STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Community Services

DATE: 12 September 2007

SUBJECT: Golden Bay High School Gymnasium

REASON FOR REPORT

To update the Board, and to raise the matter of the GB High School gymnasium refurbishment and request funding support.

BACKGROUND

When the above Gymnasium was built the community, through the Golden Bay County made a financial contribution provided the facility was available to the public outside school hours. This has worked successfully for many years and Council has provided an annual contribution towards the operating costs of the facility. When the LTCCP was compiled it was agreed that a capital sum should be included towards any future upgrade.

A sum of \$35,000 was allocated in the 2007/08 financial year and with an inflation allowance this is now \$35,980. With this in mind the school has applied to the Ministry for funds to upgrade the Gymnasium this year at a total cost of just over \$100,000. At the same time they have itemised the suggested share of costs that should be met by Council and this totals \$35,850. A copy of the letter from the school is attached and details the community use of the facility and also breaks down the various costs.

DISCUSSION

This matter was considered by the Golden Bay Community Board at their meeting on 11 September 2007 and they have recommended that the funding be approved.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Golden Bay Community Board agrees to the share of works as outlined in the letter from the Golden Bay High School dated 27 August 2007 and recommends to the Community Services Committee that the funds allocated in the 2007/08 Annual Plan for upgrades to the School Gymnasium, be provided to the school for this work subject to the school receiving funds from the Ministry of Education.