

Option	Summary	Overview
<p>Option 1 – Maintain Status Quo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease model continues as usual. Current Council operational expenditure continues. Development, management, and bookings remains with the clubs. 	<p>Council continues to provide leases to clubs for entire sports parks. Council would continue to complete the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP)sports field improvement programme and continue a similar level of operational expenditure to continue mowing fields for lessees.</p> <p>Other than for Albert Park and Leamington Domain, lessees would continue to be responsible for delivering and funding all aspects of sports field management and development other than mowing and the sports field upgrades part of the LTP 2021-2031 sports field improvement programme. Lessees would continue to own and be responsible for flood lights and pay a community occupancy annual rent and all costs associated with water and electricity use.</p> <p>Clubs who don't hold leases, event organisers and other groups wanting to utilise fields would (for the majority of sports parks) continue to directly engage with lessees to book fields on either a casual hire basis or an informal seasonal agreement.</p>
<p>Option 2 – Voluntary opt into Council management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups who don't opt-in continue as usual. Council takes over development, management, and bookings of sports fields for groups who opt-in. For the groups that opt-in, seasonal user agreements available as priority and available to other sports groups as secondary. 	<p>Council offers lessees the opportunity to relinquish the sports fields from their leases and move to a building/asset footprint lease only in return for Council taking over delivering and funding all aspects of sports field management (including flood lights). This could occur at the end of the lease term or by mutual agreement prior to the lease ending.</p> <p>Lessees who opt in would be provided with seasonal user agreements negotiated with Council prior to the start of each season. Other clubs would also be able to negotiate seasonal user agreements for these fields. Fields made available to clubs through a seasonal user agreement would be on a preferential but non-exclusive basis for dates between the agreed club season.</p> <p>Where a club is not using a field for a scheduled game or training session, the field is available for casual hire through a Council booking system provided they are in a suitable condition. Club use outside the agreed season is subject to availability of grounds. Outside of formal bookings the fields are available for informal public use. If any costs are relayed to the users, these will be determined through Council's Fees and Charges processes.</p> <p>Lessees who don't opt in continue to be responsible for delivering and funding all aspects of sports field management and development other than mowing and the sports field upgrades part of the 2021-2031 LTP sports field improvement programme. These lessees continue to own and be responsible for flood lights and pay a community occupancy annual rent and all costs associated with water and electricity use.</p> <p>Clubs who don't hold leases, event organisers and other groups wanting to utilise fields either book directly with Council or continue to book through lessees, depending on how the sports parks are managed.</p>

<p>Option 3 – Urban sports fields managed by Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development, management, and bookings for specific clubs’ transfers to Council management for those in the urban centres (Te Awamutu and Cambridge). • Seasonal user agreements available as priority and available to other sports groups as secondary. • Sports groups in rural centres (Pirongia Sports Park, The Kaipaki Centre and Ōhaupō Memorial) continue as usual. 	<p>For all sports parks based in urban centers, Council only offer building footprint leases to all sports clubs and Council takes over all responsibilities for delivering and funding sports field management and development. This includes all clubs except Pirongia Sports Park, The Kaipaki Centre and Ōhaupō Memorial Park.</p> <p>Clubs are provided with seasonal user agreements negotiated with Council prior to the start of each season. Fields made available to clubs through a seasonal user agreement are on a preferential but non-exclusive basis for dates between the agreed club season. Where a club is not using a field for a scheduled game or training session, the field would be available for casual hire through a Council booking system provided they are in a suitable condition. Club use outside the agreed season is subject to availability of grounds. Outside formal bookings the fields are available for informal public use. If any costs are relayed to the users, these will be determined through Council’s Fees and Charges processes.</p> <p>The first stage of this change will be scheduled to occur when the majority of current leases have expired and at a season transition point; potentially towards the end of 2025.</p> <p>For Pirongia Sports Park, The Kaipaki Centre and Ōhaupō Memorial Park, the lessees continue to be responsible for delivering and funding all aspects of sports field management and development other than mowing and the sports field upgrades part of the 2021-2031 LTP sports field improvement programme. This could be reviewed at the end of their leases or by mutual agreement, after the new model for urban sports fields has been in place.</p>
<p>Option 4 – All sports fields managed by Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development, management, and bookings for all clubs’ transfers to Council management. • Seasonal user agreements available as priority and available to other sports groups as secondary. 	<p>Council only offers building footprint leases to all sports clubs and take over all responsibilities related to sports field management. Clubs are provided with seasonal user agreements negotiated with Council prior to the start of each season.</p> <p>Fields made available to clubs through a seasonal user agreement are on a preferential but non-exclusive basis for dates between the agreed club season. Where a club is not using a field for a scheduled game or training session, the field is available for casual hire through a Council booking system, provided they are in a suitable condition. Club use outside the agreed season is subject to availability of grounds. Outside of formal bookings the fields are available for informal public use. Any costs relayed to the users would be determined through Council’s Fees and Charges processes.</p> <p>The first stage of this change will be scheduled to occur when the majority of current leases have expired and at a season transition point; potentially towards the end of 2025.</p>
<p>Option 5 – Invest in a different way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease model continues as usual. • Council operational expenditure continues. 	<p>Similar to Option 1 in that, Council continues to complete the 2021-2031 LTP sports field improvement programme and continue a similar level of operational expenditure to continue mowing fields for lessees.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development, management, and bookings remains with the clubs. • Lease roles between Council and Clubs are clarified. • Council investment in FTE to care for funding, network oversight, regular contact with clubs. • Council takes over ownership and responsibility of some assets upon agreement with clubs. 	<p>However, at the point of lease expiry Council amend the terms of leases to clarify sports field management responsibilities for sports field management between Council and the lease holder to ensure high levels of service are being met.</p> <p>Council would require lease holders to have a specified plan for sports field management and development, including health and safety management plans of any work or assets on or near the fields. These plans are reviewed on an annual basis with the opportunity of financial investment from Council into network upgrades.</p> <p>Council hires a new staff member who is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintaining and developing relationships with lessees and other sports field users • supporting lessees to develop and implement their sports field outcomes plans, health and safety policy/plans, monitoring, and reporting sports field utilisation. • leading discussions with groups on long-term planning of facility developments e.g., master plans and hosting biannual sports field user forums. <p>Clubs who don't hold leases, event organisers and other groups wanting to utilise fields continue (for the majority of sports parks) to directly engage with lessees to book fields on either a casual hire basis or an informal seasonal agreement.</p>
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