Subject: Paringa Park Reserve Playground Renewal

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SUMMARY

A budget of $200,000 from the Paringa Park Reserve Playground Renewal budget has been allocated to fund the new Playground upgrade. The community were invited to provide their feedback on the proposed designs from 30 March to 20 April 2023. The results of this engagement have now been evaluated, and based on the feedback and responses, equipment options have been selected.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council notes the Community Engagement Finding Report regarding the Paringa Park Reserve Playground Renewal.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Wellbeing – Establish community hubs that integrate community support, recreational and commercial services.

Provide Local playground facilities in walking distance for local residence, that align with and support the strategic direction for the City of Holdfast Bay's Playspace Action Plan 2019 - 2029.

Wellbeing – Increase participation rates in community engagements across all age groups, particularly under represented demographics such as children and young people by using methods that are appealing and appropriate.

COUNCIL POLICY

Community Consultation and Engagement Policy.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND

Paringa Park Reserve Playground Renewal was tendered out in October 2022 as part of a competitive open tender process requesting suppliers to provide 2 detailed concepts within an allocated project budget of $200,000.

The play equipment brief was to include equipment that catered to a wide demographic, providing for various ages and abilities. The designs were to consider and include a main feature play element, as well as a slide, swings, monkey bars, springers and accommodate inclusivity.

Active play types, such as climbing, sliding, rocking and swinging, as well as more passive contemplative play features such as ground level sensory panels and auditory play.

Additional enhancements to the park's amenities were to include a shelter, two picnic settings (one DDA compliant), a drinking fountain, bin, park bench and linkage access pathways to on-street parking.

Upon a thorough and considered procurement assessment evaluation, Proludic were awarded the tender to further detail for construction the concept selected democratically by the community at the engagement phase.

The two concept options were presented within an online survey questionnaire and used to ascertain feedback through the Community Engagement process via YourHoldfast website. The community were also invited to attend an onsite drop-in session on 4 April 2023 at the Paringa Park Reserve, to speak directly with council staff about the plans for the site upgrades and voice their opinions face to face.

REPORT

Community Engagement

The community were invited to participate in the community engagement by filling out the online survey form, providing a formal submission in writing via post, email or by phone and by attending the on-site drop in session and discuss the designs and plans with Council staff.

During the 21 day consultation period (30 March -20 April), a variety of tools and methods were used to promote the consultation including:

- Email notification to over 8,000 YourHoldfast project page subscribers
- Engagement project post to City of Holdfast Bay Facebook page
- News articles on the City of Holdfast Bay website home page
- Holdfast News article
- A Letter box drop to 250 surrounding residents (including QR code back to Yourholdfast)
- Corflute signs at Paringa Park with QR code linking to survey
- Signs at the Council Libraries and Civic Centres

The project consultation engagement website was visited 731 times by 548 visitors. 28 people provided feedback via the online engagement survey. 16 people attended the drop-in session and there were 6 contributions to answers and questions.

Overall, the project received a positive response and comments received were relating to a wide range of design elements of the project.

In examining the consultation results and reviewing the feedback from the engagement undertaken, Option 2 was the clear preference favoured by the City of Holdfast Bay community.

The results of this engagement also demonstrated strong support for the project.

The engagement summary results are provided in Attachment 1.

Attachment 1

The preferred design option (option 2) for the Paringa Park Reserve Playground Renewal is provided in Attachment 2:

Attachment 2

Next Steps

Site works at Paringa Park Reserve won't commence until late August 2023 with an expected completion of end of September 2023.

In the meantime, Council staff will upload the Engagement Finding Report to the Paringa Reserve project page and provide a response back to participants engaged through community consultation. The project team will advise Proludic on the design option selected by the community and enable them to order this equipment in readiness for installation.

BUDGET

No additional project budget is required to undertake the playspace asset renewal and additional landscaping upgrades. The $134,000 Council funding has additional contributions from LRCI funding of $66,000, totalling $200,000 budget ex. GST
These are included within the existing allocated project budget.

LIFE CYCLE COSTS

Not applicable at this stage. Life cycle costs will need to be considered following construction and installation of all play equipment and ancillary assets.