations to council regarding establishing Hamilton's first permanent disc-golf course at Porritt Stadium. • Pickleball – Emerging sports such as pickleball have reported difficulties in securing regular access to suitable indoor spaces and work is needed to locate suitable spaces. Sport Waikato helped to make introductions to Waikato Tennis and the Perry Centre, and we know that pickleball is now regularly played at the YMCA, Hamilton Tennis and Squash, and The Peak • Hockey – Waikato Hockey has recently produced a consultant's report to outline the future provision of hockey at Innes Common. This report will help to outline and inform Hamilton and the wider Waikato region about opportunities. • Coaching Development - Our Coaching team has been working closely with Eastern Suburbs, Marist, and Northern United Sports Clubs to grow coaching support and development in their junior clubs. Initial surveying helped to understand the current level of support that junior club coaches and volunteers receive. They have also worked into Scared Heart Girls College, St John's College, Rototuna High School, St Paul's Collegiate and the Saints Primary cluster to understand coach and volunteer experiences and to support recruitment and retention of these people. 	<p>Sport Waikato continues to work with established and emerging Regional Sport Organisations through regular forums, touch points, and collaborative projects.</p> <p>Throughout 2024. Sport Waikato will be ensuring we connect with a wide range of sports to continue to grow engagement with our community that want to be active.</p> <p>An upcoming project across several sporting codes is Positive Vibes Only – a project to positively influence adult input and sideline behaviour within youth sport to improve quality experiences for participants.</p>	●
Maximise sports field and facility use to ensure they offer a range of sustainable play, active recreation, and sport opportunities.	Strategic Planning and Project Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamilton Indoor Court and Aquatic Facility Development - Sport Waikato, through their partnership with Hamilton City Council, engaged RSL consultants to undertake a detailed needs and option analysis for Indoor Court and Aquatic provision over a 10–20-year period. • Sub-Regional Sport Field Investment - Sport Waikato, through their partnership with Hamilton City Council and Waipa District Council, obtained funding from Grassroots Trust allowing Sport Waikato to engage Visitor Solutions consultants on behalf of both councils to undertake a 	<p>Sport Waikato continues to advocate for optimised use of facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p>Next steps include sharing and building capability of people regarding the updated WRASP and how</p>	●

