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Hastings District Council
Council Meeting

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Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 29 November 2022**

Te Wā:
Time: **9.00am**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

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Responsible
Officer: **Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle**

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Chair: Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Mematanga:

Membership:

Ngā KaiKaunihera

Councillors: Ana Apatu, Marcus Buddo, Alwyn Corban, Malcolm Dixon, Michael Fowler, Damon Harvey, Henry Heke, Kellie Jessup, Tania Kerr, Eileen Lawson, Renata Nepe, Simon Nixon, Ann Redstone, Wendy Schollum, and Kevin Watkins

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

8 members

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

Chief Executive – Nigel Bickle

*Te Rōpū Manapori me te
Kāwanatanga*

Democracy and

Governance Services:

Louise Stettner (Extn 5018)

Te Rārangī Take

Order of Business

1.0 Opening Prayer – *Karakia Whakatūwheratanga*

2.0 Apologies & Leave of Absence – *Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui*

Apologies for absence from Councillor Heke have been received.

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Lawson

3.0 Conflict of Interest – *He Ngākau Kōnatunatu*

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the General Counsel or the Manager: Democracy and Governance (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes – *Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī*

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Item 5

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take: Making and Attesting of Declaration of Elected Member - Damon
Subject: Harvey

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to describe the process for receiving the declaration of a newly elected member for the Hastings-Havelock North Ward, Damon Harvey who was not able to be present to make his declaration with the other elected members at the inaugural Council Meeting held on 3 November 2022.
- 1.2 Schedule 7, Part 1, clause 14 of the Local Government Act 2002 states:
- “(1) A person may not act as a member of a local authority until –
- (a) That person has, at a meeting of the local authority following the election of that person, made an oral declaration in the form set out in subclause (3); and
 - (b) A written version of the declaration has been attested as provided under subclause (2)
- (2) The written declaration must be signed by the member and witnessed by:-
- (b) the mayor; or ...
 - (d) the chief executive of the local authority.”
- 1.3 Councillor Harvey cannot act as a member of the Council until he has made an oral declaration at a Council meeting, and the 29 November 2022 Council meeting is the first opportunity for him to do that.
- 1.4 Councillor Harvey may make his oral declaration in English or Te Reo Māori. The wording of the declaration is attached to this report.

- 1.5 The Mayor will receive Councillor Harvey's declaration which will be witnessed by the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That Council receive the report titled Making and Attesting of Declaration of Elected Member - Damon Harvey dated 29 November 2022.

a) Declaration by Members

*"I, (Full name), declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Hastings District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as **Member** of the Hastings District Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act".*

*"Ko ahau, ko _____, e oati ana ka whai ahau i te pono me te tōkeke, i runga hoki i te mutunga kē mai nei o āku pūkenga, o āku whakatau hoki kia whakatutuki, kia mahi anō hoki i te mana whakahaere, te mana whakatau me ngā momo mahi kua uhia ki runga i a au kia whiwhi painga mō te takiwā o Heretaunga, hei **Mema** o te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga e ai hoki ki te Ture Kāwanatanga ā-Taiao 2002, ki te Ture Kāwanatanga ā-Taiao Whakapae me te Hui 1987, me ētahi Ture anō rānei".*

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Item 6

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take: Appointments Pending the Introduction of the 2022-2025
Subject: Committee Structure

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council agreement to appointments to the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee and the Hastings District Council Tangata Whenua Joint Wastewater Committee.

1.2 Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee

1.3 The Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee is set to meet on Friday 2nd of December 2022. This report proposes the appointment of the Hastings District Council councillors to this Joint Committee for the 2022-2025 triennium; as follows:

- Councillor Ann Redstone
- Councillor Āna Apatu
- Councillor Simon Nixon
- Councillor Kellie Jessup
- Councillor Michael Fowler (Alternate)

1.4 Hastings District Council: Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee

1.5 The Hastings District Council: Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee is set to meet on Friday 2nd of December 2022. On 3 November 2022, Council made a number of interim appointments to this Joint Committee pending the introduction of the 2022-2025 Committee Structure. However, to meet quorum requirements, further interim appointments are needed as a number of those initial appointees are unable to make the 2nd of December meeting.

1.6 This report proposes that the following interim appointments be made to this Joint Committee pending the introduction of the 2022-2025 Committee Structure and subsequent appointments:

- Councillor Alwyn Corban
- Councillor Āna Apatu
- Councillor Michael Fowler
- Councillor Simon Nixon
- Councillor Kevin Watkins

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That Council receive the report titled Appointments Pending the Introduction of the 2022-2025 Committee Structure dated 29 November 2022.
- B) That Council approve the following appointments to the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee for the 2022-2025 triennium:
 - Councillor Ann Redstone
 - Councillor Āna Apatu
 - Councillor Simon Nixon
 - Councillor Kellie Jessup
 - Councillor Michael Fowler (Alternate)
- C) That Council approve the following interim appointments to the Hastings District Council : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee, pending the introduction of the 2022-2025 Committee Structure and appointments to Committees:
 - Councillor Alwyn Corban
 - Councillor Āna Apatu
 - Councillor Michael Fowler
 - Councillor Simon Nixon
 - Councillor Kevin Watkins

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Item 7

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take: Appointments to the Hastings District Licensing Committee for the
Subject: 2022-2025 triennium

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council agreement to appointments to the Hastings District Licensing Committee (DLC) for the 2022-2025 triennium. The timing of these appointments are required to enable DLC hearings to take place in December 2022.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the Council receive the report titled Appointments to the Hastings District Licensing Committee for the 2022-2025 triennium dated 29 November 2022.
- B) That the Council approve the following appointments to the Hastings District Licensing Committee for the 2022-2025 triennium:
 - 1) Councillor Tania Kerr (Chair)
 - 2) Councillor Eileen Lawson (Deputy Chair)
 - 3) Mr Wayne Bradshaw (List Member)
 - 4) Mr Dave Fellows (List Member)
- C) That it be noted that Mr George Lyons has been appointed as a Hastings District Licensing Committee Commissioner until 9 June 2027.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

- 3.1 Anyone wanting to sell and supply alcohol to the public in New Zealand must apply to their local council for a licence. DLCs consider and decide all applications for licences and manager's

certificates, s 187 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act). DLCs are established under the Act and are administered by councils.

- 3.2 Each council must establish and maintain a list of DLC members. They can have their own list or have a combined list with one or more other councils (s 192). The membership of the DLC must comprise 3 or more members appointed by the Council.
- 3.3 Members must have: “experience relevant to alcohol licensing matters” (s 192(2)). The Act does not define or set out what this means however relevant knowledge, skills and experience of DLCs include; understanding alcohol-related harm and how it can be minimised; experience in legal matters and skills in facilitating community participation.
- 3.4 In June 2022, the Chief Executive, on the recommendation of the Council, appointed Mr George Lyons as a Commissioner to the DLC for a 5 year period (9 June 2022 – 9 June 2027). Commissioners have all the functions, powers and duties of the Chair of the DLC (Pursuant to s 193 of the Act).

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 To enable DLC hearings to be held in December, the membership of the DLC needs to be agreed to for these hearings to proceed. The membership of the DLC must comprise 3 or more members appointed by the Council.
- 4.2 Proposed composition of the DLC for the 2022-2025 triennium is as follows:
 - Councillor Tania Kerr (Chair)
 - Councillor Eileen Lawson (Deputy Chair)
 - Mr George Lyons (Commissioner) – appointed to June 2027
 - Mr Wayne Bradshaw (List Member)
 - Mr Dave Fellows (List Member)
- 4.3 Councillor Tania Kerr was the Chair of the DLC last triennium and Mr Wayne Bradshaw and Mr Dave Fellows are experienced DLC list members.
- 4.4 Councillor Eileen Lawson has been a past Chair of Safer Hastings which included a focus on minimising alcohol-related harm. Councillor Lawson also has experience in legal matters having received certification to be a hearings committee member under the Making Good Decisions programme and Chair endorsement, and was previously appointed to Council’s Hearings Committee.

5.0 Options – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

- 5.1 Agree to appointments to the DLC as proposed in this report

Advantages

- Ensures that decision-making of the DLC can continue.

Disadvantages

- None identified.

Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuatanga o nāiane

- 5.2 Do not make any appointments to the DLC.

Advantages

- None identified.

Disadvantages

- Could result in Hearings being delayed.

6.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

- 6.1 Following agreement to the required appointments, any hearings required can be confirmed and proceed as required.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

[Link to the Council's Community Outcomes](#) – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This proposal promotes the social wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

N/A

Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

N/A

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

Fees for the Chair/Commissioner and members of the DLC are determined by the Minister of Justice in accordance with the Cabinet fees framework. There is an existing budget for the remuneration of DLC members.

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of low significance.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

N/A

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

No implications for the Hastings rural community over and above the rest of the Hastings district.

