

Description of Council's Policies

Annual Plan: Dunedin City Council's long term goals are implemented through the outcomes, outputs and expenditure detailed in each Annual Plan. The plan contains these details covering parks, reserves and sportsfields.

Art in Public Places Policy: Sets the guidelines for the role of art in public places of Dunedin. Sport grounds are considered as a public place and therefore the development of art in these places follows the guidelines set out in this policy.

Events Policy: Sets out guidelines for the role Council will take in the development of events and community festivals with respect to the economic and community benefits to Dunedin.

Fees and Charges Policy: (Under Review) The Dunedin City Council's funding policy is prepared in accordance with the annual plan with fees and charges levied based upon the percentage split of the public/private good received by the users of the resource. Specific fees and charges exist for sports fields and sports facilities.

Long Term Financial Strategy: The Dunedin City Council Long Term Financial Strategy is prepared under the requirement of the Local Government Amendment (No.3) 1996, and cover the period from July 1998 to 30 June 2008. The Long Term Financial Strategy and covers the estimated expenses, including an allowance for debt servicing and for the decline in the service potential of the asset, necessary to meet the identified needs of the local authority of the period of the strategy. The Long Term Financial Strategy also covers:

- The reasons why activities giving rise to the estimated expenses are to be engaged:
- The proposed source of funds to cover the estimated expenses:
- Estimated cash flow projections and planned asset sales and changes in working capital:
- Estimates in relation to the creation and realisation of reserves, investments and assets, level of equity and long term borrowing requirements:
- Estimates of commitments and contingencies for future events or actions that the local authority could reasonably expect to undertake.

Where appropriate the Sports Ground Management Plan and Strategy will refer to sections of the Long Term Financial Strategy in relation to planning expenditure on sports grounds. The 'Sports Ground Upgrade Plan' is based on the Long Term Financial Plan which is regularly revised and upgraded.

Playground Policy: Directs priorities for re-development of Dunedin City Council playgrounds. Once a priority community has been identified the nature and location of any playground re-development in that community will be determined in consultation with the community. Evaluation of the Playground Priority Plan will be facilitated through the annual plan process and the associated public submission process.

Recreation Strategy: represents the basic means by which the Dunedin City Council determines its priorities and guidelines for the provision of recreation services within Dunedin.

Strategic Plan: Details strategic statements based on Council's vision, to guide planning and development, financial management, service delivery, community participation and staffing. The statements incorporate Council's aspirations at a highest policy level and incorporates the broad framework of the Implementation Plan and Financial Plan.

Tracks Policy and Strategy: Details the major priorities of the management, maintenance and information needs of tracks in the Dunedin City Council area.