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		<p>detailed needs and option analysis for investment into Artificial Sport Field Turf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National, Regional and Local Organisations with Facility Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eastlink Master-planning: Gymnastics NZ, Waikato Badminton, Waikato Squash, Waikato Tennis ○ Waikato Hockey: 3rd Artificial Turf and Facility Planning ○ Marist: Generation 5 artificial turf, certified by World Rugby, FIFA, and AFL Australia • Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (WRASP) - Sport Waikato continues to guide the progression of facility development priorities projects, optimisation and governance initiatives outlined in the Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (WRASP), along with supporting partners with spaces and places planning advice, growing the region's facilities planning network. Sport Waikato continues to lead the development of 4th edition of the WRASP due for completion in Q1 2024. As part of the review process, we ran a workshop with council partners in August and presented on the need for a regional infrastructure fund (regional rate) to support development priorities at the Regional Council LTP workshop in October and Mayoral Forum in November. • National Equestrian Facilities Strategy – This report was developed in response to constraints being experienced by the equestrian community. These constraints include difficulty accessing suitable land and facilities, competing demands and pressures on existing sites, urban sprawl, demands on volunteer and participant time and discretionary dollar, and facility condition issues. • Cross Council Collaboration – Sport Waikato helped to facilitate a network of operational council staff from Waikato, Hamilton, Waipā and Hauraki councils to share ideas and learnings on a range of issues. This included topics of field bookings, line marking, nuisance motor bikes on reserves, field upgrades, and floodlighting. • Natural Bodies of Water - Sport Waikato continues to lead, alongside consultants Visitor Solutions, the development of the Waikato Natural Bodies of Water Network Plan which is a key recommendation of the Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (WRASP). This regional wide piece of work will include the development of a plan outlining outdoor bodies of water (lakes, rivers, oceans) accessible for a range of user groups 	<p>this can help guide new facility infrastructure where there is evidence of need, but also to repurpose, broaden and reimagine existing spaces.</p>	
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		including on-water activities (rowing, kayaking, sailing, waka ama, dragon boating) and include information about water quality and site management. This work will include developing an inventory of existing facilities and ancillary infrastructure currently supporting water sport, active recreation along with providing recommendations around investment. All local government authorities, Waikato Regional Council and Sport NZ through Sport Waikato's partnership have funded the project. This is due for completion in the first quarter of 2024.		
	Sport Code Operation and Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Season Sport Code Meetings – We welcome being invited to attend alongside Hamilton City Council staff to meet with user groups regarding facility and field use, and to share future plans. We have previously worked with council in these meetings to reintroduce the Season Transition Plan which encourages competitions and events to sit within established season dates, allowing for rest and renewal for fields, participants, and volunteers. 	Sport Waikato welcomes the proactive approach and continues to build on and enhance the relationships between us, organisations and council.	●
Develop an inclusive play, active recreation, and sport system that reflects the diverse communities of the city	Equity, Accessibility and Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility and Equity - Conversations with Hamilton City Council and WaiBOP Football Federation have uncovered an opportunity to pilot a staged approach to ensuring the equitable use and allocation of city-wide sporting fields. We have contributed to the handbook of processes and procedures being developed by HCC for codes and clubs. Our contribution encourages codes and clubs to evaluate how teams/grades/levels use or are prioritised for key playing surfaces or fields (e.g., sand carpet; number 1 fields) and subsequently consider allocation and use alongside the participant experience. 	We continue to advocate for appropriate opportunities and access for Hamilton communities to get closer to our goal of 75% of Waikato adults and youth meeting the national physical activity guidelines by 2030.	●
	Funding and Advocacy for Low Cost and Local Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuu Manawa Funding - Sport Waikato has actively supported the local education, community and sport and recreation sector in the region to access Tuu Manawa funding opportunities to support the delivery of sport and recreation programmes, activations and play for children (tamariiki 5-11 years) and youth (rangatahi 12-18). The fund aims to provide quality opportunities in play, active recreation, and sport for those who are missing out. <p>Within Hamilton City during this reporting period, \$477k has been allocated to key initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Alpha Softball Club - Get Girls in the Game</i> <i>Lugton Park Squash Club Junior Coaching</i> 	<p>We regularly communicate funding opportunities such as Tuu Manawa (and other funds) to organisations throughout Hamilton, as well as working with potential applicants to help shape their projects.</p> <p>We welcome recent applications from HCC for</p>	●

