

SERVICES DELEGATED COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(Open to the public)

26 April 2021

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell and Delivered Online.

Commencement 8.22pm

Attendance

Councillor Jane Addis (Chairperson)
Councillor Garry Thompson (Mayor)
Councillor Jim Parke
Councillor Felicity Sinfield
Councillor Victor Franco
Councillor Wes Gault
Councillor Di Gillies
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
Councillor Cynthia Watson
Councillor Susan Biggar
Councillor Nick Stavrou

Apologies Nil

<u>Officers</u>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Daniel Freer	Director Places and Spaces
	Carolyn McClean	Director Community Support
	Shiran Wickramasinghe	Director Urban Living
	David Thompson	Manager Governance and Legal
	Andrew McHugh	Manager Health and Wellbeing Services
	Sam Taylor	Senior Coordinator Sport and Recreation
	Kirstin Ritchie	Coordinator Governance
	Elizabeth Manou	Senior Governance Officer
	Eren Cakmakkaya	Media and Advocacy Specialist

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1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes

MOTION

Moved Councillor Thompson

Seconded Councillor Stavrou

That the minutes of the Services Delegated Committee meeting held on 19 April 2021 be adopted and confirmed.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil

3. Presentation of officer reports

3.1 Potential acquisition of 28 Guildford Rd, Surrey Hills

The Canterbury Tennis Club (CTC) has requested Council consider acquiring a property situated at 28 Guildford Road, Surrey Hills for the purpose of providing an additional tennis court for the Canterbury Tennis Club and a potential expansion of the Canterbury and District Pre-School (Canterbury Kindergarten).

In providing advice regarding the potential purchase of this site for the reasons outlined above, a number of factors have been considered by officers. These factors include:

- Demand for tennis by the community and the capacity of tennis clubs in surrounding areas to accommodate additional members
- Council's strategic directions
- Site constraints of 28 Guildford Road, Surrey Hills
- Zoning
- Traffic and parking implications and;
- Cost and impact on Council's budget and priorities for the current and next financial year and Council's Long Term Financial Plan

While the proposal presents an opportunity for the Canterbury Tennis Club to increase membership, it is not recommended Council purchase the site for a number of reasons:

- Uncertainty about achieving a change of zoning to allow the site to be used for the purpose which would allow tennis, as a change of zone must be approved by the State Minister of Planning, hence no planning scheme amendment is guaranteed,
- Uncertainty about the granting of a planning permit to be obtained should the CTC request lighting be installed, due to mandatory processes local government must adhere to in granting permits,
- The tennis court itself would be slightly compromised due to the siting of the court on the land and will result in a narrow court,

- Identified capacity for other local clubs to absorb latent demand,
- No strategic support from either the Boroondara Open Space Strategy (BOSS) or Boroondara's Sport and Recreation Strategy,
- Other potential options that would come at a lower cost to rate payers should an inability to meet the municipal wide demand for tennis be an identified concern in the future,
- The likely requirement to remove a number of significant trees,
- While the Open Space Fund may be able to be used for this purchase, it may not be in line with the principles of the fund. There would also be a requirement for Council to purchase the land, which has not been budgeted for and will negatively impact on Council's established priorities, current budget, the draft 2021/22 budget and the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), and;
- No identified need for an expansion of the adjacent Canterbury Kindergarten.

Council has obtained legal advice on this matter, which has been considered as part of preparing this report. A copy of the legal advice is included at confidential **Attachment 3**.

Three speakers in support of the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Parke

Seconded Councillor Thompson

That Council resolve not to proceed with the acquisition of 28 Guildford Rd, Surrey Hills.

CARRIED

4. General business

Nil

5. Urgent business

Nil

6. Confidential business

Nil

The meeting concluded at 8.56pm

Confirmed

Chairperson

Date
