Item 14.7 Project Update – Community Gym

Reporting: **Growth & Strategy Manager – Helen Thomas**

SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on the Community Gym & Wellbeing Facility project.

DISCUSSION:

Project Governance

As Council works to standardise its approach to project management, a formal Project Control Group (PCG)has been established for the Gym project. The role of the PCG is to act as a high-level steering committee responsible for ensuring that project outcomes are achieved and that project budgets, timelines and quality criteria are achieved. The key functions of the PCG will be to monitor and guide: overall delivery of the project against project outcomes; procurement processes; progress against timeframes and budget; communication and consultation with stakeholders; and, measurement of outputs.

Core membership of the PCG comprises:

- Helen Thomas, Growth & Strategy Manager
- Mick Grey, Consultant Engineer
- Dave Muir, Acting Works Manager
- Cr. Ian Allan, Parks & Recreation Working Group
- Dr Dave Arthur, Institute of Sport

In addition to this core group, subject matter experts from within Council and the broader project team, including the architects and recreation consultants, will be invited to meetings as required.

The PCG will report to the General Manager as the Project Sponsor and the Councillor Parks & Recreation Working Group as the Project Client.

Project Budget

As per the recommendation made to the April closed Council meeting – reported in the minutes of the open Council meeting – the delay in acting on the grant funding provided by the Commonwealth through the Community Development Grants Program (CDGP) has meant that the $1,000,000 funding is no longer sufficient to complete the deliverables of the grant deed. As such, Council resolved to allocate Round 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) funding to the Gym project to ensure the deliverables listed in the CDGP grant deed can be delivered.

In light of this, ever effort is being made to make the most of the funding available and minimise the risk of costs increasing through escalation in labour and materials prices and the cost of delays in the construction process.

At the first formal PCG meeting in early May, it was determined that a Request for Tender be issued which invites potential builders to consider different construction methods, including various levels of off-site pre-fabrication. This process will be mapped out in more detail over the course of May 2023.

Communications Plan

Another action arising from the PCG meeting was the development of a communications plan to frame how and when information is shared and feedback sought.

It was agreed that in any case, regular project updates such as this will be included in the agendas for ordinary Council meetings, with these reports published on the project webpage to facilitate ease of reference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
Nil

Recommendations:

That Council receive and note the project update on the Community Gym & Wellbeing Facility

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Cr G Green
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CARRIED unanimously

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