

## Advice Note

Responsible Officer: Director Community Development

Date of Meeting: 18 August 2020

Meeting of the: Council

Item: CD20/8130 Active Reserve Infrastructure Policy

### DETAIL

Following the Agenda Briefing Meeting of Council on 4 August 2020 feedback was received from Elected Members in regard the [Active Reserve Infrastructure \(ARIS\) Policy](#). This has been considered and changes made to the Policy as highlighted

### Policy Scope

Scope has been clarified to align to a standard of community level of sports participation

### Policy Statement

Clarification has been provided to outline all capital projects relating to the development of the community facilities at Active Reserves are subject to the usual Council approval processes which are outlined.

Clarification is provided regarding investment into facilities.

Feedback was also received that commercial activity in City facilities should not be accepted. However some Clubs require a level of commercial activity and a business case should be addressed on a case by case basis where commercial activity exists for the management of the facility. This would occur outside the scope of the Policy. It is acknowledged that the emphasis remains on the sporting activities as key use, not commercial enterprises.

## ACTIVE RESERVE INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

<b>Policy Type: Council Policy</b> <b>Policy Owner: Manager Healthy Melville</b>	<b>Policy No. CP- 116</b> <b>Last Review Date: New Policy</b>
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### POLICY OBJECTIVES

To provide for the adequate provision of infrastructure on City of Melville Active Reserves so as to maximise their use leading to improved health and wellbeing outcomes of the community.

To ensure an agreed approach to the provision of Active Reserve Infrastructure that guides future planning for the long term replacement of such infrastructure.

To provide strategic direction on the approach to the effective and efficient delivery and management of the City of Melville's Active Reserve Infrastructure.

To achieve an optimal level of asset provision in a cost effective manner over the life cycle of the assets on Active Reserves.

### POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to the planning, provision, operation, maintenance, renewal and upgrading of existing and new assets on the City's Active Reserves to a standard aligned to community level of sports participation. It influences all strategies, plans and activities developed or conducted by the City in relation to Active Reserve Infrastructure.

### DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS USED IN POLICY

Active Reserve Infrastructure – Infrastructure located at an Active Reserve that is used for the purpose of providing for or supporting, structured and unstructured sport and recreation activities.

Active Reserve – An Active Reserve is a reserve or park that is principally used for structured sport and associated recreational uses.

### POLICY STATEMENT

The general health benefits of Physical Activity have been recognised, with scientific evidence over the past four decades documenting the clear health, social, economic and environmental benefits of regular moderate intensity physical activity.

The City of Melville understands the importance of providing or facilitating physical activity opportunities through accessible, safe and affordable infrastructure that meets the identified needs of the community over the life of the asset.

All capital projects relating to the development of community facilities at Active Reserves are subject to approval by the Council with consideration to the Asset Management Policy, Procurement Policies, the Long Term Financial Plan, and annual Capital works budgets.

This policy has been developed to address the infrastructure on Active Reserves. It is aligned with the principles used in the Western Australian Department of Sport and Recreation, Strategic Directions 2016-2020 (SD6). Relevant principles from SD 6 include:

- Inclusivity;
- Universal access;
- Fair play;
- Sustainability;
- Adaptive delivery;
- Excellence;
- Collaborative relationships.

The City of Melville has identified a number of key elements to be addressed in the development of community facilities at Active Reserves:

- To maximise the return on limited resources, investment will be directed to developing multi-functional shared facilities which service the needs of a number of community groups in an efficient and effective manner.
- Equality of access, focussing on ways to increase inclusivity with each development.
- A staged implementation and funding plan to ensure all changing facility infrastructure to ensure they are capable of serving both male and female training and competition use.
- Continued promotion of self-sufficiency of clubs and organisations through appropriate governance and financial management structures.
- Regular review of all leased and licensed facilities on Active Reserves to ensure they are appropriately managed and maintained in accordance with recognised standards for lifecycle costing.
- Floodlighting all active reserves used for sport to a minimum training standard for large ball sports as per AS 2560.1:2018.
- Undertake a hard court resurfacing program for public court facilities, including potential shared cost for the development and upgrade of selected school courts.
- Seek a commitment (financial and/or in-kind) to the development of new infrastructure from user groups/clubs/organisations.
- Undertake site improvements in accordance with an agreed standard and facility hierarchy.
- To offset the current deficit in access to the provision of Active Reserves across the City of Melville, both public and private schools will be approached to identify opportunities for community use that are consistent with an adopted shared use framework.
- Consider design measures to encourage off-lead dog exercise opportunities at strategic locations that reduces the likelihood of conflict between Active Reserve users.



- Continue ongoing facility reviews for different sporting codes including provision in adjacent local government areas.

**References that may be applicable to this Policy**

Legislative Requirements:

Procedure, Process Maps, Work Instructions:

Other Plans, Frameworks, Documents Applicable to Policy:

People Places Participation – City of Melville Strategic Community Plan 2012-2022

Healthy Melville Plan 2019-2023

Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy 2020

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