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Item 8

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā: Alex Mabin, Public Spaces Policy Planner
From:

Te Take:
Subject: Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan - Hearings Report

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to identify and analyse submissions received on the Draft Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan (Draft Plan), which was adopted for public consultation purposes on 2 July 2022, in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.
- 1.2 Council is requested to consider the written and oral submissions received; and make determinations on these submissions.
- 1.3 This requirement comes from the obligation of the Hastings District Council, as an administering body under the Reserves Act 1977, to prepare Reserve Management Plans for the reserves under its management, which includes Frimley Park.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That Council receive the report titled Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan - Hearings Report dated 29 November 2022.
- B) That Council receive the written and oral submissions as presented and set out in Attachment 1 to the report at (A) above.
- C) That Council makes determinations on submissions made to the Draft Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan numbered recommendations (A) – (PP), as included in Attachment 3.
- D) That Council recommend the allocation of funds required to complete the capital works programme identified in the Action Plan in Attachment 4 for consideration for inclusion in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.
- E) That the Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan as amended by determinations on submissions be presented for adoption at the Council meeting on 15 December 2022.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

Background

- 3.1 Frimley Park covers a total area of 19.78 hectares, over two separate pieces of land. Frimley Park is contained within the following four Certificates of Title:
 - Lot 1 Deposited Plan 569657 1027817 Local Purpose Reserve (Network Utility) 0.0872ha
 - Lot 2 Deposited Plan 569657 1027818 Local Purpose Reserve (Network Utility) 1.2370ha
 - Lot 3 Deposited Plan 569657 1027819 Recreation Reserve 18.2900ha
 - Lot 4 Deposited Plan 569657 1027820 Recreation Reserve 0.1666ha
- 3.2 The preparation of a Reserve Management Plan for Frimley Park was triggered by Council's application for a resource consent to construct a water reservoir and treatment facility on the park. The resource consent was granted in 2020, with construction commencing soon after. The resource consent required removal of the maintenance sheds located near Frimley Road and preparation of a Reserve Management Plan provided the opportunity to consider future use of this area.
- 3.3 The Draft Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977. The Draft Plan takes into account identified issues and opportunities raised during community engagement, and the following specialist reports:
 - Historical Report, Michael Fowler
 - Arboricultural Report, Paper Street Tree Company
 - Archaeological Screening Report, Archaeology Hawke's Bay
 - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Report, Boffa Miskell
- 3.4 Extensive engagement has been undertaken with the community during the preparation of the Draft Plan, as identified below:
 - Public Notice was given on 6 March 2021 under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 of Council's intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for Frimley Park, along with an invitation to send written comments and attend a coffee in the park drop in session at the park;

- Sign boards informing the public of the RMP process and providing information about how to be involved were placed at key entrances to the park;
- A coffee in the park day was held in March 2021, run by FOLKL, an independent local research company engaged to undertake the first stage community consultation;
- A mailout to over 1000 recipients was sent to the owners and occupiers of properties within 400m of the park;
- A survey was available online at My Voice My Choice and publicised in the letter, on the Public Notice, on the Council website and Facebook page, and on the sign boards in the park;
- Park stakeholders were contacted, including adjacent schools and the Rose Society.

3.5 The closing date for written feedback was 23 April 2021 with 163 pieces of feedback received and 70 engagements undertaken by FOLKL. In summary, these responses outlined what people liked about the park, what they thought could be improved and suggested ideas for the area to be made available when the maintenance sheds were removed:

What you liked	What could be improved	Ideas for the integrated area
• Rose garden	• Dog and owner behaviour	• Native plants and/or sensory garden
• Mature trees and green space	• Toilet facilities	• Vegetable/rongoā garden & orchard
• Space for walking	• More playground shade	• Extended playground (to suit older children)
• Playground	• Traffic and parking congestion	• Off-lead dog exercise area
• Sports ground	• Litter management	• Water play or water feature
• Serene area for relaxation	• Cycling links to and from park	• Picnic area with park furniture & shade
	• Improved main entry & paths	• Amphitheatre/education
	• Historical & geographical information	

Table 1: Feedback from community engagement

- 3.6 A public workshop was subsequently held on 28 October 2021 to discuss values, constraints, opportunities and solutions for the park. Following this, a Key Themes and Concepts document summarising the first stage of community engagement and specialist research was prepared and made available to the public on 14 March 2022.
- 3.7 Officers used the feedback received during the process outlined above to prepare the Draft Plan, following which workshops were held with the Eco District Subcommittee on 10 May 2022 and the Strategy and Policy Committee on 7 June 2022.
- 3.8 The Draft Plan identifies the following vision for the park:
- ‘The protection, management and enhancement of the natural, historic, cultural and formal and informal recreation, values of Frimley Park.*
- The Park continues to provide a venue for organised sport and recreation, with the balance used for passive recreation and relaxation in a natural environment, together with provision of critical network infrastructure’.*
- 3.9 The Draft Plan identified a work programme of projects for the park which would require an investment of \$1,950,000 over the 10 years of the Plan (**Attachment 4**). These enhancements included a sensory garden, playground enhancements, parking improvements, new pathways and new toilet block. If these proposed park enhancements are included in the adopted Reserve Management Plan, officers will include them for consideration as part of the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan.
- 3.10 Public Notice was given under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 of the availability of the Draft Plan for public consultation on 2 July 2022, with a closing date for submissions 2 September 2022. A public Open Day was held on 31 July 2022, where officers were available with copies of the Draft Plan to answer any questions. Following a technical fault with the online submissions portal, the submissions period was extended by 3 working days, with a new closing date of 7 September 2022.

4.0 Discussion – Te Matapakitanga

What changes are sought by the submissions?

- 4.1 20 submissions were received on the Draft Plan. The names of these submitters and their individual submission number that has been allocated are identified below in **Table 2**. All submissions received are included in full in **Attachment 1** (contact details redacted) and summarised by Submission Number and Remedy Number in **Attachment 2**.

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
1	George Lomas	11	Regan Wallis
2	K Lewis	12	Lou Corkery
3	Monique Bradshaw	13	Reiny Scheper
4	Susan Tidswell	14	Michael Smiley
5	Richard Bradshaw	15	Ken Haines, Rotary Club Stortford Lodge
6	David W Renouf	16	Ben Talbot, on behalf of Year 5/6 students, Frimley Primary School
7	Tim White, Principal, Frimley Primary School	17	Fire and Emergency NZ
8	Karyl Bishop	18	Cancer Society Hawke's Bay
9	Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society	19	Disabled Persons Assembly
10	Mary Brooker	20	Hastings District Council

Table 2: Submitter List and Number

Submissions in support

- 4.2 Submissions have been received in support of the Draft Plan from the following two submitters. This element of these submissions is noted and appreciated, and requires no further analysis. Some points raised in the submissions are addressed in the relevant remedies.
- 4.3 **Lou Corkery** (Submission 12) fully agrees with the Draft Plan.
- 4.4 **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) agrees overall with the Draft Plan, its purposes, proposals and expenditure.

Submissions requiring further analysis

- 4.5 Submissions received that require further analysis of the following sections of the Draft Plan have been grouped into the following Remedies 1-21 as identified in **Table 3** below:

REMEDY	SECTION	REQUEST	REMEDY	SECTION	REQUEST
1	1.1	Park Use	12	2.10	Vehicle Parking
2	1.3	Dogs	13	2.11	Accessibility
3	1.5	Cycling	14	2.12	Path Networks
4	1.7	Restricted Activities	15	3.1	Trees and Gardens
5	2.2	Buildings and Structures	16	3.3	Water
6	2.3	Fences and Walls	17	3.5	Plant and Animal Pests
7	2.5	Playgrounds	18	4.4	Commemorative Features
8	2.6	Informal Sport and Recreation Facilities	19	5.3	Concessions
9	2.7	Toilet and Changing Facilities	20	5.11	Safety and Vandalism
10	2.8	Signs	21	5.12	Community Partnerships
11	2.9	Park Furniture			

Table 3: Remedy List

- 4.6 The above sections are the subject of submissions that are further analysed by Remedy Number below.

REMEDY 1: SECTION 1.1 (PARK USE)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.7 **K Lewis** (Submission 2) requests more information on why the water storage and treatment infrastructure in the park is critical, while there are still effects on the economy from the global pandemic.

Analysis

- 4.8 Council's website provides information regarding why the water infrastructure was located on Frimley Park, and the strategic importance of this infrastructure to the resilience of the District's water supply, including as follows:

'Water treatment and storage is a major component of the Hastings Drinking Water Strategy (2018), formulated following the Havelock North water crisis and ensuing Government Inquiry.

Along with other projects in the strategy, water treatment and storage will make the district's major urban drinking water supply safer and more resilient, add capacity, and help Hastings comply with National Drinking Water Standards.'

- 4.9 Following a period of comprehensive community engagement, resource consent for construction of the water storage reservoir and treatment facility on Frimley Park was granted in 2020. The park was subsequently subdivided to enable classification under the Reserves Act of the land containing the water infrastructure as Local Purpose (Network Utility) and the balance as Recreation Reserve. Section 1.1 of the Plan notes the use of part of the park for water infrastructure and Section 3.3 Water notes that there will be information signage associated with the infrastructure, aligned with the Waiaroha site in central Hastings. As the construction and operation of the facility is provided for by the resource consent, the Draft Plan does not consider these facilities in detail.
- 4.10 The Draft Plan refers to the water treatment and storage facility on Frimley Park as "critical" water infrastructure in four places (pages 9, 24, 28 and 32). Officers consider that the use of this term is valid, given the purpose of the infrastructure, and that this has been communicated to the wider community via the engagement process including information available on the website.

Recommendation

- 4.11 That the submission of **K Lewis** (Submission 2) be disallowed insofar as construction of the infrastructure is outside the scope of the Plan and comprehensive information regarding the purpose of the water infrastructure is available on Council's website.

REMEDY 2: SECTION 1.3 (DOGS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.12 **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) requests that dog waste bins be provided at the entrance to the park.
- 4.13 **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) has no objection to dogs being exercised in the park, even off lead, provided the dogs are under control and faeces removed. He submits that there seems to be no problem with dogs running freely in the park and therefore no need for the bylaw to be enforced.
- 4.14 **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6, Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) is concerned about dog waste left in the park as they encounter this on their hikoi in the whenua; considers that having dogs on leash will reduce waste left behind; and would like dog waste bins and more signage educating people about this responsibility.