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngaa Taiaatea Wharekura Waka Ama • Squash Waikato - Getting Girls into Squash • St Joseph's Catholic School Fairfield - Push Play Junior • Te Toki Voyaging Trust- Waka Ama - Te Toki ki te hoe! • The Home Educators Network - Homeschool Basketball • The Home Educators Network - Gymnastics Coaching • Toa Sports Club - Activation in the community • Waikato Hockey Association - Hockey for All - Primary Schools initiative • Waikato Regional Volleyball Association - Disability Sector Volleyball Delivery • Whitiara School - Tuu Mai Taniwha Rau - Taitama Taane Rugby at Whitiara • Hamilton City Council - Play trailer for tamariki and whaanau living in emergency accommodation • Bringing PE Back to Rhode Street School • Ride Your Trike NZ - Try a Trike • St Joseph's Catholic School Fairfield - Being Active is Cool! • Hamilton City Gymnastics - Unlock their potential: Gymnastics for Kids with Disabilities • Youthtown - Expansion of Her Move Activities Club Programme • Berkley Normal Middle School - Take Up The Challenge (TUTC) - Squash • CORE MMA - Waikato Sambo Project • Eastlink Community Hub - Active with Eastlink • Hamilton City Council - Central City Play Trail • Tamariki Surf Skate Programme • Hillcrest High School - Ngā Mareikura o Tihipuke • Rototuna Primary School - Growing our Puna of Maanaki • University of Waikato - Waikato Wāhine Movement #WhatsYourMove • Community Link Trust - Rangatahi Kickboxing Programme • EquiPotential NZ Incorporated - Well Being Equine Assisted Services <p>An additional \$239k was awarded regionally for projects with Hamilton City components included within the following successful applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Districts Cricket Association - Brave made Diverse • Multi-Sport Collaboration Project 	<p>Play Trail and Play Trailer initiatives and look forward to future projects.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Waikato Badminton - Community outreach</i> • <i>Waikato Softball Association, Have Fun and Play Ball</i> • <i>Waikato Table Tennis - Smash Down Barriers</i> • <i>Northern Districts Cricket - Community Connection Festivals</i> • <i>University of Waikato Rugby Club - Taiohi Sport Development Programme - Pilot</i> • <i>Waikato Badminton Association - Badminton in local and low socioeconomic areas</i> • <i>Waikato Women's Rugby League Project</i> • <i>Northern Districts Cricket - Female Activation Project</i> • <i>Perry Outdoor Education Trust Limited - POET programme</i> • <i>Waikato Water Polo Club - Primary School's Flippa Ball</i> • <i>Galaxy Waikato Touch - He Tipu te Mareikura</i> • <i>Hope Rising Farm Charitable Trust - Vulnerable Rangatahi Outreach Project</i> • <i>Te Pai Ora Boxing</i> • <i>Tauwhare School - Take Up The Challenge</i> • <i>Waikato Hockey Association - Hauatanga Inclusion</i> • <i>Waikato Paraplegic and Physically Disabled Association (Parafed Waikato) - Youth Disability Sport Project</i> <p>We are working with future applicants for the next round of funding by providing support and advice through the expressions of interest process.</p>		
	Disability Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August, the Accessibility & Inclusion (Disability) Network was launched, bringing together service providers, physical activity providers, and agencies throughout the Waikato region who primarily cater to people with a disability. The aim is to encourage greater connection, collaboration, and resource sharing. 12 representatives from 11 different disability organisations (Blind Low Vision; Halberg; Community Living Trust; Special Olympics; Parafed Waikato; StarJam; Enabling Good Lives Waikato; My Life My Voice; Achilles NZ; Equipotential; Enrich+) have now met twice, with at least 4 connections or partnerships being formed (such as multisport days) to ensure more disabled people have a variety of opportunities to be active. So far, 100% of attendees have found the hui valuable. This network will continue in 2024 with hui planned for 	53% of adults and 36% of young people identify as having a disability. 86% of disabled adults know that being physically active is very important for their mental and emotional wellbeing, and 76% of adults and 69% of Young People want to do more activity.	


