



Community and Strategy Reports


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CM03.11	Policy Review
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Committee	14 June 2011
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Disclosure of Interest	No officer involved in the preparation of this report had any interest which required it to be declared in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act (1995)</i> .

Purpose

All Council policies are required to be reviewed and approved by Council.

Recommendation to Committee

Council:

1. approves the following policies:
 - a) Neighbour Consultation – Development Applications, replacing policy 6.4;
 - b) Memorial Park Furniture, replacing policy 5.4;
 - c) Recreation and Sport, replacing policy 10.3;
 - d) Prohibition of Circuses with Exotic or Caged Animals, replacing policy 10.19;
 - e) Road Rehabilitation and Road Resurfacing, replacing policy 4.12;
 - f) Tennis Court Fencing & Lighting, replacing policy 6.7; and
 - g) Roof Signs, replacing 7.6;

2. **Revokes the following policies recognising these are operational or covered under legislation and/or the responsibility under the *Local Government Act 1995* of the CEO:**
- a) **4.1 Credit Reference of Contractors;**
 - b) **4.2 Drainage of Private Properties;**
 - c) **4.3 Notification of Works;**
 - d) **4.5 Brick Paving – Stirling Highway, Hampden Road, Broadway and Carrington Street;**
 - e) **5.1 Lighting of Playing Surfaces;**
 - f) **7.2 Omission of Gutters and Downpipes to a Building;**
 - g) **7.3 Refund of Building License Fees;**
 - h) **7.4 Council Buildings – Construction, Major Alterations and Additions; and**
 - i) **7.7 Certificate of Acknowledgement of Existing Structures.**

Strategic Plan

KFA 5: Governance

To ensure that the processes of Local Government are delivered responsibly and in a transparent, consistent and accountable manner.

- 5.1 Manage the City's resources in a sustainable and responsible manner.
- 5.4 Monitor and review business processes, systems, structure and policies to ensure effective service delivery and organisational performance.

Background

Under the *Local Government Act 1995* 2.7 one of the roles of Council is to:

(2b) Determine the local government's policies.

Administration commenced the review in December 2009. Key policies will continue to be discussed with Elected Members at workshops and in committee meetings throughout the course of the year.

Proposal Detail

The policies for approval include replacement with an up to date Council policy or revocation of policies which are covered by various legislation and/or CEO delegations under the *Local Government Act 1995*. The proposed amendments ensure policies are current.

The Neighbour Consultation – Development Applications policy; Memorial Park Furniture policy; Recreation and Sport policy; and Prohibition of Circuses with Exotic or Caged Animals policy have been through workshops with elected members.

Policies 4.12, Road Rehabilitation and Road Resurfacing Policy; 6.7 Tennis Court Fencing & Lighting have been reviewed and no changes are suggested. The Roof Signs policy 7.6 has only minor amendments.

The other policies require revocation as they are either operational or covered under legislation and/or the responsibility under the *Local Government Act 1995* of the CEO.

Consultation

Required by legislation: Yes No

Required by City of Nedlands policy: Yes No

Legislation

- Planning & Development Act 2005
- City of Nedlands Town Planning Scheme No. 2
- Residential Design Codes
- Local Government Act 1995
- Thoroughfares Local Law
- Local Law relating to Reserves, Foreshores and Beaches

Budget/financial implications

Budget:

Within current approved budget: Yes No

Requires further budget consideration: Yes No

Risk Management

Risk Management processes are built into operational guidelines where appropriate.

Discussion

Policy statements should provide guidance for decision making by Council and to demonstrate the transparency of the decision making process.

Council policies are undergoing a major review to ensure that the policies reflect the strategic nature and responsibilities of Council.

In 2010, Council discussed Policy 6.4 Neighbour Consultation – Development Applications at a Council Policy Workshop. No major changes were suggested however, Administration recommended minor changes to provide clarification on circumstances where consultation is undertaken to align with the Town Planning Scheme and R-Codes, and correct a few minor errors. Council is being asked to approve the amended policy, for inclusion in the updated Council Policy Manual.

At a Policy Workshop held on 3 May 2011 Council discussed and made amendments to the three policies, below. Council is being asked to approve the amended policies, for inclusion in the updated Council Policy Manual:

- Memorial Park Furniture, replacing policy 5.4
- Recreation and Sport, replacing policy 10.3, and
- Prohibition of Circuses with Exotic or Caged Animals, replacing policy 10.19

Policies 4.12, Road Rehabilitation and Road Resurfacing and; 6.7 Tennis Court Fencing & Lighting have been reviewed and no changes are suggested other than incorporating into the new policy format.