Analysis

- 4.15 Dogs are permitted in the park, provided they are kept on a leash, under control and do not enter the playground and sports fields. Dog waste disposal bins and bag dispensers are typically provided in parks and reserves which contain dog exercise (off leash) areas. Officers consider the provision of dog waste bins is unnecessary given the existing availability of rubbish bins within the park, and

that most users of the park walking dogs will live in the surrounding area and can collect dog waste and dispose of the waste at home. In addition, given the presence of the playground and sports fields within the park, Officers do not want to create the impression that the park is an off leash area by providing dog waste bins.

- 4.16 Signage reminding dog owners of their responsibility to remove their pet's waste will be included when signage improvements are undertaken in the park.

Recommendations

- 4.17 That the submissions of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) and **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6, Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) be disallowed in part insofar as dog waste bins are typically only provided in parks and reserves with dog exercise (off leash areas) and rubbish bins are already available in the park, and allowed in part insofar as signage reminding dog owners of their responsibility to remove waste will be placed in the park when park signage is renewed.
- 4.18 That the submission of **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) be allowed insofar as dogs are allowed in the park provided they are on leash and under control.

REMEDY 3: SECTION 1.5 (CYCLING)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.19 **David Renouf** (Submission 6) requests no cycling in the park.
- 4.20 **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) would like bicycle stands provided near the playground and sports field, to encourage people to use transport modes alternative to cars to access the park and as an action to combat climate change.

Analysis

- 4.21 Frimley Park is connected to the i-Way network, with an on-road cycle lane along Frimley Road and shared path within the park, as shown in Map 1 below:



Map 1: Frimley Park i-Way connection (green – shared path; blue – on road cycle lane)

4.22 The Draft Plan proposes the following improvements to facilitate user access to the park by active transport, including:

- Retention of the shared walking and cycling path within Frimley Park (maintenance access road) (Policy 1.5.2).
- Construction of a shared path across the Lyndhurst Road frontage of the park, extending to connect to the shared path and on road cycle lane at the Nottingham Road intersection and on road cycle lane at Pakowhai Road to facilitate active transport choices for park users as well as connections to adjacent schools, suburban area and Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park (Policy 2.12.4).
- Bicycle stands to facilitate visitors using bicycles for transport to the park on both frontages (Policy 1.5.4).

4.23 It is proposed that the shared path at Lyndhurst Road will cross inside the park frontage, as there is inadequate width on the road for a shared path with proposed improvements to parking capacity and traffic safety. The existing swale on the park frontage is proposed to be in-filled, with bollards placed along the frontage to facilitate pedestrian access into the park, while preventing vehicles accessing and damaging the sports fields. Officers anticipate the shared path will have similar visual effects as the shared path crossing the Windsor Park frontage opposite, and providing a connection to, Karamu High School (albeit without chains between adjacent bollards).



Image: Windsor Park shared path

4.24 Retention of the i-Way path through the park is proposed to continue as the width and flat gradient of the path, as well as clear sightlines, makes a shared walking and cycling use appropriate in this area.

4.25 The exact location and design of the bicycle stands will be determined at a later stage, however they will be placed near entrances on both frontages to facilitate easy use and access to the park's facilities.

Recommendations

4.26 That the submission of **David Renouf** (Submission 6) be disallowed insofar as the existing and proposed shared paths will facilitate active transport to the park, as well as via the park to adjacent schools, the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park and surrounding suburban area, the wide path, good sightlines and flat gradient make the paths appropriate for shared use with minimal visual effects.

4.27 That the submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) be allowed insofar as Policy 1.5.4 provides for bicycle parking facilities on both park frontages and the detailed design will consider location and design to effectively facilitate users accessing the park by bicycle.

REMEDY 4: SECTION 1.7 (RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.28 **Fire and Emergency NZ** (Submission 17) requests that fire be clearly identified as a natural hazard within the Draft Plan to ensure the relevant objective and policy framework gives effect to risk reduction practices; seeks to ensure Fire and Emergency are able to effectively carry out its requirements under the Fire and Emergency Act 2017; and supports objectives and policies in the Draft Plan that restrict activities which may have the potential to increase natural hazards that have or may have an effect on the park. In addition, the submission seeks the inclusion of an objective and policy to manage year round risks associated with fires; and suggests written authorisation of Council required prior to lighting a fire, in addition to the fire permit that may be required from Fire and Emergency NZ during fire season.

Analysis

- 4.29 While the Draft Plan recognises the risk of natural hazards in the park, it does not explicitly recognise the risk of fire hazard. The Draft Plan however requires activities on the park to be consistent with relevant Council bylaws and policies. In this instance, the relevant Council bylaws and policies require written approval of Council prior to lighting a fire:

District Wide Reserve Management Plan

Section 1.7 Restricted Activities

1.7.5 Prohibit the following activities on reserves, in accordance with Section 94 of the Reserves Act 1977, unless specific written approval has been obtained from Council:

(a) lighting of any fire...

1.7.6 Require persons or organisations wishing to have a fire... on a reserve to seek prior Council approval...

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Chapter 2 Public Places

2.2.3 A person must not light a fire in a public place unless... (c) Council has given prior written approval.'

- 4.30 While this policy is already provided for in the District Wide Reserve Management Plan and Consolidated Bylaws, Officers support the inclusion of this policy in the Draft Plan to provide additional explicit information around appropriate activities, thereby assisting in mitigating fire risk.

Recommendation

- 4.31 That the submission of **Fire and Emergency NZ** (Submission 17) be allowed and the following new policy be added to Section 1.7 of the Draft Plan:

1.7.3 The lighting of fires on the Park outside of a contained gas barbecue is not permitted without the prior written authorisation of Council. Note: A fire permit (issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand) may also be required.

REMEDY 5: SECTION 2.2 (BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.32 **Susan Tidswell** (Submission 4) is concerned that the proposed review of the Hastings District's Aquatic Centres will result in the Frimley Aquatic Centre closing. She requests that the recreational needs of local children be considered in the review, having already lost the facility at Windsor Park.
- 4.33 **Richard Bradshaw** (Submission 5) would like to know the future of Frimley Aquatic Centre and suggests that the centre become a family destination similar to the Village Pools.

- 4.34 **David Renouf** (Submission 6) requests that no more new buildings and structures be allowed on the park.

Analysis

Frimley Aquatic Centre

- 4.35 The Frimley Aquatic Centre is located on the north-western corner of the park. The Aquatic Centre is managed by Council's Community Services & Wellbeing team and, as such, the future planning, management and operations of the centre have not been considered as part of preparation of the Draft Plan. The summary paper which accompanied the release of the Draft Plan however noted that a review of the District's aquatic assets would be undertaken following opening of the Aquatic Centre at the Regional Sports Park.
- 4.36 The Community Services & Wellbeing team have confirmed that the development of the new Aquatics Strategy is still paused until the impact of the new HBCFCT (HB Community Fitness Centre Trust) Aquatics Facility on the wider Council aquatics assets is better understood, with the intention to work towards a new Aquatics Strategy to be aligned with the 2024 Long Term Plan process.

Buildings and Structures

- 4.37 The Draft Plan allows for the provision of additional buildings and structures, as follows:

- A new two bay toilet facility near Frimley Road;
- One new pergola, to delineate the new main entrance to the park;
- New pergolas and various garden beds, within the sensory garden space;
- One new arbour in the rose garden, to complete the set across the circle.

- 4.38 The pergolas, arbour and garden elements are considered necessary to deliver the projects highlighted in the community engagement and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design reports. These structures are proposed to be of a design sympathetic to existing structural elements in the park. A new toilet facility is proposed in a more accessible location, providing increased passive surveillance of the entrances, and with a small footprint of approximately 14m². Given the small number and scale of the proposed buildings and structures, Officers consider these elements will facilitate use of the park and not detract from the park's landscape character.

Recommendations

- 4.39 That the submissions of **Susan Tidswell** (Submission 4) and **Richard Bradshaw** (Submission 5) be allowed insofar as a new Aquatics Strategy is to be developed as part of the 2024 Long Term Plan process, and will consider the aquatic recreational needs of the whole District.
- 4.40 That the submission of **David Renouf** (Submission 6) be disallowed insofar as the proposed new buildings and structures are proposed in response to community engagement feedback, will address recommendations in the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design report, design will be consistent with existing structures within the park, will facilitate use of the park and will not detract from the landscape character of the park.

REMEDY 6: SECTION 2.3 (FENCES AND WALLS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.41 **Regan Wallis** (Submission 11) requests that bollards be placed adjacent to the footpath on the Frimley Road frontage to prevent vehicles parking on the grass.
- 4.42 **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) requests that the proposed mural on the Aquatic Centre wall reflect the European and agricultural heritage of the park.

Analysis

- 4.43 The Draft Plan proposes the existing bollard and chain fence on the Frimley Road frontage be replaced with bollards only, to improve pedestrian access into the park. This is proposed to be undertaken as part of the improvements to the main entrance as a medium term action in the Draft Plan. Officers consider that it is reasonable at that time to review the placement of the bollards and whether or not it would be feasible to bring the bollards closer to the footpath to reduce the ability of people to park across the berm. The exact placement will include consideration of the location of underground services in the berm, trees and mowing access.
- 4.44 The Draft Plan proposes that a mural be painted on the concrete wall between the Aquatic Centre and park to activate this area and deter graffiti, as a short-term action in the Draft Plan. The detail of the mural will be decided when the project is delivered, however will likely be informed by the heritage and/or landscape character of the park.