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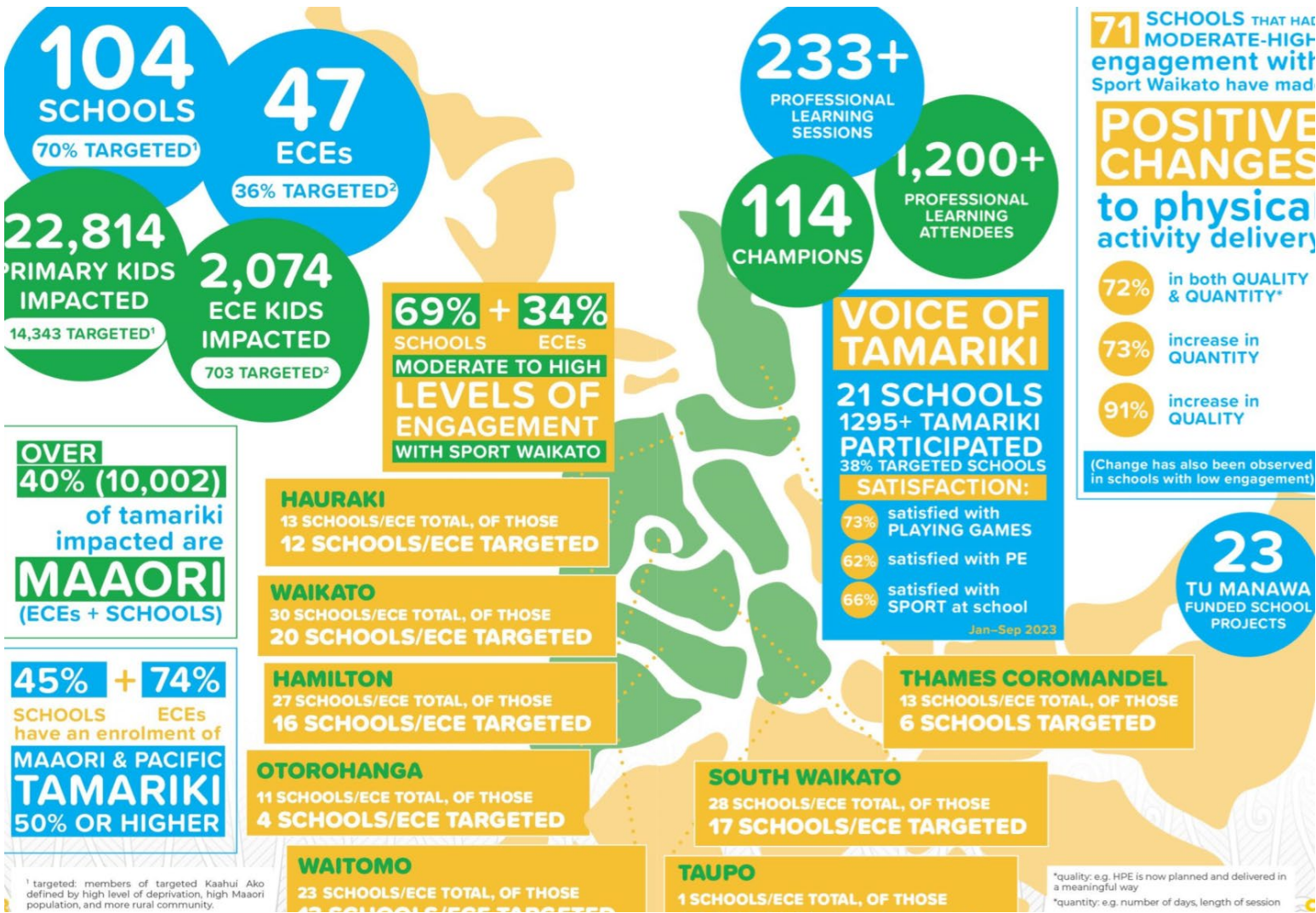
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		February/March. The overall intention of this work is to increase opportunities for disabled people to be active.	We continue to identify barriers and support groups to work to reduce and remove these.	
Insights - use a breadth of internal and external data sources to inform decision-making for play, active recreation, and sport	Facilities Data and Participation Insights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ActiveXchange and SportsEye - Sport Waikato have partnered with data intelligence company ActiveXChange to assist with regional wide infrastructure, participation, and community profile mapping to help inform future planning for play, active recreation, and sport provision. Through partnership with Sport Waikato, council have access to the use of this resource, which is a useful tool to use alongside Vista. 	Sport Waikato is insights and evidence led in our work. We are developing ways to share our insights with relevant groups, and to support them in designing actions to address and improve experiences for participants.	





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Council Report

Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee
Date: 09 April 2024
Author: Aimee Haycock
Authoriser: Helen Paki
Position: Parks Planner
Position: General Manager Customer and Community
Report Name: Ashurst Park Reclassification (Te Rapa Sportsdrome site) - Deliberations and Approval Report

Report Status	Open
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Purpose - Take

- 1. To seek approval from the Community and Natural Environment Committee to reclassify a portion of Ashurst Park from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose (Community Facilities) Reserve.

Staff Recommendation - Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

- 2. That the Committee:
 - a) receives the report; and
 - b) approves the reclassification of the portion of Ashurst Park alongside the Te Rapa Sportsdrome, from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose (Community Facilities) Reserve, as shown in **Attachment 1**.

