

DESTINATION PLAYGROUND OPTIONS

Department: Parks and Recreation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide options for the provision of modern destination playgrounds as part of the 9 year plan.
- 2 Feedback received during the Play Spaces Plan 2021 and the 10 year plan 2021 - 2031 community consultation indicated that many do not consider Dunedin to have a destination playground and asked for Council to invest in a playground in the style of the Margaret Mahy Playground developed in Christchurch.
- 3 Stage 1 of community engagement focussed on whether the community wanted to invest in the three existing destination playgrounds or create a new destination playground.
- 4 In February 2023 Council approved developing concept plans for the 3 existing destination playspaces (Marlow Park, Woodhaugh Gardens and Mosgiel Memorial Park) as modern destination playgrounds.
- 5 Concept designs were developed for the three existing playgrounds.
- 6 Stage 2 of community engagement focussed on asking the community what they liked about the concept designs for the 3 destination playgrounds, what was missing and what wasn't necessary.
- 7 The 3 concept designs were updated based on the feedback received. Indicative costs increased from \$6.6 million to \$11.22 million.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** Scenario C to implement the updated concept design for all 3 playgrounds with an approximate total budget of \$11.22 million spread across the 9 year plan, with a playground being designed and constructed in each of the 3 year cycles.

BACKGROUND

- 8 The Play Spaces Plan was adopted by Community and Culture Committee on 3 August 2021, replacing the 2006 Play Spaces Strategy.
- 9 Feedback received during the Play Spaces Plan 2021 and the 10 year plan 2021 - 2031 consultation indicated that many do not consider Dunedin to have a destination playground and asked for Council to invest in a playground in the style of the Margaret Mahy Playground developed in Christchurch.

- 10 A destination playground refers to a large playground that offers a variety of amenities and features alongside its play elements. This includes gathering spaces, picnic and BBQ facilities, toilets (with baby change facilities), built and natural shade areas, drinking fountains, and a variety of park furniture.
- 11 A destination playground is designed to cater to all ages and abilities, offering a range of play elements. The combination of these play elements and infrastructure provides a free entertainment space where families can stay for long periods of time. Ideally these play spaces should offer something unique and original to attract users.
- 12 In Dunedin, Marlow Park playground, Woodhaugh Gardens playground and Mosgiel Memorial Gardens playground are managed as destination play spaces.
- 13 Bespoke Landscape Architects (Bespoke) carried out an assessment of Dunedin's 3 destination play spaces in October 2021, to identify how well the current facilities provide for current play trends such as inclusive play, adventure and natural play, age appropriate play, self-directed/challenging play, and accessibility.
- 14 These assessments were used to identify opportunities for improvement when developing the concept designs for each existing site.
- 15 There was no approved budget for these works in the previous long term plan.
- 16 Council, at its meeting of 31 May 2021, resolved that:

Moved (Mayor Aaron Hawkins/Cr David Benson-Pope):

That the Council:

- a) Supports, in principle, the development of a new destination playground; and*
- b) Requests an options report in time for consideration as part of the Draft Annual Plan 2022-2023.*

Motion carried (CNL/2021/130) with Cr Andrew Whiley recording his vote against

- 17 During debate at the Council meeting of 31 January 2022, it was discussed that there had been no specific engagement with the community on destination playgrounds. The following resolution was passed.

Moved (Mayor Aaron Hawkins/Cr David Benson-Pope):

That the Council:

Requests a report in time for Annual Plan 2022/23 deliberations, looking at resourcing options for the development of concept and community engagement plans for destination play spaces, including:

- a) a single site development on council owned land; and*
- b) a distributed network of investment across three sites.*

Division

The Council voted by division:

For: Crs David Benson-Pope, Sophie Barker, Rachel Elder, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso, Mike Lord, Jim O'Malley, Chris Staynes, Steve Walker, and Mayor Aaron Hawkins (12).

Against: Crs Jules Radich, Lee Vandervis and Andrew Whiley (3).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 12 votes to 3

Motion carried (CAPCC/2022/005)

- 18 Council, at its meeting of 23 May 2022, considered a staff report on the resourcing options for the development of concept and community engagement plans for destination play spaces. That report recommended a staged approach to community engagement regarding investment into destination play spaces.

