

Additional Information

Item 8.1

Ordinary Meeting

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Requesting Councillor:	Councillor W Johnston		
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Officer:	Open Space and Recreation Planning Officer	Approving Group Executive:	Group Executive – Built Infrastructure

In response to numerous questions raised by Councillor Winston Johnston, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Questions:

Please provide some logic for some places of interest it seems some suburbs grouped together incorrectly – for example couldn't find Glenview; Palmview Forest.

Response:

Council officers met with Councillor Johnston to explain the relevance of the Locality of Interest mapping and it's intended role in the recreation parks planning process.

The development of the Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan 2021-2031 (Appendix A to the Recreation Parks Plan Ordinary Meeting report) was listed as a Transformational Action of the Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017. Given the relationship between the two documents, it was deemed appropriate to use the demographic information that is available for each of the 31 Localities on Interest described in the Environment and Liveability Strategy to supplement the proposed parks planning process found in the Recreation Parks Plan.

Council officers explained to Councillor Johnston that the demographic information contained in the Localities of Interest document (Attachment 3 to the Recreation Parks Plan Ordinary Meeting report) is used as secondary information to assist officers in understanding the ages and household types that reside within each Location of Interest boundary. This information, which is based on census data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, is used to inform the specific types of infrastructure that is provided to support park activities, once it has been determined that there is a need for that activity in a particular community and after an appropriate location has been identified. This information also helps Council to understand the anticipated population growth patterns across the region and where we can expect park activity demand to come from in the future.

The Locality of Interest analysis is only one of several tools that support the planning process described in the Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan 2021-2031 (Appendix A to the Recreation Parks Plan Ordinary Meeting report).

The proposed methodology for determining community need and appropriate locations for park activities (Ordinary Meeting Attachment pages 56-57) details an activity planning process which is based on network goals (Ordinary Meeting Attachment page 13), planning principles (Ordinary Meeting Attachment pages 24-27), park hierarchy based on intended function (Ordinary Meeting Attachment pages 34-43), and activity plans for key recreation park activities (Ordinary Meeting Attachment pages 58-79). The methodology considers goals and principles that are aligned with community-identified values and includes steps where the community and applicable local Councillor are consulted, ensuring the planning assumptions are tested with



the individuals who know their community best. This is the process we are asking council to endorse as part of the Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan 2021-2031.

Council is being asked to endorse the Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan 2021-2031 (Appendix A to the Recreation Parks Plan Ordinary Meeting report), while noting the use of the two supporting documents (Attachment 2 – Technical Guidelines and Attachment 3 - Localities of Interest) as tools to deliver the goals and actions listed in the plan. The Technical Guidelines and Localities of Interest documents are intended to be internally facing resource documents which assist Council officers with the implementation of the plan. It is recommended that these documents receive Chief Executive Officer - level endorsement as they will require regular review and possible amendment based on changing conditions. These amendments will ensure that Council is utilising current information and is applying relevant best practice when implementing the plan.

The Group Executive for Liveability and Natural Assets indicated the Environment and Liveability Strategy is up for review in 2022 and there may be an opportunity look at amending some of the Locality of Interest mapping at that time. There will also be new 2021 census data to analyse and incorporate into Council's planning. It is anticipated that Council officers will carry out additional network analysis in line with relevant demographic data and boundary changes, including those that may arise through the new Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme program, to further inform recreation park planning.

Changes to the two supporting documents (Attachment 2 – Technical Guidelines and Attachment 3 - Localities of Interest) will not affect the planning processes and standards we are asking Council to endorse as part of the Sunshine Coast Recreation Parks Plan 2021-2031 (Appendix A to the Recreation Parks Plan Ordinary Meeting report). Changes to the endorsed plan will occur only after Council has reviewed the effectiveness of the document in five years and the community has been further consulted.