Council is being asked to approve the amended policies for Roof Signs, replacing policy 7.6 Roof Signs – Stirling Highway. This policy has not been discussed at a Councillor workshop as the changes are considered minor in nature. The revised policy now includes the entire City, not just roof signs on Stirling Highway.

A review of the Council Policy Manual has identified the following policies which are operational or covered under legislation and/or the responsibility under the Local Government Act of the CEO. As such, they do not require a Council Policy. Council is about to revoke:

- 7.2 Omission of Gutters and Downpipes to a Building - this issue is controlled within the Building Control Authority in legislation.
- 7.3 Refund of Building License Fees, is revoked and replaced with a new Administrative Policy.
- 7.4 Council Buildings – Construction, Major Alterations and Additions such projects are assessed on their own merits. Minor projects can be completed by Draftsmen and major projects can

be completed by Architects and Council has adopted a comprehensive Asset Management Policy and Strategy for Built Assets.

- 7.7 Certificate of Acknowledgement of Existing Structures are covered by the Local Government Act 1995, regulating the retrospective approvals process.

Conclusion

The policies for approval are straight forward and replace or revoke existing Council policies.

Approval is recommended.

Attachments

1. Draft Neighbour Consultation
2. Draft Memorial Park Furniture
3. Draft Recreation and Sport
4. Draft Prohibition of Circuses with Exotic or Caged Animals
5. Draft Road Rehabilitation and Road Resurfacing
6. Draft Tennis Court Fencing & Lighting
7. Draft Roof Signs

Neighbour Consultation – Development Applications

KFA	KFA 5 Governance
Status	Council
Responsible division	Development Services
Objective	To clarify consultation and notification for development applications

Context

Clause 6.3 of Town Planning Scheme No.2 and Clause 4 of the Residential Design Codes 2010 require consultation with affected parties where Council is required to exercise discretion and/or where an application may adversely affect the amenity of an adjoining property.

In addition to the consultation required under the Town Planning Scheme and Residential Design Codes, the Council considers that where there is an application for a two-storey dwelling (including alterations or additions), it is appropriate to notify surrounding residents of the proposal to provide owners and occupiers in the vicinity the opportunity to view the plans and be informed of the development proposed.

Definitions

Affected parties

Affected parties means owners and occupiers of those properties that in the opinion of the City are likely to be affected by the proposal.

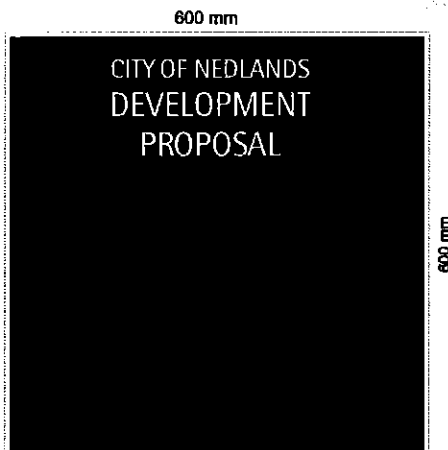
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Consultation

1. Affected parties shall be consulted in the case of a proposed development that:
 - (a) Requires the exercise of discretion by the council under the Residential Design Codes;
 - (b) Requires the exercise of discretion by the council under a Council policy;
 - (c) Requires the exercise of discretion by the council under the Town Planning Scheme;
 - (d) May, in the opinion of the council, adversely affect the amenity of an adjoining property.

Notification

1. A sign shall be erected by the City in the case of a proposed development for:
 - (a) a new two-storey dwelling;
 - (b) a second-storey addition or amendment/alterations.
2. The sign shall:
 - (a) be erected in front of the site for a period no less than 14 days so as to ensure visibility by all passing residents.
 - (b) comply with the dimensions below:



- (c) During the notification period all development plans associated with the proposal will be available at Council Offices for viewing by the general public. If any submission is made during the notification period, then it shall be assessed in accordance with the City of Nedlands Town Planning Scheme No. 2, Residential Design Codes and/or Council Policy.
 - (d) During the notification period, no approval may be granted regardless of an application's compliance with relevant provisions.
 - (e) Notwithstanding this, there is no responsibility of the City for the maintenance of a Development Proposal sign during the notification period once the sign is erected.