- 19 Council, at its meeting of 23 May 2022 resolved:

Moved (Cr Lee Vandervis/Mayor Aaron Hawkins):

That the Council:

Agrees the staged community engagement approach for destination play spaces, across a range of investment and site options.

Motion carried (CAPCC/2022/035)

- 20 Council, at its meeting of 22 February 2023 resolved:

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Carmen Houlahan):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** developing concept plans for the three existing destination play spaces (Marlow Park, Woodhaugh Gardens and Mosgiel Memorial Park) as modern destination playgrounds.

Motion carried (CNL/2023/025)

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Council:

- b) **Does not** progress site investigations for the establishment of a new destination playspace on Council owned land.

Motion carried (CNL/2023/026)

- 21 Concept designs were developed for the three existing playgrounds as per this resolution.
- 22 A summary of the Stage 2 Feedback was reported to the Community Services Committee on 24 April 2024.

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

Notes the Destination Playgrounds – Stage Two Feedback from Community Engagement on the Design Concepts Report.

Motion carried (CSC/2024/007)

ENGAGEMENT

- 23 **Stage 1** of community engagement focussed on asking how the community wanted to invest in the 3 existing destination playgrounds and if the community wanted Council to invest in a new destination playground:
- 24 Specific questions were asked:
- a) At each of the three existing large playgrounds (Marlow Park, Woodhaugh Gardens and Mosgiel Memorial Gardens), would you like:
- Regular investment (replacement of equipment as required); or,
 - Develop into a modern destination playground.
 - Do you want a NEW modern destination playground elsewhere? (YES / NO)
- 25 **Stage 1** of community engagement, from 10 October and 31 October 2022, resulted in 1,639 submissions.
- 26 The three most popular responses were to redevelop the playgrounds at Marlow Park and Woodhaugh Gardens while the Mosgiel Memorial Gardens playground should receive regular investment.
- 27 Concept designs were prepared for each of the 3 existing destination playgrounds.
- 28 **Stage 2** of community engagement was held from 13 November until 4 December 2023, resulted in 335 submissions. This engagement focussed on asking the community what they liked about the concept designs for the 3 destination playgrounds, what was missing and what wasn't necessary.
- 29 Specific questions were asked as follows:
- What do you like about the concept plan(s) and why?
 - Is there anything you would like to see in the concept plan(s) that is currently missing?
 - Is there anything in the plan(s) that is unnecessary or needs to be changed?
 - Do you have any other comments?

- 30 In addition, priorities from the feedback received from the community for each playground is identified below:

Marlow Park	Woodhaugh Gardens	Mosgiel Memorial Gardens
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain iconic play features, redesign the spaces in between. • Add new play structures and surface upgrades to connect the existing equipment and improve accessibility. • Make use of the topography to incorporate play elements for example - slides down slopes, climbing nets • Weather protection – wind, rain, sun. • Improve spaces for social interaction among older age groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/redevelop/retain paddling pool. • Improve accessibility and inclusivity through surfacing and better equipment. • Improve the range of equipment and experiences. • Build on existing natural play opportunities in the reserve. • Improve spaces for social interaction among older age groups. • Investigate parking options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve preschool area – install more equipment with a range of attributes. Keep the fencing around the edge of the preschool area. • Build skate facilities – visible from the street. • Improve design to better connect play elements. • Include more accessible equipment. • Support for nature play.

DISCUSSION

- 31 There are several potential scenarios that provide direction for an upgrade of the city's 3 destination playgrounds to modern destination playgrounds. These are outlined below as Scenario's A to E.
- 32 The proposed indicative costs provided at the start of 2024 for the revised playground concepts in response to the community feedback process was:
- Marlow Park \$4.62 million
 - Woodhaugh Gardens \$3.53 million
 - Mosgiel Memorial Gardens \$3.07 million