Recommendations

- 4.45 That the submission of **Regan Wallis** (Submission 11) be allowed insofar as the relocation of the bollards closer to the footpath will be considered when the bollard and chain fence is replaced, and that that Section 2.3 be amended as follows:
- 2.3 The low bollard and chain fence along the Frimley Road frontage allows for passive surveillance into the Park from residential properties along Frimley Road. **It is proposed to remove the chain to facilitate easier pedestrian access, with consideration given to relocating the bollards closer to the footpath to deter vehicles parking on the berm.** ~~The chain is proposed to be replaced by additional bollards, improving access into the Park.~~
- 2.3.4 Replace bollard and chain treatment on Frimley Road frontage with **bollards only, with consideration given to locating the bollards closer to the footpath** ~~additional bollards.~~
- 4.46 That the submission of **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) be allowed insofar as the design of the mural will likely be based on the heritage and/or landscape character of the park.

REMEDY 7: SECTION 2.5 (PLAYGROUNDS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.47 **Tim White, Principal Frimley Primary School** (Submission 7) supports the extended playground and storyboard walk.
- 4.48 **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9) supports the play concept.
- 4.49 **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) supports the expansion of the playground for older children, requests barbecues and picnic tables under shade cloth.
- 4.50 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) welcomes the proposal for play spaces and recommends play equipment is accessible and inclusive including for disabled children and adults.
- 4.51 **K Lewis** (Submission 2) considers that the expansion of the playground to entertain older children is a waste of money.

Analysis

- 4.52 The playground in Frimley Park is classified as a Key Urban playground, mid-tier on Council's three-tier playground hierarchy. The existing playground provides 6 components, which meets the requirement of Council's Coming Out to Play Strategy of a minimum of 5 play components for a Key Urban playground, catering to pre-school to 10 year old children. The Draft Plan proposes to extend the existing playground with the addition of three play pieces catering for tweens to teenagers. In addition, a landscaped area and seating is proposed between the playground and road to act as a safety feature to deter young children reaching the road. A storywalk is proposed on a path leading from the playground to the Rose Gardens.

- 4.53 The community engagement report noted one of the most prevalent ideas for the area previously occupied by the maintenance sheds: *'Many people wanted to extend the existing playground with equipment that suited older children, such as teenagers'* (Community Engagement Report, FOLKL). While a play space in the maintenance shed location was not pursued in development of the Draft Plan, given the feedback it was identified that an extension to the existing playground would be appropriate and consistent with the playground's Key Urban classification.
- 4.54 The play pieces proposed in the Draft Plan are: a carousel; mouse wheel; and mega air swing at an estimated cost of \$200,000 (\$75,000 play components plus \$125,000 safety surfacing). These pieces were chosen to cater for older children, while also providing play value for younger children. It is anticipated that the extended playground will cater for residents of the surrounding residential area, students of the adjacent schools (including two secondary schools), and users of the park from the wider District. The carousel and mouse wheel are not currently available within the District, and will provide novelty value and a reason for older children to visit this playground and stay longer in the park. In addition, in 2024/2025 the playground upgrade programme provides for accessible play pieces in this playground. Officers consider that the playground extension with these play components will deliver on the feedback received in the community engagement report, providing additional play components for older children at a scale and cost appropriate to the playground's Key Urban classification.
- 4.55 Additional seating and picnic tables are proposed near the playground, in the area where a landscape barrier is proposed. Given this area does not have natural shade, Officers consider the addition of shade sails is appropriate to provide a sheltered seating area in a location providing passive surveillance of the playground. Shade sails will be at an approximate additional cost of \$20,000.
- 4.56 During community engagement mixed feedback was received regarding barbecues within the park. BBQs were not included in the Draft Plan due to the mixed feedback, opportunities available for picnics near the playground and ongoing cost of maintenance, at approximately \$4,000 per annum. Park users are able to bring barbecues to the park, provided they comply with the guidelines. Barbecues are also available at three parks in the Hastings urban area: Whenua Takoha; Kirkpatrick Park; and the Lions playground at Windsor Park.

Recommendations

- 4.57 That the submission of **Tim White, Principal Frimley Primary School** (Submission 7), **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9) and **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed, the submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) allowed in part, and the submission of **K Lewis** (Submission 2) be disallowed insofar as the playground expansion is at a scale and cost appropriate to the playground's Key Urban classification, will increase provision of play pieces for older children in the District with novel components including a permanent Storywalk, encourage users to visit the park and deliver on requests made during community engagement.
- 4.58 The submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) be allowed in part insofar as shade sails will be provided over the picnic tables and seating in the landscaped area near the playground and disallowed in part insofar as barbecues will not be provided on the park due to the maintenance cost, ability to bring portable barbecues and availability of barbecues in public spaces in Hastings' urban area, with the wording of Policy 2.5.3 altered as follows:
- 2.5.3 Extend the children's play area as identified in the Concept Plan in Appendix 4 and construct a landscape barrier between the road and existing playground **with shade sails over the associated furniture.**

REMEDY 8: SECTION 2.6 (INFORMAL SPORT AND RECREATION)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.59 **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) supports the provision of exercise equipment for adults.
- 4.60 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) welcomes adult fitness equipment and recommends it is accessible and inclusive for disabled adults to use.
- 4.61 **K Lewis** (Submission 2) considers exercise equipment for adults is over compensating when also improving walking connections to the Sports Park.

Analysis

- 4.62 Outdoor fitness equipment is proposed to be provided in the area near the playground following feedback received during community engagement, which suggested additional sporting activities including a fitness circuit.
- 4.63 The purpose of the equipment is to provide an informal recreation facility in the park that will assist people to be physically active in an outdoor environment, while providing the opportunity for social connection. The equipment will be designed to cater for a broad range of age groups, including students who attend the two secondary schools adjacent to the park and residents of the surrounding suburban environment.
- 4.64 The number of New Zealanders aged 65+ is expected to increase in the coming years. Design of public spaces needs to consider and incorporate elements to assist older people to access public spaces and remain active. The new generation of outdoor fitness equipment includes pieces specifically designed to assist older people to remain active, and it is intended to include some of these elements, as well as including multi-functional designs to challenge a wide range of age groups and abilities.
- 4.65 The location near the playground will provide high passive surveillance of the equipment, while being located near a confluence of paths for accessibility and to allow users to combine use of the fitness equipment with passive recreation around the balance of the park.
- 4.66 A new shared path is proposed across the Lyndhurst Road frontage of the park. The shared path will extend to Pakowhai Road and Nottingham Road, to connect to the existing shared path which continues to the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park. The purpose of the shared path is to complete that section of the shared path network, assisting park visitors to access both the park and Regional Sports Park using active transport.
- 4.67 While the Regional Sports Park provides a broad range of sport and recreation facilities, there is no outdoor fitness equipment available for general community use. The closest fitness equipment in a public space in Hastings is approximately 2.7km from the park, in Queens Square. The purpose of the fitness equipment in Frimley Park will be to provide an additional recreation opportunity within the park not currently available in the area for school students and surrounding residents including older adults to encourage users to be physically active and visit the park more often.

Recommendation

- 4.68 That the submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) and **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed and **K Lewis** (Submission 2) be disallowed insofar as fitness equipment provides the benefits of an active lifestyle to a broad range of the community which is not currently available in the surrounding area, and provision will remain as proposed.

REMEDY 9: SECTION 2.7 (TOILET AND CHANGING FACILITIES)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.69 **Regan Wallis** (Submission 11) does not support construction of the toilet facility closer to Frimley Road due to outlook from nearby residential properties; traffic safety near a T-intersection; and questions whether it would be cheaper to refurbish the existing facility.

- 4.70 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) recommends that the toilet facility be easily accessed by disabled people and those with mobility impairments.

Analysis

- 4.71 The Draft Plan provides for construction of a new two bay toilet facility near the Frimley Road frontage as a medium term action, as shown on the Concept Plan (Appendix 4), based on the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design audit recommendations and feedback from park users. The CPTED audit notes:

'The ablution building has obscured entrances and is set back away from the road under canopy vegetation. It sits separate of active areas of the Park and has limited legibility of its function, due to its unique form and limited signage.'

- 4.72 The audit makes the following recommendation:

'Remove the toilet building and relocate to adjacent to the playground area near to the roadside. Ensure that entrances are facing Frimley Road and it remains outside of tree canopy lines.'

- 4.73 As noted in the CPTED audit, the proposed location of the toilet facility improves access for users of the playground and rose gardens, together with providing passive surveillance from playground users as well as the surrounding suburban area.
- 4.74 The concern regarding users of the toilet facility creating traffic safety concerns was referred to the Transportation team at Council, who advised traffic calming is appropriate on this frontage and will be investigated as part of an upcoming safety around schools project, discussed in Section 2.10 Vehicle Parking below.
- 4.75 The cost of a two bay toilet facility is approximately \$250,000, with the cost of refurbishing the existing toilet facility approximately \$100,000. Officers consider the improved access for park users supporting them to visit more often and stay longer, as well as the passive surveillance provided in this location, warrants the investment into a new toilet facility.

Recommendations

- 4.76 That the submission of **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed and **Regan Wallis** (Submission 11) be disallowed insofar as the costs of a new toilet facility in an accessible location providing for passive surveillance and improved access are considered reasonable, enabling users to visit more often and stay longer, enabling greater use of both the rose gardens and proposed sensory garden, and any traffic safety concerns can be addressed using traffic calming measures to be investigated in an upcoming transportation project.