Executive Summary - Whakaraapopototanga matua

- 3. Following direction from the Community & Natural Environment Committee and Council in December 2023, staff pursued reclassification of a section of Ashurst Park near the Sportsdrome ([Agenda](#) / [Minutes](#)) and consultation was undertaken from 24 January – 24 February 2024.
- 4. During the consultation period, 92 submissions were received which are available on the ‘Have Your Say’ page of the Council website [here](#). 70 submissions were in support of the reclassification, 15 were opposed, 7 were either unsure, did not have a view, or did not answer the question. Four submitters made a verbal submission to the Regulatory and Hearings Committee on 21 March 2024 ([Agenda](#)/[Minutes](#)).
- 5. Based on the submissions received and heard, staff recommend that the partial reclassification of Ashurst Park, to the north of Te Rapa Sportsdrome, be approved.
- 6. Although the proposal has had a moderate level of public interest, the proposal to reclassify the park is considered to have low significance, and the recommendations complies with Council’s legal requirements.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

7. At the 14 December Council meeting ([Agenda/Minutes](#)) it was agreed to publicly consult on the proposal to reclassify a section of the northern side of Ashurst Park near the Te Rapa Sportsdrome.
8. The proposal would reclassify an area of approximately 2,050m² from Recreation Reserve to a Local Purpose (Community Facility) Reserve, in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. The area proposed for reclassification is included as **Attachment 1**.
9. The rationale for the reclassification has been discussed through previous meetings, including the 18 April 2023 Community and Natural Environments Committee ([Agenda/Minutes](#)), 22 August 2023 Regulatory and Hearings Committee ([Agenda/Minutes](#)), and the 14 December 2023 Council Meeting ([Agenda/Minutes](#)).
10. An approved reclassification of the area to Local Purpose (Community Facilities) Reserve is required before the development of the community centre can commence at this site, and to enable Council to grant a lease to Pukete Neighbourhood House (PNH), Te Whare Takiwa o Pukete. If approved a lease application would be brought to the Committee in due course.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

11. During the public notification period (24 January – 24 February 2024), Council received a total of 92 submissions and 4 verbal submissions were heard at the 21 March 2024 Regulatory and Hearings Committee ([Agenda/Minutes](#)).
12. Details of the engagement methodology used, and analysis of submissions received is included in the Submissions Insights and Engagement Report (**Attachment 2**).

Key themes from consultation

Level of support for the proposal

13. Council received a total of 92 responses. Five were submitted by organisations and representatives of local groups.
14. 70 out of 91 respondents (77%) supported the reclassification. 15 respondents (16%) opposed the reclassification. Six were unsure about or did not have an opinion on the reclassification.
15. The key themes that emerged from the additional comments that respondents made were:
 - Support for the proposed location
 - Support for PNH receiving a new facility
 - Concern for building costs/rates rises
 - Opposition to the proposed location or preference for a previously proposed location
 - Comment on the engagement process.

Verbal Submissions

16. Six submitters requested to provide a verbal submission, with four speaking at the Regulatory and Hearings Committee. [Written submissions can be found here.](#)
17. Committee Members sought no further information from staff following the hearing for inclusion in this report.

Mana Whenua feedback

18. Mana whenua representatives were contacted by phone and email and advised of the proposal, the reclassification process, and gauge the level of involvement sought within the reclassification process. All parties advised that while they were interested in the project itself, they did not require any further information regarding the reclassification.

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Process following Community and Natural Environment Committee Approval

19. To achieve this reclassification, the site needs to be surveyed to define the boundary between the area to be classified as local purpose (community facilities) reserve and the remainder of Ashurst Park which is to remain recreation reserve.
20. If approved, the Chief Executive will consider the change in classification under s24 of the Reserves Act 1977, and Council's resolution in relation to objections received, exercising the delegation of the Minister of Conservation. The classification would then be recorded by notice in the Gazette. This process is expected to take 2-3 months.

Options

21. Staff have assessed that there are two reasonable and viable options for the Committee to consider, including:
Option 1: approve the reclassification and enable the community house project to proceed, or
Option 2: decline the reclassification of the area to the north of the Te Rapa Sportsdrome.
22. Staff recommend **Option 1:** approve the reclassification and enable the community hour project to proceed, to enable the development of a new, purpose-built community facility for PNH.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

23. This is a regular operating activity funded through the Long-Term Plan.
24. Costs relating to the proposed change of classification will be met by the Parks and Recreation operational budgets.
25. Costs are estimated to be approximately \$10,000 including public notices, gazette notices, and the boundary survey. Staff time costs to carry out the reclassification have been estimated at \$2,500.
26. The Pukete Neighbourhood House, Te Whare Takiwa o Pukete project itself is being funded through a different budget line and has not been included in the financial considerations of this report.

