

TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers,
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Wednesday 27 March 2024 commencing at 2.00pm.

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

7. **MISCELLANEOUS**

c) **Avalon Skate Park design update and additional features**

Report No. HCC2024/1/75 by the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities 2

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

“That the recommendations contained in the report be discussed.”

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Avalon Skate Park design update and additional features

Purpose of Report

1. To seek feedback on the concept design for the new Avalon Skate Park and approval to fund additional elements.

Recommendations

That Council:

- (1) notes the concept design for the new Avalon Skate Park attached as Appendix 1 to the report and provides feedback;
- (2) agrees to fund the addition of a basketball half-court, CCTV and park furniture as part of the project at a cost of \$250,000;
- (3) notes there is \$109k in the 2024/25 budget to fund this and, if agreed, the remainder will be funded through reprioritisation of other projects and budgets which will come back to Council in May 2024;
- (4) agrees to the Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee approving the final design on 1 May 2024 to enable procurement to get underway and project deadlines to be met.

For the reason that the new skatepark needs to be completed before the existing Melling Skate Park can be demolished to progress Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi project (RiverLink).

Background

2. On 12 December 2023, Council confirmed Avalon Park as the location for a new skatepark, to off-set the loss of the Melling skate facility at Block Road which will be demolished as part of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi project (previously referred to and consented as 'RiverLink').
3. Under the project's consent, the replacement park is required to be complete and remain in continuous use before the removal of the existing skate park, so the project is working to very tight timelines.

4. In October 2023, officers also advised that consideration would be given to funding additional amenities identified as part of community engagement.

Progress Update

5. A spatial skate park design was submitted by Isthmus in November 2023. This was sent out with the tender for the Specialised Skate Park Designer. This spatial design included features requested by members of the Skate Park Advisory Group and the community.
6. The design tender was awarded in February 2024, with CONVIC being selected to take the spatial design through to the final 'Issued for Construction' design.
7. Additional community engagement has been undertaken including an online survey asking about skate park features, two presentations by the designer to both the Skate Park Advisory Group and general public, and specific demographic groups approached for feedback from a multiuser aspect. This feedback has been fed into the concept design which is included in the report attached as Appendix 1.
8. The Concept design has now been issued to Council (and Te Awa Kairangi Project Partners).
9. The design includes a basketball half-court and park furniture which is not within the current project funding envelope. Installation of CCTV cameras (\$35K) is also not within the funding envelope but is supported by officers.
10. Officers propose these elements be funded separately by Council. There is \$109k for Avalon Park in the 2024/25 budget which can be allocated towards this, and officers propose funding the rest through reprioritisation of other projects and budgets as needed, up to a total contribution of \$250,000. If approved, this would be reflected in Long Term Plan budgets presented to Council for approval in May 2024.
11. Given tight timeframes, the Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee will be asked to approve the final design on 1 May 2024 to enable procurement to get underway and project deadlines to be met.

Climate Change Impact and Considerations

12. The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in Council's Climate Change Considerations Guide and the design would take environmental factors into account. Procurement would also be carried out with Council's carbon-reduction outcomes in mind.

Consultation

13. This is detailed in the report.

Legal Considerations

14. There are no further legal considerations.

Financial Considerations

15. The funding of demolition and equivalent replacement value of the skate park is funded under the Te Awa Kairangi project via Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. An MoU is being developed between both Council and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for the proposed Avalon Park skate park, to clarify the limitations of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's funding.
16. Such funding cannot be held in abeyance, as stated by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, which ensures it is used timely to fund the replacement of the existing skate park to avoid delays to the construction programme for the project.
17. Council will be the asset owner and will be responsible for all future maintenance and renewals, as is the case with the Melling skatepark. Any additional amenity will require an additional operational budget in future years.

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