REMEDY 10: SECTION 2.8 (SIGNS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.77 **Tim White, Principal Frimley Primary School** (Submission 7) would like the park to serve as an outdoor classroom and one that is used for local history purposes as much as sporting and recreational uses; and requests the provision of bilingual signage drawing on the stories/ histories of the people, land and happenings in the local area, particularly:
- a) How the whenua was prior to the Heretaunga block being sold- historic place names, what the land looked like, features that have been removed etc.
 - b) Explain the local street names (Hapuku, Karaitiana, Ikanui and Frimley, Lyndhurst, Pakowhai, Nottingley).
 - c) The history behind Frimley Park, the homestead and post-1850s events.
- 4.78 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) recommends all information about the park including booking and application processes be made available in accessible formats including

NZ Sign Language, te reo, large print via a QR code on park signs; and that wayfinding signage be designed with full consideration for blind and low vision users.

Analysis

- 4.79 Policy 2.8.1 states: *“Provide information on features of historic and cultural importance and interest, as well as location signage to facilitate the public enjoyment use of the Park.”* It is intended that information is captured within the park to allow all users, including adjacent schools, to learn more about the layers of history of the park. Officers consider that addition of a new policy would support this by providing the opportunity to develop the interpretation content with schools to facilitate use of the park as an outdoor learning environment.
- 4.80 It is intended that signage incorporating Te Reo Māori be introduced in the new suite of signage in the park. Officers support the request for more accessible formats for information about the park including signage designed with consideration for blind and low vision users, and as part of the signage improvements will investigate the most effective ways of delivering this.

Recommendation

- 4.81 That the submission of **Tim White** (Submission 7) be allowed insofar as Policy 2.8.3 be amended and a new Policy 2.8.4 be added prior to the existing Policy 2.8.4 as follows:
- 2.8.3 Provide information on **park facilities and features including wayfinding signage**, ~~features of historic and cultural importance and interest, as well as location signage~~ to facilitate the public enjoyment **and** use of the Park.
- 2.8.4 **Collaborate with mana whenua representatives and stakeholders including local schools to develop interpretive signs in the Park identifying features of historic, cultural and landscape significance.**
- 4.82 That the submission of **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed insofar as te reo be incorporated in the suite of signage and investigation undertaken of accessible formats for information about the park; and the following new policy be added:
- 2.8.10 Investigate provision of reserve information in accessible formats and ensure consideration of design of signage for blind and low vision users.**

REMEDY 11: SECTION 2.9 (PARK FURNITURE)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.83 **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6, Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) requests the provision of bins for sorting rubbish and recycling in the park as well as compost bins.
- 4.84 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) welcomes improvements to park furniture; recommends seating of varying heights to enable people with impairments to easily get in and out; and recommends that picnic tables have open space for wheelchairs and walking frames.

Analysis

- 4.85 Separated rubbish and recycling bins are typically not provided for in parks and reserves, given the risk of contamination and increased service costs. Council’s Waste team however are undertaking a trial over the 2022/2023 summer of separated waste and recycling bins at Splash Planet. The intention is that, if the trial is successful, various public spaces will be selected for separate bins. There is the opportunity in future, if the trial is successful, for the park to be considered as one of these locations.
- 4.86 Compost bins are typically considered unsuitable in parks and reserves given they can attract rodents, emit odour, be unsightly and occupy useful public space. Maintenance of compost piles is also more expensive than taking green waste to an appropriate refuse station.

- 4.87 The Draft Plan provides for additional park furniture. There is the opportunity to provide some furniture which meets accessible design criteria, in particular near activity areas such as the playground and sensory garden.

Recommendations

- 4.88 That the submission of **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6 Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) be allowed in part insofar as the park is considered for separate rubbish and recycling bins and disallowed insofar as the provision of compost bins will not be provided as they have higher costs to maintain than removal of green waste and can attract rodents and emit odour.
- 4.89 That the submission of **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed insofar as additional park furniture be provided using accessible design and Policy 2.9.2 be amended as follows:
- 2.9.2 Provide additional seats, picnic tables, rubbish bins and drinking fountains near activity areas to facilitate the use and enjoyment of the Park **using, where possible, accessible design.**

REMEDY 12: SECTION 2.10 (VEHICLE PARKING)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.90 **Monique Bradshaw** (Submission 3), as the owner of the Frimley Road shops is disappointed the Draft Plan includes no improvement to parking and traffic control outside the shops and requests the provision of angle parks and speed humps to slow traffic as well as trees to beautify the area.
- 4.91 **Richard Bradshaw** (Submission 5) requests aesthetic and security development in front of Frimley Road shops, including judder bars and speed control; beautification on the pavement such as planter boxes; angle parking outside the shops; and questions why the shopping complex was not included in consultation; and questions whether HDC's Transportation team was involved in the preparation of the Plan.
- 4.92 **David Renouf** (Submission 6) requests no vehicle parking on the park.
- 4.93 **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) requests the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Frimley Road to enable children to safely access the playground without an adult driving them.
- 4.94 **Mary Brooker** (Submission 10) is concerned that a speed hump shown on the concept plan outside her house on Lyndhurst Road may create noise and vibrations from passing traffic; requests the traffic calming be moved further along the road or an alternative mechanism used; considers it essential that a footpath be provided on both sides of the road for the safety of children exiting vehicles during busy periods; and suggests a crossing at the halfway point opposite the sports fields. Requests powerlines be undergrounded when the footpath is constructed.
- 4.95 **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) suggests the provision of angle parking from the front of the Aquatic Centre to the main gate as since the playground upgrade there has been more vehicles and children at risk when exiting vehicles on the road side. In addition he is wary of traffic calming features on Lyndhurst Road and considers these would be an unnecessary annoyance as traffic congestion and pedestrian safety is only an issue on Saturday mornings during sports events.
- 4.96 **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6 Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) requests the closure of Frimley Road outside the school and conversion of this space to pedestrian-only; create a drop-off zone and allow safe passage for students to schools and the park to use this as an outdoor learning environment; space could be used for a community garden to be maintained by schools and benefit families, whānau, friends and be kaitiaki of our environment by promoting no waste and also build whānaungatanga by being together in the whenua.

- 4.97 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) recommends the placement of mobility parking spaces in all carparks to be undertaken within the reserves; recommends accessible public transport options to access the park.

Analysis

Lyndhurst Road

- 4.98 The Draft Plan proposes additional parking capacity and traffic calming measures along the Lyndhurst Road frontage to address concerns raised during community engagement regarding safety issues during sports events. In addition, an extension to the existing shared path on Lyndhurst Road is proposed connecting across the park frontage. Mobility parking spaces currently on this frontage are proposed to be moved closer to the entrance when the parking improvements are undertaken.

- 4.99 The Issues and Opportunities section states:

"A shared path is also proposed within the Park across the Lyndhurst Road frontage, completing a walking and cycling connection to the sports fields.

...

On Lyndhurst Road it is proposed to add additional angle parks on the Park side and formed parallel parks on the northern side with associated traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures." (Page 21)

- 4.100 The relevant objectives and policies are as follows:

Objectives

- 2.10.1 *To maintain and enhance car parking provision along Frimley Road and Lyndhurst Roads for the benefit of Park users.*
- 2.10.2 *To provide additional car parking within the limitations set by the need to preserve the landscape qualities of the Park.*

Policies

- 2.10.5 Increase parking capacity along Lyndhurst Road with associated traffic calming measures.
- 2.12.4 Construct a shared path along the Lyndhurst Road frontage connecting Nottingham Road with Pakowhai Road.

- 4.101 Submission 10 was referred to the Transportation team for comment, who advised:

'This proposed traffic calming measure is a raised pedestrian crossing, and as such its location is determined by where pedestrians are most likely to cross. Recent studies by Waka Kotahi have found that a well-designed and constructed raised platform does not increase road noise, and when used in a traffic calming scheme (i.e. multiple platforms/speed bumps) the spikes in road noise is lower due to the lower speed and associated engine noise.'

- 4.102 Officers note that Council's Environmental Policy team are currently undertaking technical investigations to inform a potential Structure Plan for the Lyndhurst Extension, including the land opposite Frimley Park: 215 Lyndhurst Road and the land currently leased and used for sports fields by Lindisfarne College. This process may result in a change of land use, parking yield and potentially traffic calming measures on this stretch of road. A Plan Change will be required to incorporate any Structure Plan into the Hastings District Plan, and if the Structure Plan proceeds this may be completed within the first three years of the Draft Plan prior to this project being implemented.
- 4.103 Given the research showing that there is not an increase in road noise when speed humps are well constructed, and the potential Structure Plan possibly resulting in a change to traffic calming measures, Officers consider that the Concept Plan and policies included in the Draft Plan need not be altered.
- 4.104 The Transportation team advised the cost of undergrounding powerlines when works are undertaken would fall on Council, and would generally only be done in situations where it is deemed

unsafe to have power poles in the vicinity of the works. This area will be a lower speed zone therefore it is not considered necessary to underground powerlines.