Submitters details as Public Information

- (a) Submitter's comments will to be made available to the applicant and the owner of a development application.
- (b) Submitter's details will not to be made available to the applicant or the owner of the development application.
- (c) Submitter's details will not made public for any reason.
- (d) Submitter's details will be included in Councillors' copies of the agenda on a confidential basis and in digital format if available.

Related documentation

Nil

Related Local Law/legislation

- Planning & Development Act 2005
- City of Nedlands Town Planning Scheme No.2
- Residential Design Codes

Related delegation

Nil

Issued

Date approved by council

Amendments

Nil

Memorial Park Furniture

KFA KFA 3 Built Environment

Status Council

Responsible Division Technical Services

Objective The policy seeks to permit members of the community to commemorate family, friends, or other members of the City of Nedlands community by bequeathing and dedicating items such as amenity furniture as memorials.

Context

Council will consider applications to bequeath and dedicate items of amenity furniture that commemorate members or former members of the City of Nedlands community or persons who have a relevant connection to it.

Statement

All applications to install memorial park furniture must conform to the following conditions and shall be submitted in writing for the approval of the Director of Technical Services.

1. The amenity furniture proposed may include (but is not limited to) seats, benches picnic tables, gazebos, shade shelters, drinking fountains and decorative light poles.
2. The supply, construction and installation shall be fully funded by the donor.
3. On installation, the amenity furniture shall become the property of the City of Nedlands.
4. The amenity furniture shall not require a high level of maintenance.
5. The design and materials of the amenity furniture shall be approved by the City.
6. The design of the amenity furniture should be sympathetic to the design and aesthetics of the park in which it is proposed to be installed.

7. The wording of any plaques must be approved by the City of Nedlands.
 8. It should be recognised that if it is necessary for the City of Nedlands to remove the amenity furniture because of vandalism, deterioration or operational reasons then the City of Nedlands gives no undertaking that it will be replaced.
 9. Only one memorial per deceased person may be applied for.
 10. Memorials may only be installed in Crown Land that is vested in the management of the City and is reserved for the purposes of recreation, public open space or road reserves.
 11. Memorials can only be installed where there is minimal impact on the local amenity and surrounding residents, with no environmental impact.
 12. Council does not consider / accept statues or art work as amenity and/or memorial furniture.
 13. Should the ongoing maintenance of an installed memorial become neglected, the City reserves the right to remove the memorial and return it to the family of the deceased. Reinstalling the memorial will require a recommencement of the application process.
 14. Should for any reason, the family of the deceased seek the removal of an installed memorial, an application from the family must be submitted to the City for officers to remove the memorial and return it to the family.
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Related documentation

- Art in Public Space Policy (Proposed)
- Naming of Parks, Streets, Public Facilities, Buildings and Signs on Reserves

Related Local Law / Legislation

- Local Government Act 1995
- Local Law relating to Thoroughfares.

Related delegation

Nil

Issued

Date approved by Council

Amendments

Nil



Recreation and Sport

KFA:	KFA 4 Community Wellbeing
Status	Council
Responsible division	Community and Strategy
Objective	This policy outlines Council broad approach to supporting recreation at a community level and its rationale.

Context

Council acknowledges the key role that recreation and sport plays in contributing to community wellbeing. Therefore Council will ensure that a wide range of recreational and sporting opportunities are available to all age groups across the local community.

Council's role in regard to recreation may include:

- Direct service delivery and / or
- Facilitating community access to recreation and sporting opportunities across all age groups and genders.

Statement

Recreational opportunities supported by Council will include a mix of:

- Physical recreation – e.g. sport and unstructured physical recreation such as walking and cycling;
- Non-physical recreation – e.g. courses, arts activities and events.
- Advocate, facilitate and/or provide facilities for recreation and sport

Council will prioritise support for recreation and sport activities that:

- Strengthen local relationships
 - Help build a sense of local community
 - Contribute to community spirit
 - Contribute to community health and/or wellbeing across all age groups and genders.
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Related documentation

- Strategic Recreation Plan
- Bike Way Plan
- Hierarchy of Parks
- Tresillian Business Plan