Legal and Policy Considerations – *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

27. Staff confirm that the staff recommendations comply with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Climate Change Impact Statement

28. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation. Staff have determined no adaptation or emissions assessment is required.

Wellbeing Considerations – *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

29. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
30. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
31. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

32. The partial reclassification of Ashurst Park provides an opportunity for increased social interaction and participation within the community through the provision of more purposeful and accessible community facilities. It is noted that PNH already provides a wide range of community services from their current location within the Te Rapa Sportsdrome, however operating out of a purpose-built facility will allow PNH to better serve their community.

Economic

33. Having the new purpose-built community facility in the surrounding residential community may bring value by increasing vibrancy and attractiveness to the space.

Environmental

34. The proposed location of the new building does not require any significant vegetation removal.

Cultural

35. The consultation and hearings provided individuals and communities with an opportunity to discuss how the reclassification has an impact on their ability to retain, interpret and express their cultural values. Community houses bring cultural benefits to the users by allowing an opportunity for cultural expression, and by providing a meeting space for members of the community to gather.
36. Waikato Tainui, Ngaati Wairere, and Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa (THaWK) have been consulted with directly on the proposal. No submissions have been received; however, email correspondence has confirmed their general support for the proposal. All parties seek the opportunity to be further involved in the design process with the project team.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

37. There are no known risks associated with the decision itself, however there is a political risk with the decision as there is a high level of interest amongst a group of residents who have been opposed to the previously proposed location for the new community facility..
38. Those residents opposed to the previously proposed location for the community facility have been further consulted and they are not in opposition of the current proposed location and reclassification area.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

Significance

39. Given the statutory requirement to consult, staff have not considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy to assess the significance of recommendation(s) in this report.

Engagement

40. Community views and preferences are already known to the Council through the submissions received as part of the public notification on the reclassification proposal.
41. There is a statutory requirement to consult as per legislation outlined below.
42. The public notification and engagement for the proposal to reclassify a portion of Ashurst Park has been undertaken in accordance with Sections 24 and 119 of the Reserves Act 1977.

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Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

- Attachment 1 - Proposed Area for reclassification
- Attachment 2 - 2024 - Te Rapa Sportsdrome Reclassification - Community engagement and insights Report



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TE RAPA SPORTSDROME PROPOSED
RECLASSIFICATION:
ENGAGEMENT AND INSIGHTS REPORT

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March 2024.

Report reviewed by:
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Maaori

SUBMISSIONS INSIGHTS

INTRODUCTION

In 2023, Council engaged with the community on our proposal to build a new community centre in Ashurst Park. We heard a range of feedback about the location we initially proposed. With this feedback in mind, we now have a new preferred location for the community centre, next to Te Rapa Sportsdrome.

Council is proposing to reclassify the section of Ashurst Park, on the northern side of Te Rapa Sportsdrome, from a Recreation Reserve to a Local Purpose (Community Facility) Reserve, under the Reserves Act 1977. This reclassification would allow us to build a new community centre, which would be leased to Pukete Neighbourhood House, Te Whare Takiwa o Pukete.

Hamiltonians could share their views on the reclassification via an online survey hosted on Have Your Say. This survey was live from 24 January to 24 February. The survey link was distributed to stakeholders using letter drops, public notices, social media community group posts and targeted emails. The wider community could also access the survey via hardcopies from local libraries and the Council building.

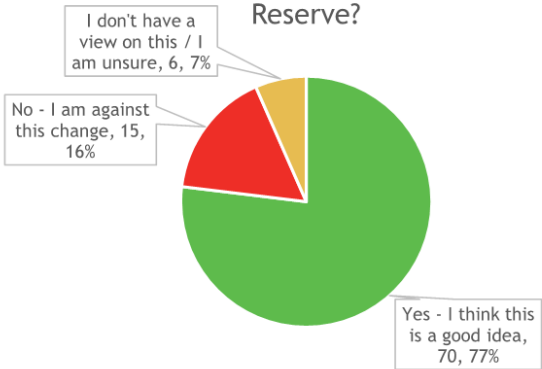
We received a total of 92 responses, of which 88 were online submissions and four were hardcopy submissions. Of these 92 responses, five were submitted by organisations and representatives of local groups.