Frimley Road

- 4.105 The Draft Plan proposes parking improvements along the Frimley Road frontage of the park, including marking parallel parking spaces for efficiency gains. Parking spaces are proposed in the discrete area at the entrance to the Aquatic Centre, to serve patrons of the Aquatic Centre as well as visitors to the park. These parking spaces are separated from the primary park area by the Aquatic Centre building.
- 4.106 The parking improvements along Frimley Road resulted from feedback gained during community engagement, which identified that parking around the park is under pressure during events. Angle parking is not provided for in the Draft Plan, given vehicles would reverse onto the on road cycle lane, however the Transportation team have advised that this may be reconsidered in future if demand warrants the shift. Consideration will be given at time of marking parking spaces to placement of mobility parking spaces with drop kerbs at key entrances to the park, including a 'drop-off zone' for vans, and Officers recommend a policy be included in the Draft Plan for this.
- 4.107 Other than the parking spaces provided for at the entrance to the Aquatic Centre, parking capacity improvements for the park are solely provided for within the road reserve to ensure there is minimal impact on the park's green space. The parking improvements along Frimley Road are proposed as a medium term action in the Plan, and the forming of the parking spaces at the Aquatic Centre are scheduled for after the completion of the Aquatic Strategy.
- 4.108 The submission requesting closure of the road outside Frimley Primary School was referred to the Transportation team, who advised they are investigating school safety treatments outside the school, as well as traffic calming measures in the wider school catchment which includes the park frontage and Frimley Road shops. The Transportation team advised:

'Frimley Road is classed as an Urban Collector Road, and a closure at the Pakowhai Road intersection may create more problems than it solves, such as rat running down residential streets, increased pressure on adjacent intersections and using the cul-de-sac as a drop off zone could cause a traffic bottleneck like can be seen on other schools that have a similar configuration e.g. Te Mata Primary and Havelock North Intermediate. We appreciate the need to improve safety outside of the school, and this will be addressed as part of Council's Safe Speeds around Schools, and Streets for People projects which are in their early planning phase. We will take this submission into account when putting together the plan for Frimley School.'

- 4.109 The Transportation team advised that, as well as being part of the school safety project, Frimley Road including the shops will be considered in the future Speed Management Plan.

Recommendations

- 4.110 That the submissions of **Monique Bradshaw** (Submission 3) and **Richard Bradshaw** (Submission 5) be allowed in part insofar as traffic safety improvements outside the shops will be considered as part of the wider catchment of the school safety project and Speed Management Plan and disallowed in that parking and amenity improvements at the shops is outside the scope of the Draft Plan.
- 4.111 That the submission of **David Renouf** (Submission 6) be allowed in part insofar as parking improvements are solely provided for within the road reserve around the main area of the park and disallowed in that a small parking area is provided for in the small discrete area at the Aquatic Centre entrance, separated from the balance of the park and not detracting from the park's landscape qualities.
- 4.112 That the submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) be allowed insofar as a crossing point will be considered with traffic calming measures, as part of the Frimley Primary School safety treatments project.
- 4.113 That the submission of **Mary Brooker** (Submission 10) be allowed in part insofar as footpaths will be provided on both sides of the road and disallowed in part insofar as speed humps will be located in

optimal locations for pedestrian crossing, do not result in an increase in road noise when well designed and located within a low speed environment, while noting that this may change if the Lyndhurst Extension structure plan is progressed; and powerlines will not be undergrounded as this is not considered necessary for safety reasons.

- 4.114 That the submission of **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) be allowed in part in that angle parking on Frimley Road will be considered in future if there is an identified need and the parking capacity on Lyndhurst Road will be increased; and disallowed in part in that speed humps have been identified as an appropriate traffic calming device on Lyndhurst Road, noting that this may change if the Lyndhurst Extension structure plan is progressed.
- 4.115 That the submission of **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6 Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) be disallowed in part insofar as closure of the road may create more problems than it is attempting to solve; and allowed in part insofar as road safety measures will be developed through upcoming Transportation safety projects.
- 4.116 That the submission of **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed insofar as when parking improvements are undertaken on both frontages mobility parking spaces and dropped kerbs will be placed at key entrances to the park, with consideration given for 'drop-off' zones for vans, and a new policy added being:

2.10.7 Provide mobility parking spaces on both frontages at key entrances, together with consideration of 'drop-off' zones for vans.

REMEDY 13: SECTION 2.11 (ACCESSIBILITY)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.117 **Fire and Emergency NZ** (Submission 17) requests access for emergency vehicles across the park and supports the new main entrance.
- 4.118 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) welcomes improvements to accessibility of the park; would like to see changes to park infrastructure to meet accessible design principles as making the park inclusive will mean more integrated spaces that anyone of any age can enjoy.

Analysis

Access

- 4.119 Vehicle access to the park is provided for at three points, connecting Frimley Road to Lyndhurst Road, for the purposes of maintenance of the sports fields, water infrastructure and wider park including mowing and tree works. Emergency services hold a master key to access these vehicle entrances. Officers recommend the Draft Plan be amended to ensure access continues for emergency services.

Mobility provisions

- 4.120 The Draft Plan provides for access for people of all ages and abilities to ensure they can reach key amenities and points of interest within the park, reflecting the popularity of the park's amenities, landscape character and path network. In particular the Draft Plan provides for extension of the path network to enable greater access around the rose garden and wider park, and the sensory garden to be designed to be accessible to all members of the community.

Recommendations

- 4.121 That the submission of **Fire and Emergency NZ** (Submission 17) be allowed and Section 2.11 be amended as follows:

Vehicle access is limited to service vehicles for the purpose of maintaining the Park and the water infrastructure facilities, **those permitted entry for approved events, as well as for emergency services vehicles.**

2.11.3 To restrict vehicle access in the Park to **authorised service** vehicles only.

2.11.6 Ensure that access for maintenance, event and emergency services vehicles to and throughout the Park is provided and maintained.

- 4.122 That the submission of **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed insofar as the Draft Plan facilitates increased access for users with disabilities across the spectrum of disabilities.

REMEDY 14: SECTION 2.12 (PATH NETWORKS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.123 **Karyl Bishop** (Submission 8) requests the provision of a pathway from the Rose Garden meandering through the trees on the west side of the sports fields, connecting to Lyndhurst Road.
- 4.124 **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9) supports the addition of a pergola and circular path extension around the Rose Garden, particularly to improve access for people with mobility restrictions.
- 4.125 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) welcomes pathway improvements for users with mobility restrictions; requests the provision of tactile indicators at strategic locations for blind and vision impaired users; requests safety barriers with appropriate safety signage on shared paths as people including disabled and older people may not be able to detect the approach of a cyclist in sufficient time.

Analysis

- 4.126 The extensive path network facilitates access to the park's facilities and features, as well as providing recreation opportunities across the park. The Draft Plan provides for the extension to the formal path network with a new path leading from Frimley Road to and through the proposed sensory garden and the sunken garden, connecting to a new outer perimeter path round the rose garden.
- 4.127 Users wishing to access the rose gardens from Lyndhurst Road either walk along the path network on the south-eastern and western side of the sports fields, or informally cross the sports fields or area adjacent to residential properties on the north-western side of the sports fields.
- 4.128 A path along this residential frontage has previously been discussed with the owners of these properties and did not receive support due to the proximity of the path to their properties and the surface material proposed at the time (limestone). New paths also need to be balanced with the cost of installation and maintenance, frequency of use and ability to service the park, for example mowing access.
- 4.129 A new path would enable visitors to access the rose garden more directly from Lyndhurst Road, as well as enabling users to complete a walking circuit of the park, utilising the new shared path along the Lyndhurst Road frontage.
- 4.130 Officers consider this would be an appropriate location for a new path, provide a useful second walking connection from Lyndhurst Road and extension of the park's overall path network including enabling a walking loop around the sports fields. However, there has been not been opportunity to undertake further engagement with the community on a potential path in this location.
- 4.131 The shared path is included as a short-term action, with the path extensions discussed above as a long-term action in the Plan. Officers consider this path should be considered as part of the extension of the path network in the Plan, with community engagement to be undertaken at that time to determine whether or not the path is constructed.
- 4.132 Design measures to assist blind and vision impaired users will be considered when undertaking the path network improvements.

Recommendations

- 4.133 That the submission of **Karyl Bishop** (Submission 8) be allowed in that Section 2.12 Path Networks is amended as follows:

A new path is proposed connecting Frimley Road to the sunken gardens, as shown in the Concept Plan (Appendix 4). It is also proposed to extend this path through the Sunken Garden and also extend the path around the outer perimeter of the rose gardens. **At this time, construction of a new path connecting the Lyndhurst Road frontage to the Rose Garden across the north-western side of the sports fields will be considered, in consultation with the adjacent landowners.**

2.12.7 Consider construction of a new path connecting the Lyndhurst Road frontage to the Rose Garden across the north-western side of the sports fields, if supported by adjacent landowners.

- 4.134 In addition, include a new long term action in the Action List and Timeframes is also proposed:

12 Consider a new path linking the Lyndhurst Road frontage to the rose garden, across the north-western side of the sports fields in the future if supported by adjacent landowners.

- 4.135 The submissions of **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9) and **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) are allowed insofar as the path network extensions will improve the network for users with mobility restrictions and design measures to assist blind and vision impaired users will be considered when undertaking the path improvements.