Related Local Law/legislation

Nil

Related delegation

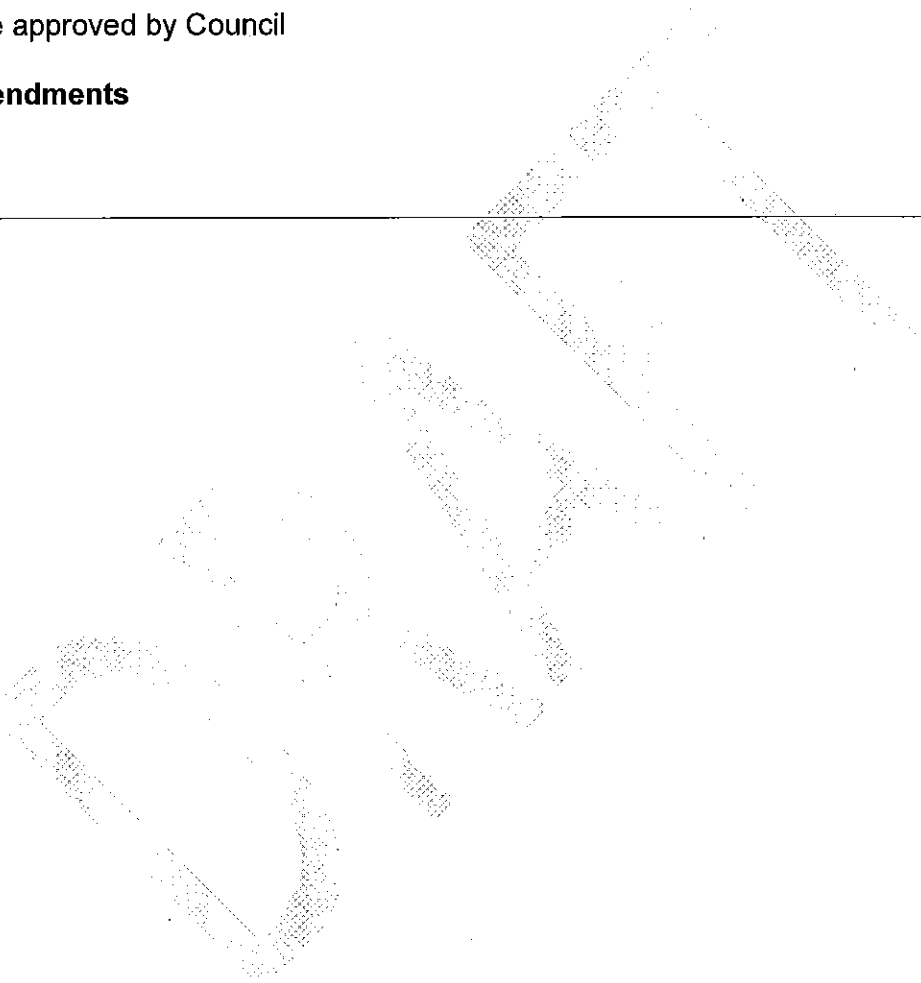
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Date approved by Council

Amendments

Nil



Prohibition of Circuses with Exotic or Caged Animals

KFA KFA 4 Community Wellbeing

Status Council

Responsible Division Community and Strategy

Objective To prohibit circuses that use exotic or caged animals from performing on any reserve within the City of Nedlands.

Context

Council has guidelines for circus events on any land under Council control.

Statement

In accordance with s3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 and more specifically to the Local Law relating to Reserves, Foreshores and Beaches, the use of any land owned by, or reserve vested in, the City of Nedlands prohibits any circus that uses caged or exotic animals.

Related documentation

Nil

Related Local Law/legislation

- Section 3.1 Local Government Act (1995)
- Local Law relating to Reserves, Foreshores and Beaches

Related delegation

Nil

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Date approved by Council

Amendments

Nil

Road Rehabilitation and Road Resurfacing

KFA	KFA 1 Infrastructure
Status	Council
Responsible division	Technical Services
Objective	The policy seeks to guide the minimisation of costs relating to rehabilitating, resurfacing and maintaining of all roads in the City.

Context

To minimise the cost to the City of rehabilitating, resurfacing and maintaining all roads in the City to an acceptable standard in accordance with Australian Standards.

Statement

Council will use the information provided by a rolling Five Year Forward Works Programme when it decides the level of funding to be included in the Annual Budget for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of roads.