Scenario A	Scenario A is to implement the original concept designs for all 3 playgrounds based on the original proposed budget of \$6.6 million over the first 4 years of the 9 year plan.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Design first play space • Year 2 Construct first play space. Design second play space. • Year 3 Construct second play space. Design third play space. • Year 4 Construct third play space.
Scenario B	Scenario B is to implement the original concept designs for all 3 playgrounds based on the original proposed budget of \$6.6 million spread over the 9 year plan with a playground being designed and constructed in each of the 3 year cycles.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Design first play space • Year 2 Construct first play space. • Year 4 Design second play space. • Year 5 Construct second play space. • Year 7 Design third play space. • Year 8 Construct third play space.
Scenario C	Scenario C is to implement the updated concept designs for all 3 playgrounds with an approximate total budget of \$11.22 million spread across the 9 year plan, with a playground being designed and constructed in each of the 3 year cycles.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Design first play space • Year 2 Construct first play space. • Year 4 Design second play space. • Year 5 Construct second play space. • Year 7 Design third play space. • Year 8 Construct third play space.
Scenario D	Scenario D is to implement the updated concept design for Marlow Park with an approximate budget of \$4.62 million within the first 3 year cycle of the 9 year plan and update the other 2 playgrounds as part of the playground renewals process.
Scenario E	Scenario E is to update all three playgrounds in the final 3 years of the 9 year plan which is essentially a business as usual approach.

OPTIONS

Option One. Recommended Option.

- 33 **Scenario C:** implement the updated concept designs for all 3 playgrounds with an approximate total budget of \$11.22 million spread across the 9 year plan, with a playground being designed and constructed in each of the 3 year cycles.

Impact assessment

This option has an impact on debt and ongoing operational budgets.

Debt

- Would require borrowing of \$11.22 million to fund this option:

Year 1	\$200,000	Design Marlow
Year 2	\$4,420,000	Construct Marlow
Year 4	\$200,000	Design Woodhaugh
Year 5	\$3,330,000	Construct Woodhaugh
Year 7	\$200,000	Design Mosgiel
Year 8	\$2,870,000	Construct Mosgiel

- Note, the draft capital budget already includes \$6.60 million. Further details of this are presented in option 5 (status quo). If Council was to choose this option, the additional borrowing required would be \$4.620 million over the 9 year period.

Rates

- Cost of borrowing is estimated to be 4.12% annually from year 1 to year 4 of the 9 year plan then 5% from year 5. Depreciation is estimated to be 8.5% annually from year 3 of the 9 year plan.

Year	Interest	Depreciation
Year 1 2025/26	\$4,000	
Year 2 2026/27	\$99,000	
Year 3 2027/28	\$190,000	\$393,000
Year 4 2028/29	\$290,000	\$393,000
Year 5 2029/30	\$324,000	\$393,000
Year 6 2030/31	\$408,000	\$693,000
Year 7 2031/32	\$413,000	\$693,000
Year 8 2032/33	\$489,000	\$693,000
Year 9 2033/34	\$561,000	\$954,000

- There will be no additional operating costs. The existing playgrounds are being maintained under a maintenance contract which will transfer to the redeveloped facility.
- Impact on Rates for this option compared to the draft 9 year plan budget is as follows (noting that this schedule is additional to what has been allowed for in the current draft budget):

Year 1 2025/26	4,000
Year 2 2026/27	99,000
Year 3 2027/28	583,000
Year 4 2028/29	683,000
Year 5 2029/30	717,000
Year 6 2030/31	1,100,000
Year 7 2031/32	1,045,000
Year 8 2032/33	752,000
Year 9 2033/34	750,000

Zero carbon

- City wide greenhouse emissions are likely to increase with this option. The 3 playgrounds are already well used; however, the proposed changes will improve the play experience

with a new range of equipment for all age groups and be more accessible for people with mobility issues. Any increase is likely to be through increased usage and more people travelling to the playgrounds. This could be mitigated by providing covered cycle parking and ensuring that the playgrounds are well serviced with public transport options.

- DCC's greenhouse emissions are likely to remain the same with this option. The 3 playgrounds are already maintained by DCC contractors, and the new designs are not likely to increase greenhouse emissions over the existing situation.

Advantages

- 3 modern destination playgrounds.
- Wide range of play opportunities.
- Inclusive play options.
- The feedback from the community will be incorporated into the new concept designs.