REMEDY 15: SECTION 3.1 (TREES AND GARDENS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.136 **George Lomas** (Submission 1) supports removal of the Necklace Poplar tree for safety and appearance reasons; also the nearby pine; and requests when the tree is removed that pieces are available to the Hawke's Bay Woodturners Guild.
- 4.137 **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) supports removal of the Poplar as considers it would be a misuse of funds to continue to care for it; applauds growth of seedlings from the Poplar to enable replacement; questions whether the trunk could be left and used as a climbing frame for children; and suggests local groups could be approached to make something significant of the tree. He also requests the inclusion of name plates to park trees, in addition to the significant trees; requests natives trees and flowering trees and shrubs for birds, with the focus on plants which reflect the history of the park. He is also pleased with the focus on the park's European heritage and history – the grove of heritage fruit trees is a good example of this.
- 4.138 **Tim White, Principal Frimley Primary School** (Submission 7) supports the sensory garden; requests medicinal plants with explanations, types of plants that would have been in this area, pre- farming/ drainage.
- 4.139 **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9) supports the sensory garden concept.
- 4.140 **Ken Haines, Rotary Club Stortford Lodge** (Submission 15) supports the Draft Plan, particularly the establishment of the sensory garden as a meaningful addition to the park, enhancing park values and the visitor experience; provides opportunities for users with disabilities that are limited in typical park settings; considering mechanisms to assist HDC with delivering the garden; requests to be kept informed of progress once the Draft Plan is adopted.
- 4.141 **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) supports development of a sensory garden as a huge benefit to everyone including disabled people across the impairment spectrum for whom accessing the natural environment can be difficult.
- 4.142 **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) requests the provision of a section of the park to represent indigenous plants, to enable children to learn about native plants in their local area and supports removal of the Necklace Poplar as it is unattractive, infested with rabbits and uses a large space;

requests replacement with a tōtara or kauri tree. In addition, supports a sensory garden and requests signs for plants and trees in Latin, English and Māori.

- 4.143 **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6, Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) supports inclusion of native trees in the canopy succession planning to attract more wildlife; and would like to participate in tree planting; and provision of bird feeders provided by local schools in the park.
- 4.144 **Lou Corkery** (Submission 12) requests consideration be given to removing (a) gum trees on the Frimley Road side of the park as the material shed from the trees makes the ground difficult to walk on; and (b) the conifer tree near the Frimley Aquatic Centre as it sheds needles, appears to be lifting and cracking the footpath; rubbish is also dumped behind this tree.

Analysis

- 4.145 The Draft Plan proposes a sensory garden area in the area where the maintenance sheds were located. The sensory garden includes plants which activate the different senses, as well as an area of indigenous planting and a grove of heritage fruit trees, reflecting James Williams' involvement in the pioneering canning and orcharding industry. Officers would typically engage with key stakeholders including adjacent schools and mana whenua in the detail design of the garden, which would enable discussion as to choice of species which are both useful for the stakeholders, as well as appropriate for the site and aim of the garden. Officers also note the offer by the **Rotary Club Stortford Lodge** (Submission 15) to assist Council with delivery of the garden.
- 4.146 The Draft Plan provides for removal of the Necklace Poplar (T51), due to the level of ongoing management required for retention of the tree, including health and safety of park users. The Draft Plan provides for the tree to be completely removed. Officers will liaise with local woodturning clubs to provide parts of the tree, if this can be managed safely.
- 4.147 Part of the trunk could be retained as a play piece. This would require design to ensure the stump is a meaningful play piece, together with compliance with NZS 5828:2015 Playground Equipment and Surfacing. Appropriate safety surfacing would be required, together with ongoing maintenance to manage sucker growth and rot, which is already present in the lower trunk. Given the size and investment of the existing playground, existence of rot in the trunk, ongoing costs for maintenance of the trunk and progeny of the Necklace Poplar situated nearby, officers consider it appropriate to remove the tree in its entirety rather than retaining a portion for use as a play piece.
- 4.148 While there are some indigenous trees within the park, the Draft Plan provides for indigenous species as part of canopy succession planning across the park and policy 3.1.8 provides for labels to identify significant and outstanding trees within the park for education and information purposes. Bird feeders are not considered appropriate in the park due to the cost of servicing them, however plant choices can be made to ensure the park sustains native fauna.
- 4.149 With regard to other tree removals, this must be consistent with the Tree Removal Policy and currently there are no grounds to recommend removal of these trees. The trees will continue to be monitored every three years, and management recommendations updated as required.
- 4.150 The issue with dumped rubbish identified by Submission 10 can be managed by the public contacting Council and requesting the rubbish be removed.

Recommendations

- 4.151 That the submission of **Tim White, Principal Frimley Primary School** (Submission 7), **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9), **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13), **Ken Haines, Rotary Club Stortford Lodge** (Submission 15) and **Chris Ford, Disabled Persons Assembly** (Submission 19) be allowed insofar as Council will work with key stakeholders in the design of the sensory garden, the garden will include an indigenous species area and species with heritage value with associated signage, and provision will be made for disabled people across the impairment spectrum.
- 4.152 That the submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) be allowed and **George Lomas** (Submission 1) and **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) be allowed in part insofar as Council will apply for a resource

consent to remove the Necklace Poplar (T51) and, if it can be managed safely, wood made available use wood turning, and submission of **Michael Smiley** disallowed in part insofar as the tree will be removed entirely as the cost of retaining the stump as play piece is not considered appropriate given the investment in the playground.

- 4.153 That the submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13), **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) and **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6 Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) be allowed insofar as indigenous trees form part of succession planning across the park, balanced with retention of the exotic parkland character, and labels will be provided in the park for significant and outstanding trees. That the submission of **Ben Talbot, on behalf of Years 5 & 6 Frimley Primary School** (Submission 16) be disallowed insofar as bird feeders are not considered appropriate due to ongoing service costs.
- 4.154 That the submission of **George Lomas** (Submission 1) and **Lou Corkery** (Submission 12) be disallowed in part insofar as the pine, gum and conifer trees do not meet the criteria of the Tree Removal Policy for removal and allowed in part insofar as they will continue to be monitored and, if circumstances change, removed if they meet the criteria.

REMEDY 16: SECTION 3.3 (WATER)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.155 **David Renouf** (Submission 6) notes there are freshwater springs within the park, and would like to see information about water treatment, wells and storage on park land.

Analysis

- 4.156 Section 3.3 Water notes that there will be information signage associated with the water infrastructure, aligned with the Waiaroha site in central Hastings.

Recommendation

- 4.157 That the submission of **David Renouf** (Submission 6) be allowed insofar as signage will be placed in Frimley Park providing information about the water infrastructure.

REMEDY 17: SECTION 3.5 (PLANT AND ANIMAL PESTS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.158 **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) requests if rabbits can be controlled to allow some to remain for enjoyment of park users.

Analysis

- 4.159 Pest control in the park is carried out in line with Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Pest Management Strategy. The strategy provides for pests to be managed when they exceed a certain population level.
- 4.160 Rabbits can damage soil and vegetation including trees, and undermine buildings within parks and reserves. While this is an undesirable outcome, complete eradication has typically been difficult, impractical and costly.

Recommendation

- 4.161 That the submission of **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) be allowed insofar as the Pest Management Strategy does not require complete eradication of rabbits, and pest control is carried out when necessary.

REMEDY 18: SECTION 4.4 (COMMEMORATIVE FEATURES)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.162 **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9) would like Council to consult with the Rose Society when requests for memorials within the rose gardens are received, given the popularity of requests and service provided by the Society's members over time. **Hastings District Council** (Submission 20) proposes the inclusion of an additional policy within the Draft Plan to require consultation with the Hastings Rose Society prior to installation of memorial features within the rose gardens.
- 4.163 **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) requests repair of the sundial in the sunken garden which was vandalised a long time ago, and requests the installation of a security camera to ensure it is not vandalised again.

Analysis

- 4.164 Commemorative features in Council parks and reserves are supported when they can be provided in a sustainable manner and when there is adequate space. Benefactors often have a preference for a park or location within a park which is of special significance to them and their loved one.
- 4.165 From time to time the Parks team receive requests for memorial seats within the rose gardens, with two requests having been received in 2022. There are a number of seats containing plaques of various styles within and immediately adjacent to the rose gardens, with limited capacity for additional seats. Including a policy in the Draft Plan will allow for dialogue between Council and the Rose Society as to the number and location of seats, as well as managing requests for seats from people who have had involvement in caring for this special part of Hastings District.
- 4.166 The condition of the sundial has been assessed and it is likely the damage is due to concrete breaking down over time, rather than vandalism, and will be repaired. There is the occasional occurrence of graffiti and vandalism within Frimley Park, including graffiti on the sundial, however overall the number of incidences is low. When comparing graffiti across the District, Frimley Park registers as insignificant. Officers therefore consider that installation of security cameras at this stage is not warranted.

Recommendations

- 4.167 That the submissions of **Cheryl Lattey, Hastings Rose Society** (Submission 9) and **Hastings District Council** (Submission 20) be allowed and that a policy be added to Section 4.4 Commemorative Features as follows:
- 4.4.5 Require requests for installation of a commemorative feature within the rose gardens to be considered in consultation with the Rose Society.**
- 4.168 That the submission of **Reiny Scheper** (Submission 13) be allowed in part insofar as the damage to the sundial will be repaired and disallowed in part insofar as installation of security cameras at this stage is unjustified.

REMEDY 19: SECTION 5.3 (CONCESSIONS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.169 **Fire and Emergency NZ** (Submission 17) requests the inclusion of an objective and policy requiring event organisers to consult with Fire and Emergency during planning for an event, to ensure the risks associated with fire are sufficiently considered when planning and holding events on reserves, particularly during fire season.

Analysis

- 4.170 Event organisers are required to apply to Council for a concession prior to holding an event on a park or reserve. The application form requires information regarding the event, including an

Event Operations Plan (health and safety). Officers consider inclusion of a policy to discuss the event with Fire and Emergency is unnecessary given information required during the application process which provides the opportunity for Council to advise applicants to seek permission from Fire and Emergency, and specific identification of fire as a restricted activity in Section 1.7 Restricted Activities.

Recommendation

- 4.171 That the submission of **Fire and Emergency NZ** (Submission 17) is disallowed in that a specific objective and policy requiring Fire and Emergency consultation is unnecessary as this is already provided for in the Plan, District Wide Reserve Management Plan and Bylaws and the application process also provides the opportunity to provide this advice to concession applicants.