Priorities within the Five Year Forward Works Programme will be established using the principles outlined in the procedure associated with this policy.

Related documentation

- Five Year Forward Works Programme
- Annual Budget

Related Local Law/legislation

Nil

Related delegation

Nil

Issued

Date approved by Council

Amendments

Nil

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Tennis Court Fencing & Lighting

KFA	KFA 3 Built Environment
Status	Council
Responsible division	Development Services
Objective	To guide the way in which Council will use its discretion when approving Tennis Court Fencing and Lighting.

Context

Tennis court lighting and fencing is not specifically addressed under Town Planning Scheme No. 2 or the Residential Design Codes. In order to ensure that tennis court fencing and lighting does not adversely affect the amenity of neighbouring properties, guidelines are provided to assess these developments.

Statement

1. A development application for planning approval shall be required by Council for the construction of a tennis court and associated fencing and/or lighting.
2. Before determining any application for tennis court fencing and/or lighting Council shall advise affected owners in writing of any tennis court proposal. Comments by affected property owners will be considered by Council, however, it should be noted that Council is not compelled to act upon such comments.
3. Tennis Court Fencing and Lighting shall be as follows:
 1. Fencing
 - a. The fence shall not exceed 3.6 m in height.
 - b. The colour and style of the fence to be discussed with the owner before determination.
 2. Lighting
 - a. A maximum of four luminaire poles shall be permitted to illuminate a tennis court, the poles shall have a maximum height of 6.7 m above the playing surface.
 - b. Luminaire poles shall be located a minimum distance of 1.5 m from property boundaries.

- c. All luminaires shall be of a cut-off type and positioned so as not to create glare to the adjoining neighbours or the travelling public.
- d. The level of spill light at a distance greater than 1 m past the boundary of the land on which the tennis court is located shall not exceed 10 lux.
- e. The owner shall agree in writing to alter lighting should Council determine problems of glare and spillover affect neighbours.
- f. All tennis court lighting located in a residential zone to include a time clock which shuts off lighting no later than 10:00 pm.

Related documentation

Nil

Related Local Law/legislation

Town Planning Scheme No. 2

Related delegation

Nil

Issued

Date approved by Council

Amendments

Nil

Roof Signs

KFA	KFA 5 Governance
Status	Council
Responsible division	Development Services
Objective	To prevent unsightly and distracting signs within the City

Context

To ensure that the visual amenity of the City is maintained.

Statement

Council does not approve roof signs or roof top balloon signs on buildings on aesthetic and amenity grounds

Related documentation

Nil

Related Local Law/legislation

- Planning Development Act 2005
- Town Planning Scheme No 2
- Signs Local Law 2007

Related delegation

Nil

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Date approved by Council

Amendments

Nil

CM04.11	Community Sport and Recreation Fund (CSRFF) Applications – Small Grants Winter Round – Nedlands Croquet Club and UWA Hockey Club
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Committee	14 June 2011
Council	28 June 2011

Applicant	City of Nedlands
Owner	City of Nedlands
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Director	Darla Blake – Director Community and Strategy
Director Signature	
File ref.	CRS/054
Previous Item No's	Nil
Disclosure of Interest	No officer involved in the preparation of this report had any interest which required it to be declared in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .

Purpose

Council endorsement is sought for two grant applications to the Department of Sport and Recreation for the 2011/2012 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (small grants winter round). The applications are from the Nedlands Croquet Club and the UWA Hockey Club.

Recommendation to Committee

Council:

1. **advises the Department of Sport and Recreation that it has ranked and rated the application to the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) Small Grants 2011/12 Winter Round as follows:**
 - a) **Nedlands Croquet Club – lights: Well planned and needed by the municipality;**
 - b) **UWA Hockey Club – lights: Well planned and needed by the municipality.**
2. **endorses the above projects as CSRFF applications on the conditions that the applicants:**
 - a) **Obtain all necessary approvals, including Council planning and building approval as required;**

- b) **Complete the project as per the CSRFF requirements.**
- 3. **does not provide financial support to the projects.**

Strategic Plan

KFA 4: Community Wellbeing

To provide a Community where people have an opportunity to interact and enjoy a sense of belonging in order to promote:

- Healthy lifestyles;
 - A safe and secure community; and
 - Quality of life.
- 4.1 Provide and facilitate access to services and facilities required by the broader community, clubs and community groups.
 - 4.2 Encourage, support and provide for a range of recreation and leisure opportunities, both active and passive.