Disadvantages

- The costs will be significantly higher than the originally proposed budget of \$6.6million.

Option Two.

- 34 **Scenario D:** Implement the updated concept design for Marlow Park with an approximate budget of \$4.62 million within the first 3 year cycle of the 9 year plan and updating the other two playgrounds as part of the playground renewals process.

Impact assessment

This option has an impact on debt and ongoing operational budgets

Debt

- Would require borrowing of \$4.62 million to fund this option in the first two years of the 9 year plan:

Year 1 2025/26	\$200,000	Design Marlow
Year 2 2026/27	\$4,420,000	Construct Marlow

- Note, the draft capital budget includes \$6.600 million. Further details of this are presented in option 5 (status quo). This option would require less debt over the 9 year period.

Rates

- Cost of borrowing is estimated to be 4.12% annually from year 1 to year 4 of the 9 year plan then 5% from year 5. Depreciation is estimated to be 8.5% annually from year 3 of the 9.

Year	Interest	Depreciation
Year 1 2025/26	\$4,000	
Year 2 2026/27	\$99,000	
Year 3 2027/28	\$190,000	\$393,000
Year 4 2028/29	\$190,000	\$393,000
Year 5 2029/30	\$231,000	\$393,000
Year 6 2030/31	\$231,000	\$393,000
Year 7 2031/32	\$231,000	\$393,000
Year 8 2032/33	\$231,000	\$393,000
Year 9 2033/34	\$231,000	\$393,000

- There will be no additional operating costs. The existing playgrounds are being maintained under a maintenance contract which will transfer to the redeveloped facility.
- Impact on Rates for this option compared to draft 9 year plan (noting that this schedule is compared to what has been allowed for in the current draft budget):

Year 1 2025/26	4,000
Year 2 2026/27	99,000
Year 3 2027/28	583,000
Year 4 2028/29	583,000
Year 5 2029/30	624,000
Year 6 2030/31	624,000
Year 7 2031/32	564,000
Year 8 2032/33	194,000
Year 9 2033/34	(141,000)

Zero carbon

- City wide greenhouse emissions are likely to increase with this option. Marlow Park is a very popular playground and the design changes are likely to attract more people to visit. This could be mitigated by providing covered cycle parking and ensuring that the playground is well serviced with public transport options.
- DCC's greenhouse emissions are likely to remain the same with this option. Marlow Park is already maintained by DCC contractors, and the new design is not likely to increase greenhouse emissions over the existing situation.

Advantages

- Will be designed within the originally proposed budget of \$6.6 million.

- The community will see the development of a modern destination playground with their feedback incorporated into the design.

Disadvantages

- Only one of the 3 playgrounds consulted on will be built.

Option Three.

- 35 **Scenario A:** implement the original concept designs for all 3 playgrounds based on the original proposed budget of \$6.6 million over the first 4 years of the 9 year plan.

Impact assessment

This option has an impact on debt and ongoing operational budgets

Debt

- Would require borrowing of \$6.6 million to fund this option in the first two years of the 9:

Year 1 2025/26	\$200,000	Design Marlow
Year 2 2026/27	\$2,200,000	Construct Marlow, Design Woodhaugh
Year 3 2027/28	\$2,200,000	Construct Woodhaugh, Design Mosgiel
Year 4 2028/29	\$2,000,000	Construct Mosgiel

- Note, the draft capital plan includes \$6.6 million in years 7, 8 and 9 as outlined in scenario 5. This option would require the same level of debt, however to be drawn down in earlier years.

Rates

- Cost of borrowing is estimated to be 4.12% annually from year 1 to year 4 of the 9 year plan then 5% from year 5. Depreciation is estimated to be 8.5% annually from year 3 of the 9:

Year	Interest	Depreciation
Year 1 2025/26	\$4,000	
Year 2 2026/27	\$54,000	
Year 3 2027/28	\$144,000	\$204,000
Year 4 2028/29	\$231,000	\$391,000
Year 5 2029/30	\$330,000	\$561,000
Year 6 2030/31	\$330,000	\$561,000
Year 7 2031/32	\$330,000	\$561,000
Year 8 2032/33	\$330,000	\$561,000
Year 9 2033/34	\$330,000	\$561,000

