

Request for written consent - removal and transplanting of trees - Whangamata Golf Club Reserve

TO	Whangamata Community Board
FROM	Jan McNeil - Property Officer
DATE	20 June 2018
SUBJECT	Request for written consent - removal and transplanting of trees - Whangamata Golf Club Reserve

1 Purpose of report

For recommendation to Council to approve a request from the Whangamata Golf Club Inc. (Club) to remove and transplant trees, to mitigate a potential hazard, located on the Whangamata Golf Club Reserve (Premises), located at 421 Achilles Avenue, Whangamata.

2 Background

The current lease with the Club commenced 1 November 2003, right of renewal is schedule for 31 October 2036 for a further term of 33 years. The Premises are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

The Club has identified a potential hazard from ball strike. They are proposing to realign greens to mitigate the hazard to adjacent property owners, which will require the removal and transplanting of trees as part of the proposal.

3 Issue

In accordance with clause 13 of the lease the Club is required to request and obtain written consent prior to any works commencing. Recommendation to Council to approve is required.

4 Discussion

As outlined above and as detailed in the Club's proposal, appended to (**Attachment A**), the Club has identified a potential hazard of ball strike with the current design of the course. To mitigate the risk it is proposed to realign the course greens away from adjacent property boundaries. To achieve the proposed course redesign tree removal and transplanting is require as detailed in their proposal.

The proposal has been reviewed by Council's Community Facilities Field Representative for the Whangamata area. It has been confirmed that Community Facilities have no concern with the proposal and all costs are to be met by the Club.

Given the above, the following resolution is suggested.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Request for written consent - removal and transplanting of trees - Whangamata Golf Club Reserve', report, dated 20 June 2018.
2. Recommends to Council to approve the removal and transplanting of trees at the clubs cost, in general accordance with the Whangamata Golf Club Inc. proposal dated 6 June 2018, for the Premises leased at 421 Achilles Avenue, Whangamata.
3. Recommends to Council that approval is subject to a suitably qualified contractor submitting a health and safety plan (Plan) for review, and Council providing written approval of the Plan prior to works commencing on site.

References-tabled/Agenda attachments

Attachment A *Request for Council approval*

Attachment A - Request for Council approval