The City's Strategic Recreation Plan sets priorities for facility funding for sporting clubs by taking into account two factors:

- Community demand to play that sport (participation rates and trends) and
- Availability of opportunity to play that sport, including availability of facilities.

Taking into account the above factors, the Strategic Recreation Plan has rated both hockey and croquet as low priorities for Council funding. This rating is not an assessment of the importance of the sport, but rather a reflection of the current availability of facilities in relation to demand across the City.

Background

The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) administers the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF). The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to sporting clubs, community groups and local government authorities to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. The program aims to increase participation in sport and recreation with an emphasis on physical activity; through rational development of sustainable, good quality, well designed and well utilised facilities.

The fund has three categories, as in the table below.

Table 1: CSRFF Grant Categories

Grant Category	Total Project Cost Range	Standard DSR Contribution	Frequency
Small Grants	\$7,500 - \$150,000	\$2,500 - \$50,000	Bi-annual
Annual Grants	\$150,001 - \$500,000 (maximum of this range increased from \$300,000)	\$50,001 - \$166,666	Annual
Forward Planning Grants	\$500,001+	\$166,667- \$4 million	Annual

For applications to be supported by DSR, they must firstly be endorsed by the Local Government Authority. This endorsement may, or may not, include the provision of financial support by the authority. Local governments are also required to rank and rate each application.

Ranking: the City is required to rank each application in priority order, based on criteria set by DSR.

Rating: the City is also required to rate each application, as below:

- A Well planned and needed by municipality
- B Well planned and needed by applicant
- C Needed by municipality, more planning required
- D Needed by applicant, more planning required
- E Idea has merit, more planning work needed
- F Not recommended

Proposal Detail

CSRFF Application for the winter 2011/12 small grants round

The City is considering two applications in this funding round, as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: City of Nedlands CSRFF Application 2011/12

Applicant	Grant Category	Total Project Cost (excluding GST)	Council Contribution Requested (excluding GST)
Nedlands Croquet Club	Small	\$ 98,857	\$32,952
UWA Hockey Club	Small	\$145,200	Nil.

Summary of the applications

Nedlands Croquet Club - lights

The Nedlands Croquet Club (NCC) is located on Melvista Park Reserve and has been operating within the City since the 1930's. Since the late 1990's NCC has been the only croquet club in the City of Nedlands. The Club is fully responsible for the maintenance of its facilities, under the terms of its lease with the City.

This application is for lights to enable night play on two croquet courts. There is no Australian standard for croquet lights so the standard has been based on the nearest equivalent Australian standard, lighting for bowls. The project includes the electrical upgrade that will be necessary to provide the increased capacity required for the lights.

Council contribution:	\$ 32,952
Clubs cash contribution:	\$ 32,953
<u>CSRFF grant:</u>	<u>\$ 32,952</u>
Total Project Cost (excluding GST):	\$ 98,857

A condition of DSR funding is that the Club obtains all necessary funding approvals and completes the project by 30 June 2012.

UWA Hockey Club – lights

The UWA Hockey Club is located on University of WA (UWA) Sports Park on McGillivray Reserve, Mt Claremont. The proposal is for the design, supply and installation of four floodlights on the grass hockey pitch adjacent to the UWAHC clubrooms and synthetic turf. The lights are to Australian standards.

Council contribution:	\$ Nil
Clubs cash contribution:	\$ 99,745
<u>CSRFF grant:</u>	<u>\$ 45,454</u>
Total Project Cost (excluding GST):	\$145,199

The UWA Hockey Club is located on land owned by UWA and their application includes a letter of support from UWA.

A condition of DSR funding is that the Club obtains all necessary funding approvals and completes the project by 30 June 2012.

Consultation

Required by legislation: Yes No

Required by City of Nedlands policy: Yes No

Both clubs have been consulted and have submitted detailed formal applications.

Both clubs have liaised with their respective sporting associations.

