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Extent of Interest	*Mr Smith is a life member of the Joondalup Districts Cricket Club, which is a member of the Western Australian Cricket Club (WACA).*

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PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement for the City's comments on the Western Australian Cricket Association's (WACA) Draft Facilities Strategic Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The WACA's Draft Facilities Strategic Plan aims to assist Local Government Authorities to effectively manage community assets and provide a systematic approach to the provision of cricket facilities.

The plan makes 23 recommendations based on research conducted with local, district and regional clubs and participants and Local Government Authorities. The City has assessed the plan and each of its recommendations, and developed comments with a local and regional perspective. These will be forwarded to the Western Australian Cricket Association for consideration in the development of their final report.

It is recommended that Council ENDORSES the City's comments on the WACA's Draft Facilities Strategic Plan forming Attachment 1 to Report CJ126-07/06.

BACKGROUND

The WACA Draft Facilities Strategic Plan is the outcome of requests made by Local Government Authorities to the Department of Sport and Recreation for a planned and systematic approach to be adopted in the provision of sports facilities in the Perth Metropolitan area. This report is one of a number of similar studies by different sports, which have either recently been undertaken or are planned for the future.

There is a growing requirement for sport to strategically plan the long-term direction of facility provision and the development of appropriate approaches towards management, community access and ongoing improvements. This is the first attempt by cricket to provide a balanced approach to planning and the report aims to assist Local Government Authorities to effectively manage community assets.

In developing this report, the WACA conducted research with local, district and regional clubs and participants through a detailed questionnaire. Local Government Authorities were consulted through a forum hosted by the Department of Sport and Recreation and via a representative working party that communicated information directly to the consultant.

The key components of the report include an overview of the organisational structure of cricket in Western Australia, a needs assessment analysing current and future facility requirements, strategic directions for facility development, a policy review and a proposed implementation plan.

DETAILS

The WACA's Draft Facilities Strategic Plan makes 23 recommendations based on the research compiled. In providing its feedback on the report, the City has elected to provide comment on the plan and address each of the recommendations.

A summary of the recommendations and the City's comments have been included as Attachment 1 - City of Joondalup's Comments on the WACA'S Draft Facilities Strategic Plan.

Issues and options considered:

In reviewing the WACA's Draft Facilities Strategic Plan, the City elected to base its comments on the benefits and impacts the plan and its recommendations will have on both the Joondalup region and the wider metropolitan area.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The City of Joondalup's Strategic Plan 2003 - 2008 identifies the following objectives and strategies that relate to the strategic planning of community facilities:

Key Focus Area 1 - Community Wellbeing

Objective 1.3
To continue to provide services that meet changing needs of a diverse and growing community.

Strategy 1.3.1
Provide leisure and recreational activities aligned to community expectations, incorporating innovative opportunities for today's environments.

Key Focus Area 1 - City Development

Objective 3.1

To develop and maintain the City of Joondalup's assets and built environment.

Strategy 3.1.1

Plan the timely design, development, upgrade and maintenance of the City's infrastructure.

In addition, the City of Joondalup's draft Community Development Plan, which is currently out for public comment, has identified the following issues, outcomes and strategies that relate directly to the strategic planning of community facilities:

Issue - Community Facilities

Outcome

Optimise equitable access and use of the City's community facilities.

Strategies

Develop a maintenance management strategy to ensure a high standard of facility provision.

Issue - Parks & Public Open Space

Outcome

Enhancement of community sport, leisure and recreational experiences through the provision of quality parks, reserves, beaches and infrastructure that are effectively managed and maintained.

Strategies

- Investigate shared use / alternative use of facilities with government, non government, community and education providers in the region;
- Investigate master planning opportunities for areas with multiple clubs and facilities provided in the one location;

Risk Management considerations:

In assessing the risks associated with the WACA's Draft Strategic Facilities Plan, it was identified that a number of the recommendations would commit the City to facility developments and upgrades over and above the current level of facility provision offered. In endorsing the City's comments on these particular recommendations, Council reduces the community's expectation of facility provision at an unsustainable level and reduces the risk of financial commitments that cannot be fulfilled.

Financial/Budget Implications:

The City's capital works program and annual budget process allocates funds for the development and improvement of parks and community facilities. The plan developed by the WACA makes recommendations that would potentially commit the City to facility developments and upgrades with extensive financial implications.

Policy implications:

No policy implications apply.

Regional Significance:

The plan has been developed to guide the strategic development of cricket facilities across the Perth metropolitan region. However, the Council's recommendations on this report are specific to the City of Joondalup.

Sustainability implications:

The City's ongoing capital works program and maintenance schedules for parks and community facilities are designed to ensure that the Joondalup community has access to high quality and affordable assets in the future.