

Advice Note

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
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Meeting of the:	Ordinary Meeting of Council
Item:	CD20/8130 – Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy

DETAIL

It is noted that Cr Mair's motion results in the Active Reserves Infrastructure Strategy (ARIS) simply being noted rather than adopted and endorsed.

One of the reasons provided is that the Strategic Provision of Active Reserves Study (SPARS) was never adopted by the Council and yet officers successfully took actions based on that Study. The actions referred to by way of example in Cr Mair's motion were however as a result of the Bowls Strategy that was in fact adopted by the Council.

Cr Mair is correct in noting that ARIS will be used as an informing strategy however, the reason for seeking the Council to adopt and endorse the Strategy, is that the City Administration received significant criticism when referring back to the SPARS, or taking actions consistent with it, based on the fact that it was not an adopted or endorsed document of the Council and was in fact hidden from public view.

When commencing development of the ARIS we undertook to rectify those concerns hence, the large amount of stakeholder engagement that took place and the commitment to ensuring that the document was, and will remain, open and transparent for all to see.

In order to recognise the efforts of all stakeholders in the development of the ARIS, and to ensure that the status of the document is elevated to a level where the community can have the confidence that it is a document that has the backing of the Council, officers have recommended that the Council endorse and adopt the ARIS. By doing so Council will also be providing clear strategic direction to staff who can then in turn expend staff resources on planning for the provision of active reserve infrastructure having the comfort that it is a Council endorsed document. This will also mean that when bringing proposals based on it to the Council for funding consideration there will be a greater degree of confidence. It will also enable us to ensure that staff resources are allocated to projects that have the endorsement of the Council and will reduce the risk of resources being deployed in a manner that is contrary to the priorities of the Council.