Policy

Council funding for sport and recreation capital development is guided by Policy 10.20 Subsidies and Donations – Capital Development Grants to Sporting Clubs and Community Organisations. The guidelines associated with this policy state that:

- Priority will be given to sporting clubs and community groups located on reserves managed by the City of Nedlands.
- Priority will be given to projects identified in the City's Recreation Plan and/or the Regional Leisure Plan.
- Priority will be given to those sporting clubs and community organisations that can demonstrate that they are sustainable e.g. financial and membership.
- Priority will be given to those sporting clubs and community organisations that have also received financial support from other funding bodies e.g. Lotterywest, Department of Sport and Recreation's CSRFF.
- To facilitate the 'intent' of the policy Council shall give a higher priority to capital development projects that are designed to be used and can be used by more than one group or club particularly where such bodies are not now sharing premises.
- Projects must be of a capital nature and financial assistance will not be provided for operational or maintenance purposes.
- The level of support will be based upon the benefit the project will provide to the City of Nedlands community. This will include, but not be limited to, resident membership (total and proportional), support for junior sport, and level of community access.
- The City of Nedlands will always retain the right not to provide funding in response to funding applications.

In general, DSR will fund up to 1/3 of the total cost of an approved project, with the remaining 2/3 to be funded by either the applicant or a combination of the applicant and the relevant local government authority. The City's policy is to fund up to 1/3 of an approved project.

Legislation

Nil.

Budget/financial implications

Budget:

Within current approved budget: Yes No

Requires further budget consideration: Yes No

Financial:

There are no financial implications of endorsing the two CSRFF applications under consideration, as the recommendation is to endorse the projects without providing financial support. Therefore there are no funds in either the current year's budget or the 2011/12 draft budget for either project.

Risk Management

The main risk identified is of the clubs not completing the project or not completing it to the required standard. The control in place is that completed projects are inspected before the DSR funds are released.

Discussion

Nedlands Croquet Club – lights

Most other croquet clubs within the metropolitan area now have lighting, enabling night play. For the clubs that have installed lighting, this has proved successful and generally resulted in significantly increased membership and ability to attract night events. Not having lighting puts this club at a serious disadvantage, particularly when competing with other clubs for major events. Play is restricted to daylight hours, which also effectively limits club membership to those without day time commitments. In recent years, the Club has put a substantial effort into drives to broaden its membership base and appeal to younger players. Although there has been some increase in membership by younger players, the club feels that the main existing hurdle is lack of ability to provide evening and night games, due to lack of lights. A further benefit of lights would be the health benefit of night play, increasingly important as the community becomes more sun aware and temperatures increase due to climate change.

While the Nedlands Croquet Club is broadening its membership base to include players of all ages, the Club still plays an important role in relation to the health and well-being of older community members. Sports that engage over 55's play a key role in addressing the decline in physical activity that characterizes this age-group as a whole.

Therefore this project is recommended to Council for endorsement. However, it is not recommended that Council provides funds to this project. Council priorities for sporting facility to be funded are guided by the City's Strategic Recreation Plan, which does not rate croquet as a high priority for facility funding, due to relatively low demand (current membership of approximately 40 members) and an existing facility. Further, the City's policy is to target its limited facility funding to projects that benefit multiple sporting clubs, while this project is for a facility that is single sport use. Overall, it is recommended that the City endorse this worthwhile project for DSR approval and funding.

Project rating: Well planned and needed by the municipality.

UWA Hockey Club

Membership of UWA Hockey Club has increased significantly in recently years, from 700 in 2008 to 820 in 2011. The Club now consists of 55 teams. The installation of the proposed lighting will immediately lead to an increase in physical activity through the increased time available to hockey training.

The Club has recently completed a strategic Master Plan for the hockey precinct. This compliments the UWA CHASE Master Plan which identifies the site for long term hockey use. The Club's Master Plan identified lighting for night training as a key issue.

Therefore the project is recommended for Council endorsement. However, it is not recommended that Council provides funds to this project.

Council priorities for sporting facilities to be funded are guided by the Strategic Recreation Plan, which does not rate hockey as a high priority for facility funding. Although demand to play hockey is high, the City also has a number of facilities for hockey. Council's procedure also prioritises facilities on local government controlled land, while this club is located on UWA land. Overall, it is recommended that the City endorse this worthwhile project for DSR approval and funding.

Project rating: Well planned and needed by the municipality.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council endorses both applications for funding to DSR, without providing funding from Council. Council approval is conditional on the applicants securing all appropriate approvals, including Council planning and building approvals as required. Approval is also conditional on the applicants meeting all DSR requirements.

Attachments

Nil.