FEEDBACK THROUGH SUBMISSION FORMS (ONLINE & PAPER COPY)

Insights from survey responses

We asked respondents if they support the reclassification of a section of Ashurst Park next to Te Rapa Sportsdrome from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose (Community Facility) Reserve. 91 respondents of 92 indicated their preference, and one did not answer this question. 70 out of 91 respondents (77%) supported the reclassification. 15 respondents (16%) opposed the reclassification. Six were unsure about or did not have an opinion on the reclassification.

Do you support the reclassification of a section of Ashurst Park next to Te Rapa Sportsdrome from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose Reserve?

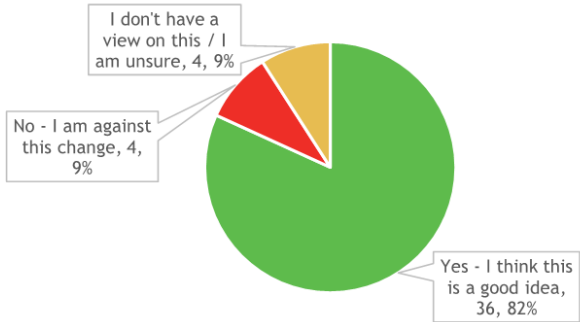


Residents of Pukete (the suburb surrounding Ashurst Park) were more likely to support the reclassification. 82% of Pukete residents (36 out of 44) were supportive of the reclassification, compared to 77% (70 out of 91) of all respondents.



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Do you support the reclassification of a section of Ashurst Park next to Te Rapa Sportsdrome from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose Reserve? - Pukete Residents Only



We then invited respondents to elaborate on their answers through free text comments. 70 respondents provided additional comments explaining their stance. The main themes that emerged from these comments were:

- Support for the proposed location (25 comments)
 - *"I think this location of the community center makes the best sense building on infrastructure already in place and leave the playground accessible to children in the area. Best outcome."*
- Support for PNH receiving a new facility (23 comments)
 - *"I have been engaged with PNH for many years and think that a new purpose built facility for them is exactly what they need to keep providing the work they do for the community."*
- Concern for building costs/rates rises (12 comments)
 - *"Given that the ratepayers of Hamilton are already facing rate increases in the order of 25%, 'nice to haves' like these need to be put on hold until the city finances are brought under control."*
- Opposition to the proposed location or preference for a previously proposed location (12 comments)
 - *"This is my second choice. Ashurst Ave, street frontage would have been a more appealing choice."*
- Comment on the engagement process (6 comments; 2 positive, 6 negative)
 - *"Participated in the prior consultation and am satisfied with the outcomes of this."*

We also received suggestions for ways to amend or improve the proposed design. The main suggestions from respondents were (comments occurred once unless specified):

- Add pathways to increase accessibility (3 comments)
- Increase carparking (3 comments)
- Increase lighting (2 comments)
- Add a shuttle to take people up the hill
- Add a toddler play area to Ashurst Park playground
- Add more courts around the Sportsdrome

Demographic comparison of responses from individuals

Location

52 of the 84 survey respondents who mentioned their location (62%) were from West Area 1, which encompasses the suburbs of Beerescourt, Forest Lake, Pukete, St Andrews and Te Rapa. Of these, 45 reside in Pukete, where Ashurst Park is situated.

Ethnicity

88% (n = 78) of survey respondents who mentioned their ethnicity identified as NZ European, and 9% (n = 8) identified as Maaori.

2018 Census data shows that of the residents of West Area 1 (where Ashurst Park is located), 76% identify as NZ European, and 21% identify as Maaori. In comparison to the Census, our survey may reflect an overrepresentation of NZ European respondents and an under-representation of Maaori respondents.

Age

Despite making up 25% of Hamilton’s population and 41% of West Area 1’s population (according to 2018 Census data), only 12% (n = 11) of survey respondents who told us their age were younger than 30 years old. This means this survey responses likely under-represented youth voices.