- There will be no additional operating costs. The existing playgrounds are being maintained under a maintenance contract which will transfer to the redeveloped facility.
- Impact on Rates for this option compared to draft 9 year plan (noting that this schedule is compared to what has been allowed for in the current draft budget):

Year 1 2025/26	4,000
Year 2 2026/27	54,000
Year 3 2027/28	348,000
Year 4 2028/29	622,000
Year 5 2029/30	891,000
Year 6 2030/31	891,000
Year 7 2031/32	831,000
Year 8 2032/33	461,000
Year 9 2033/34	127,000

Zero carbon

- City wide greenhouse emissions are likely to stay the same with this option. The three playgrounds are already well used; the changes will improve the play experience in each playground with a range of equipment for all age groups and be more accessible for people with mobility issues. Because all 3 playgrounds would be improved with a modest amount per playground, the pattern of use will remain as it is currently.
- DCC's greenhouse emissions are likely to remain the same with this option. The 3 playgrounds are already maintained by DCC contractors, and the new designs are not likely to increase greenhouse emissions over the existing situation.

Advantages

- Will be designed within the originally proposed budget of \$6.6million.
- The feedback from the community was generally in favour of updating the existing playgrounds.
- The concepts were designed to the \$2million capital cost (2023).

Disadvantages

- Does not respond to the community feedback.
- The current costs will be higher than the original 2023 estimates and so designs will need to be scaled back to stay within budget.

Option Four.

- 36 **Scenario B:** implement the original concept designs for all 3 playgrounds based on the original proposed budget of \$6.6 million spread over the 9 year plan with a playground being designed and constructed in each of the 3 year cycles.

Impact assessment

This option has an impact on debt and ongoing operational budgets

Debt

- Would require borrowing of \$6.6million to fund this option:

Year 1 2025/26	\$200,000	Design Marlow
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Year 2 2026/27	\$2,000,000	Construct Marlow
Year 4 2028/29	\$200,000	Design Woodhaugh
Year 5 2029/30	\$2,000,000	Construct Woodhaugh
Year 7 2031/32	\$200,000	Design Mosgiel
Year 8 2032/33	\$2,000,000	Construct Mosgiel

- Note, the draft capital budget includes \$6.600 million. Further details of this are presented in option 5 (status quo). This option would require the same level of debt, however to be drawn down in earlier years.

Rates

- Cost of borrowing is estimated to be 4.12% annually from year 1 to year 4 of the 9 year plan then 5% from year 5. Depreciation is estimated to be 8.5% annually from year 3 of the 9:

Year	Interest	Depreciation
Year 1 2025/26	\$4,000	
Year 2 2026/27	\$49,000	
Year 3 2027/28	\$91,000	\$187,000
Year 4 2028/29	\$191,000	\$187,000
Year 5 2029/30	\$170,000	\$187,000
Year 6 2030/31	\$210,000	\$374,000
Year 7 2031/32	\$225,000	\$374,000
Year 8 2032/33	\$280,000	\$374,000
Year 9 2033/34	\$330,000	\$561,000

- There will be no additional operating costs. The existing playgrounds are being maintained under a maintenance contract which will transfer to the redeveloped facility.
- Impact on Rates for this option compared to draft 9 year plan (noting that this schedule is compared to what has been allowed for in the current draft budget):

Year 1 2025/26	4,000
Year 2 2026/27	49,000
Year 3 2027/28	278,000
Year 4 2028/29	378,000
Year 5 2029/30	357,000
Year 6 2030/31	584,000
Year 7 2031/32	539,000
Year 8 2032/33	224,000
Year 9 2033/34	127,000

Zero carbon

- City wide greenhouse emissions are likely to stay the same with this option. The three playgrounds are already well used; the changes will improve the play experience in each playground with a range of equipment for all age groups and be more accessible for people with mobility issues. Because all 3 playgrounds would be improved with a modest

amount per playground spread over 3 cycles of the 9 year plan, the pattern of use will remain as it is currently.