REMEDY 20: SECTION 5.11 (SAFETY AND VANDALISM)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.172 **Cancer Society Hawke's Bay** (Submission 18) requests the provision of shade protection over park benches and Aquatic Centre pool; seeks sun protection policy as a key principle in Draft Plan with equity lens over evaluation and prioritisation of shade to reduce risk of skin cancer; requests provision of Smokefree and Vapefree signage; notes sun protection is an important workplace health and safety issue for Council workers, and recommends a shade audit as part of planning for outdoor locations primarily for children.

Analysis

- 4.173 Section 2.5 Playgrounds and Section 2.9 Park Furniture requires consideration of protection from sun in playgrounds and when siting furniture. Extensive natural shade is provided for across the park by the large number of mature trees and shade sails were installed over the playground in 2021 as a result of a shade audit undertaken in 2018. Shade within the Frimley Aquatic Centre is provided by a number of shade sails and trees. There are a number of signs across the park noting the park is smoke free.
- 4.174 As Sections 2.5 and 2.9 of the Draft Plan require consideration of protection from sun for playgrounds and furniture, and smoke free signage is in the park, therefore officers do not consider an additional policy is necessary to address these issues when developing facilities within the park.

Recommendation

- 4.175 That the submission of **Cancer Society Hawke's Bay** (Submission 18) be allowed in part insofar as the Draft Plan provides for consideration of shelter from sun in playgrounds and when locating park furniture, and Smoke Free signage is located within the park and disallowed in part insofar as additional policies within the Plan are considered unnecessary.

REMEDY 21: SECTION 5.12 (COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS)

Submissions and Reasons

- 4.176 **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) suggests a 'Friends of Frimley Park' group be formed, potentially joining the Rose Society to support park activities.

Analysis

- 4.177 Volunteers work in parks and reserves across the District, as individuals or in groups. Their time and effort can greatly enhance their chosen park or reserve, and is supported by Council with resources and guidance.

- 4.178 Officers support the suggestion of a volunteer group working within the park. The focus of the group would largely depend on the particular interest of the group or individuals, and can be facilitated through contact with the Parks team.

Recommendation

- 4.179 That the submission of **Michael Smiley** (Submission 14) be allowed and a volunteer group be supported if there is adequate public interest expressed to the Parks team.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.180 The tables in **Attachment 4** identify the financial implications to be considered as part of the adoption of submissions made to the Draft Plan. In summary, the proposed capital works programme and Action Plan adopted by Council on 23 June 2022 for consultation purposes totalled **\$1,950,000**.
- 4.181 Officers recommend the proposed capital works programme and Action Plan be amended as a result of the submissions by the addition of **\$20,000** to provide shade sails over the new playground seating area (Remedy 7, Section 2.5 Playgrounds, above), with a revised total budget of **\$1,970,000** as shown in **Attachment 4**.
- 4.182 It is also noted that all proposed capital and operations budget requirements are considered by Council as part of the Annual and Long Term planning process alongside all Council's competing priorities.

5.0 Options – Ngā Kōwhiringa

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

- 5.1 Option One is that Council adopts the recommendations on submissions and adopts the Draft Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan, as amended by submissions.
- 5.2 Reserve Management Plans contain policies which regulate how a reserve is managed and identify key actions required in the future development of them. As such, they are fundamental planning tools to ensure that reserves are developed in a planned and coordinated manner to achieve the best environmental and economic outcome. Without Reserve management Plans, work undertaken can be in an ad hoc manner, without taking into account the key objectives of the public or budget and environmental considerations.

Advantages

- The process as prescribed by the Reserves Act will be complete.
- The delivery of capital projects to enhance within the park will commence, with the result of enhancing the recreational and landscape value of this premier park which attracts visitors from across the District.
- Community expectations identified during this process will be met.

Disadvantages

- Council will need to consider the impacts of additional capital expenditure in successive Long Term Plans.

Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuatanga o nāiane

- 5.3 Option Two is that the recommendations on submissions are not adopted, and the Draft Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan also not be adopted. This would mean that Frimley Park would continue to be managed under the District Wide Reserve Management Plan and developed in an ad hoc manner.

Advantages

- Proposed capital expenditure would be reduced.

Disadvantages

- This step would result in failure to meet expectations set with the community through the process of preparation of the Plan.

6.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

- 6.1 Following the hearing, the Plan will be amended as per the decisions of Council and presented to the Council meeting on 15 December for ratification. Projects programmed and adopted in the Action List will then be included for consideration in successive Long Term Plans.

Attachments:

1⇒	Submission #1 George Lomas	PRJ20-89-0065	Under Separate Cover
2⇒	Submission #2 K Lewis	PRJ20-89-0066	Under Separate Cover
3⇒	Submission #3 Monique Bradshaw	PRJ20-89-0067	Under Separate Cover
4⇒	Submission #4 Susan Tidswell	PRJ20-89-0068	Under Separate Cover
5⇒	Submission #5 Richard Bradshaw Frimley Shops Building	PRJ20-89-0069	Under Separate Cover
6⇒	Submission #6 David W Renouf	PRJ20-89-0070	Under Separate Cover
7⇒	Submission #7 Tim White Frimley Primary School	PRJ20-89-0071	Under Separate Cover
8⇒	Submission #8 Karyl Bishop	PRJ20-89-0072	Under Separate Cover
9⇒	Submission #9 Cheryl Lattey	PRJ20-89-0073	Under Separate Cover
10⇒	Submission #10 Mary Brooker	PRJ20-89-0074	Under Separate Cover
11⇒	Submission #11 Regan Wallis	PRJ20-89-0075	Under Separate Cover

12⇒	Submission #12 Lou Corkery	PRJ20-89-0076	Under Separate Cover
13⇒	Submission #13 Reiny Scheper	PRJ20-89-0077	Under Separate Cover
14⇒	Submission #14 Michael Smiley	PRJ20-89-0078	Under Separate Cover
15⇒	Submission #15 Ken Haines	PRJ20-89-0079	Under Separate Cover
16⇒	Submission #16 Ben Talbot Frimley School	PRJ20-89-0080	Under Separate Cover
17⇒	Submission #17 Fleur Rohleder Fire & Emergency NZ	PRJ20-89-0081	Under Separate Cover
18⇒	Submission #18 Crystal Lau Cancer Society HB	PRJ20-89-0082	Under Separate Cover
19⇒	Submission #19 Chris Ford Disabled Persons Assembly	PRJ20-89-0083	Under Separate Cover
20⇒	Submission #20 Hastings District Council	PRJ20-89-0085	Under Separate Cover
21⇒	Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan Hearing - ATTACHMENT 2 REMEDY LIST	PRJ20-89-0090	Under Separate Cover
22⇒	Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan Hearing - ATTACHMENT 3 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS	PRJ20-89-0089	Under Separate Cover
23⇒	Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan - Hearing ATTACHMENT 4 PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND ACTION PLAN	PRJ20-89-0088	Under Separate Cover

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This proposal promotes the wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future by providing good quality recreational and community facilities.

Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

The policies requiring reference to the Te Aranga Design Principles and Toi-tū Hawke's Bay Arts and Culture Framework which will require involvement of mana whenua in projects within the park, will strengthen the cultural narrative across the park, including for use as an outdoor classroom by surrounding schools.

Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

The Plan promotes sustainability by retention and improved management of the existing tree assets; providing facilities to encourage active transport to the park with improved pedestrian linkages into and through the park, as well as bicycle parking facilities.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

The Plan requires **\$1,970,000** of funding to be set aside in the Draft Long Term Plan, as set out in **Attachment 4**. This will be considered by Council alongside other competing priorities.

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of moderate significance given the level of expenditure, 10 year timeframe for implementation of capital expenditure projects, and use of the park by people from across the District.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

Consultation was undertaken in line with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977. Extensive consultation was undertaken with stakeholders and user groups, as outlined in Section 3 above.

Risks

REWARD – <i>Te Utu</i>	RISK – <i>Te Tūraru</i>
Development of a sensory garden space for use by all members of the community. Expanded playground catering to a greater age range of children. Increased parking supply and traffic safety measures. Increased access into and through the park. Retention of existing tree assets. Park used as an 'outdoor classroom'	If inadequate funds are made available over the 10 year timeframe of the Plan, there is potential risk to Council's reputation in not delivering projects.

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

As Frimley Park is located within an urban area, the Rural Community Board has not been consulted.

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

Item 9

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga
Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take: Proposed Amendment to Council Meeting Schedule for December
Subject: 2022

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider some amendments to the Schedule of Council meetings for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year. It is proposed that the 8 December 2022 Council meeting start at the earlier time of 10.00am (previously 1.00pm) and that an additional Council meeting be held on Thursday 15th of December 2022.

1.2 The Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 19 states:

“A local authority must hold meetings at the times and places that it appoints”.

If a local authority adopts a schedule of meetings-

a) *The schedule-*

i) *may cover any future period that the local authority considers appropriate, and*

ii) *may be amended.*

Although a local authority must hold the ordinary meetings appointed, it is competent for the authority at a meeting to amend the schedule of dates, times and number of meetings to enable the business of the Council to be managed in an effective way.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That receive the report titled Proposed Amendment to Council Meeting Schedule for December 2022 dated 29 November 2022
- B) That Council approve the following amendments to the meeting schedule for December 2022:

Council Meeting	8 December 2022	10.00am – earlier start time	Council Chamber
Council Meeting – New meeting	15 December 2022	1.00pm	Council Chamber

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.