Feedback from organisations

Organisation	Name of representative	Response ID	Summary of feedback
Envisage Photography Ltd	Kerrilee Beetham	ANON-YR5F-A61P-X	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support the proposed reclassification
Te Rapa Primary School	Vaughan Franklin	ANON-YR5F-A6A2-G	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support the proposed reclassification
Glenview Community Centre	Rourina Toa	ANON-YR5F-A6FM-G	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support the proposed reclassificationSupport for PNHImproved facilities will allow for increased community connection and accessibility for users of the facilities and the park itselfWill reduce antisocial behaviour in the area
Interactionz	Jennifer Calley	ANON-YR5F-A6FV-S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support the proposed reclassificationThe new community centre will be beneficial for PNH, the community and the sportsdromeConcerned about limited accessibility from the main road
Pukete Neighbourhood House	Scott Tiffany	ANON-YR5F-A6FB-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support the proposed reclassificationSupport the new proposed locationFit-for-purpose community centre is beneficial for allFacility is desired by the community

FEEDBACK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

In addition to analysing formal submissions to the consultation, we also analysed social media commentary made on Hamilton City Council Facebook posts relating to the consultation. Hamilton



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City Council made one post advertising the proposed Te Rapa reclassification on our public Facebook page. This post received 67 comments and replies to comments from the public, of which 56 were relevant to the proposed reclassification. The most common themes from these comments were:

- Concerns for cost/spending/impact on rates (35 comments)
- Question about the reclassification or consultation process (8 comments)
- Support for the proposed reclassification (7 comments)
- Perception of the engagement process, including how the community felt they were informed or otherwise of the reclassification (5 comments)

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ENGAGEMENT TACTICS

GOAL

Provide the community with the opportunity to have their say on the proposed reclassification of the section of Ashurst Park, and present any objections to the reclassification.

OBJECTIVES

- The Pukete and Ashurst community are aware of the proposed reclassification
- The community has the opportunity to object to the proposal
- Council complies with legislative requirements for the reclassification under the Reserves Act 1977

ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN REVIEW

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The campaign was shared via public notice in Hamilton Press (as is required under Reserves Act 1977), and all submitters to the previous reclassification engagement (at Ashurst Avenue) were emailed and invited to share their views. Known user groups of Te Rapa Sportsdrome were also emailed. A letter was sent to 840 properties, a slightly bigger catchment area than the previous reclassification, with more households included from the Church Road side of Ashurst Park. Council's website was updated with the latest information, and a post was shared on Council's Facebook page, with a link to the 'have your say' platform. Submitters could provide feedback online at hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay or by filling out a hardcopy submission, available at all Hamilton Libraries and at Council. Comments from social media are also considered.

ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

SUBMISSION FORM (ONLINE & PAPER COPY)

88 online submissions
4 hardcopy submissions

SOCIAL MEDIA



Hamilton City Council

25 January · 🌐

We're proposing to reclassify a section of Ashurst Park next to Te Rapa Sportsdrome, which would enable us to build a new community centre.

This new centre would be leased to Pukete Neighbourhood House, allowing them to operate from a fit-for-purpose facility, as well as freeing up space in the Sportsdrome for sporting activities. You can have your say on this proposal until 24 February.

Learn more here 📄 <https://hubs.ly/Q02hFYP0>





Ashlee Pennell and 52 others

68 comments

5 shares

15,565 post impressions
14,804 post reach
2,168 post engagements
208 link clicks

WEBSITE

787 views across all pages
335 views on landing page
279 unique users

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2.82 pages visited per person on average

EMAILS
Ashurst Park submitters
Sent to 271 contacts
Open rate 67.9%
184 unique opens
435 total opens
Click through rate 23.9%
44 unique clicks
56 total clicks

Sportsdrome users
Sent to 15 contacts
Open rate 53.33%
8 unique opens
20 total opens
No clicks.

LETTERS
840 letters sent to nearby area

PUBLIC NOTICE
64,000 readers

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WHAT’S NEXT

Feedback will be presented at a Hamilton City Council Regulatory and Hearings Committee meeting in 2024. At this meeting, the six submitters who want to speak to their written submission will be able to do so. Council will then consider all the views and make a final decision.

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