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REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SPORT IN GREATER AUCKLAND

The review will explore the community sport strategy, structure, delivery, funding, operations, systems and partnerships (**Review**). This Review presents an opportunity to review its past to inform its future at this critical moment in time.

An independent expert has been commissioned to lead this Review.

Background

Sport New Zealand (**Sport NZ**) defines **Community Sport** as including “*play (age and stage appropriate development opportunities for young people), active and outdoor recreation, and competitive sport taking place through clubs and events (including talent development). Community Sport does not include passive recreation such as gardening or elite (international) competition.*”¹

The Community Sport sector is heavily reliant on income from membership and affiliation fees, public money in the form of grant funding and other sources (eg sponsorship).

Community Sport is supported in Auckland by, amongst other stakeholders, Regional Sports Trusts (**RST**). RST’s are responsible for the delivery of programmes and provision of other support (eg capability building) to Regional Sports Organisations (**RSOs**) and Sports Clubs.

The Community Sport strategy for sport is enshrined in *The Auckland Approach to Community Sport (2017) (Auckland Approach)*. The Auckland Approach “*is a targeted, scalable community sport system focussed on increasing participation in sport and recreation by putting target participant’s needs first, and then building others’ capability to meet those needs.*”²

Whilst optimising the efficiency and effectiveness of funding models and delivery structures and mechanisms for community sport has always been of immense importance, the impact of COVID-19 on the sector has amplified this. To ensure Sport’s sustainability, resilience and efficacy in the future it is necessary and prudent to embark on this Review process immediately.

Scope of Review

The Review will explore:

- Strategy
- Structure
- Delivery
- Funding
- Operations
- Systems
- Partnerships

¹ Sport NZ 2015-20 Community Sport strategy

² The Auckland Approach to Community Sport, 2017

Interviews

Interviews will take place across October and November 2020 with key selected partners and stakeholders, including representatives from:

- Auckland Council and Local Boards
- Sport New Zealand
- Aktive
- Auckland's RSTs and CLM Community Sport
- Auckland's RSOs
- Auckland College Sport, Schools and Sports Clubs
- Auckland-based NSOs
- Funding partners

Other interested parties who wish to contribute to the review may contact the Reviewer at:

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Deliverables

The Review will produce a white paper detailing key findings and opportunities for the future.

Timing

The Review will commence on 26th October beginning with Harbour Sport, with the aim that the Review report will be completed and published within three months.