

SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETION OF THE SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY

Facilitated by North Harbour Sports Council (NHSC) on behalf of the attached Sports

Support Statement

The NHSC fully supports the completion under urgency of the Sport and Recreation Strategy as the North Shore position going forward into the Regional Governance.

Rationale

Sport is a major contributor to our community and impacts on each of the NSCC well-being and strategic goals of Social, Environmental, Economic and Cultural areas.

Currently within the 18 NHSC member sports we have 60,000+ members within 132 clubs. This represents 25% of the North Shore population. The majority of our sports are delivered through a passionate and committed volunteer sector supported by a small number of dedicated administrators in an ever-changing, consumer-based market whose expectations around service are ever-increasing within a changing society.

We acknowledge the support the NSCC gives to sport and that it is a significant partner with the sporting community. However, the lack of a clear strategy for sport to plan for the future puts our community at risk.

We note that other not for profit sectors have strategies aligned to them, such as the Art Strategy, with specific implementation plans. However, sport is segmented within areas such as parks and beaches or grouped with physical activity and health.

The benefits of the Sport and Recreation Strategy will provide a clear picture of how sport will look and bring all the areas that impact sport into one document which the sporting community will be able to use when working with Council.

Recommendations

1. Complete the Sport and Recreation Strategy as a matter of urgency;
2. Consult widely with the sporting community when developing the Sport and Recreation Strategy; and
3. Make more reference to sport specifically within the City Plan.

North Harbour Sports Council Members:

Auckland Athletics
North Harbour Badminton
Auckland Curling
United 1 Soccer
Gymsport Northern
Harbour Sport
Harbour Hockey
Netball North
Auckland Rowing
Auckland Rugby League
Harbour Rugby
North Harbour Softball
Auckland Squash
Auckland Swimming
Tennis Northern
North Harbour Touch
North Harbour Volleyball
North Harbour Table Tennis

Note: The above sports have a combined membership base of 60,000+ members within 132 clubs.