- DCC's greenhouse emissions are likely to remain the same with this option. The 3 playgrounds are already maintained by DCC contractors, and the new designs are not likely to increase greenhouse emissions over the existing situation.

Advantages

- Will be designed within the originally proposed budget of \$6.6million.
- The feedback from the community was generally in favour of updating the existing playgrounds.

Disadvantages

- Does not respond to the community feedback.
- The current costs will be higher than the original 2023 estimates and so designs will need to be scaled back to stay within budget.

Option Five. Status Quo.

- 37 **Scenario E:** Business as usual with new budget allocated for the three playgrounds to occur in the last 3 years of the 9 Year Plan.

Impact assessment

This option has an impact on debt and ongoing operational budgets

Debt

- Would require borrowing of \$6.6 million to fund this option:
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| Year 7 2031/32 | \$2,400,000 | Design Marlow, Construct Marlow, Design Woodhaugh |
| Year 8 2032/33 | \$2,200,000 | Construct Woodhaugh, Design Mosgiel |
| Year 9 2033/34 | \$2,000,000 | Construct Mosgiel |

Rates

- Cost of borrowing is estimated to be 5.0% from year 5:
- | | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Year 7 2031/32 | \$60,000 |
| Year 8 2032/33 | \$175,000 |
| Year 9 2033/34 | \$280,000 |
- Depreciation is estimated to be:
- | | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Year 8 2032/33 | \$255,000 |
| Year 9 2033/34 | \$484,000 |
- There will be no additional operating costs. The existing playgrounds are being maintained under a maintenance contract which will transfer to the redeveloped facility.

- Impact on rate funding in the draft budget:

Year 7 2031/32	\$60,000
Year 8 2032/33	\$430,000
Year 9 2033/34	\$764,000

Zero carbon

- City wide greenhouse emissions will stay the same with this option. The three playgrounds are already well used and the pattern of use will remain as it is currently.
- DCC's greenhouse emissions are likely to remain the same with this option. The 3 playgrounds are already maintained by DCC contractors.

Advantages

- Will be designed within the originally proposed budget of \$6.6million.
- The feedback from the community was generally in favour of updating the existing playgrounds.

Disadvantages

- Does not respond to the community feedback.
- The current costs will be higher than the original 2023 estimates and so designs will need to be scaled back to stay within budget.

NEXT STEPS

37 Once an option has been selected work will begin work accordingly.

Signatories

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. This decision promotes the social well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Environment Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Arts and Culture Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Future Development Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Transport Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and Recreation Strategy	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

Playspaces contribute to the wellbeing of the community. The development of playspaces provides opportunities for art and culture to be included within the design. The Integrated Transport Strategy and Future Development Strategy are relevant when considering locations of future playspaces and in particular destination playspaces. Playspaces are a key component of the Parks and Recreation Strategy.

Māori Impact Statement

There will be continued engagement with mana whenua throughout both the design and development of our destination playspaces. Aukaha have been involved in preliminary discussions during the development of concept designs.

Sustainability

Sustainability will be considered all stages of the project from planning to construction.

Zero carbon

As above, the level of emissions depends on the option selected. The preferred option will attract more people to visit each of the playgrounds and there will be vehicle emissions to consider. To mitigate these effects the playgrounds will promote active transport options by providing covered cycle parking and amenities. Public transport options will also be promoted as an option for visiting the playgrounds.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

Currently there is no budget allocated within the 9 year plan for developing destination playspaces.

Financial considerations

Significance

The decision is considered low in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS***Engagement – external***

There have been 3 separate external engagement periods. The first was the feedback received in the 2021 to 2031 LTP where there was a call for a Margaret Mahy style of Playground in Dunedin. The second was to determine whether Council should create a new destination playground or invest in upgrading the 3 existing destination playgrounds. This round of engagement also sought to establish what improvements should be made at each of the 3 existing playgrounds. The third was to receive feedback on the resulting concept designs.

Engagement - internal

Parks and Recreation Services staff will work closely with our colleagues in other departments with the development of destination playspaces.

Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.

There are no identified risks.

Conflict of Interest

There are no known conflicts of interest.

Community Boards

All of the Community Boards will be interested in this topic as these playgrounds are relevant to people from all areas of the city.