

MEDIA RELEASE

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COUNCILLORS WANT VALUE FOR MONEY ON ALL-WEATHER SPORTS FIELD SURFACE

At a meeting of Council, Tuesday 25 August 2015, Councillors voted to defer a decision on the ELS Hall, Field No. 1 Synthetic Surface to ensure the project is achieving value for money for the community.

Following the tender process, two tenders were received resulting in the cost of the project being approximately \$750,000 higher than the budgeted amount.

Council staff are now in the process of preparing a draft Synthetic Turf Action Plan, including a draft Implementation Plan, to be presented to Council in December 2015 that will review and confirm the cost benefit analysis of the proposed synthetic sports field project as well as develop a program for future all weather sports field surfaces installations across the City.

Councillors were mindful of the community benefit of the installation of an all-weather synthetic surface at the high-demand sports field. Council aims to progress a synthetic sports surface within the City of Ryde as soon as possible.

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