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7 Aylesbury Street
Pakuranga

Howick Local Board

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Howick Local Board Plan 2014

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Message from the chair

I am delighted to present the 2014 Howick Local Board Plan which sets out our community aspirations for the next three years and beyond. This plan builds on what you have told us and outlines how we can achieve these aspirations together. It also forms the basis for our decision-making and advocacy. You have told us that you want to see the Half Moon Bay Ferry Terminal area developed as a transport hub. The Flat Bush area needs careful planning and we should therefore prioritise the building of the multi-use community facility, library and aquatic centre. There is also a desire for a youth facility and the need for more youth programmes in existing facilities.

Public transport is a key priority. Advocating to Auckland Transport to ensure our transport issues are addressed is considered critical to meet Howick's growth needs. This includes more ferries, walkways and cycleways and better roads.

There is continued support for maintaining our local facilities, parks and sportsfields to meet the needs of our community. Developing major parks such as Barry Curtis and Lloyd Elsmore Parks will provide further opportunities for everyone to pursue active and healthy lifestyles.

You have told us to keep our natural environment green and clean so we can continue to enjoy it. This means focusing on extending walkways and cycleways, making sure that the quality of our water is clean and continuing with our programme of coastal restoration and beach replenishment.

We want to improve communications and networking opportunities to allow our community to have input into what we do. We will encourage more activities where we can come together as a community so that you stay involved and connected.

We will encourage businesses to set up and remain in our area to provide more jobs locally, with a particular focus on helping our young people transition from school to work.

The plan relies on collaborating with the community and a range of stakeholders to deliver our priorities. We will bring all our partners together and seek your views on projects.

Auckland Council is currently preparing its draft Long Term Plan. This will review budgets for many of the projects which are in this local board plan. We may need to review the

priorities and make changes accordingly. We are committed to making sure that we use your rates efficiently and focus our efforts where it is needed most in the area.

We look forward to working with you to implement our local board plan.

David Collings
Chair, Howick Local Board
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Mihi

Tēnā kia hoea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi o ata
e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki
ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.

I reira ka toia aku mihi ki te uru ki te Pūkaki-Tapu-a-Poutūkeka,
i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.

E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka a Hoturoa
ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.

I kona ka rere taku haere mā te ākau ki te puaha o Waikato,
te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna, Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.

Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo
mā Maioro ki Waiuku ki Mātukureira

kei kona ko ngā Pā o Tahuna me Reretewhioi.

Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki Pukekohe.

Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo ki te ao o te tonga e whāriki atu rā mā runga i ngā hiwi,
kia taka atu au ki Te Paina, ki te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.

Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiaua

te whākana atu rā ō whatu mā Tīkapa Moana ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.

Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki Maraetai

kia hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi, heteri mō Pakuranga.

I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au i te awa o Tāmaki

ma te taha whakarunga ki te Puke o Taramainuku, kei kona ko Ōtara.

Katahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore,

kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga ki runga o Pukekiwiriki

kei raro ko Papakura ki kona au ka whakatau.

Let this vessel that carries my greetings

travel by way of the Tāmaki River

to the landing place of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.

There, let my salutations be borne across the isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon

and the community of Māngere.

Paddling the Manukau Harbour

we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.

From there we fly down the coast to the Waikato river mouth,
sacred waters of our forebears.

Coming ashore on the Northern side

at Maioro we head inland to Waiuku and Mātukureira,

there too is the Pā at Tāhuna and Reretewhioi.

Heading southward I come to Pukekohe.

My words turn to follow the ancient ridgelines along the southern boundary,
dropping down into Mercer and Te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.

My greetings reach you at Kaiaua

who gaze across Tikapa Moana to the sacred mountain, Moehau.

Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to Maraetai

and then to Ōhuiarangi, sentinel to Pakuranga.

There we follow again the Tāmaki River

to Te Puke o Taramainuku, Ōtara resides there.

From here I reach for Manurewa

until my greetings come to rest on Pukekiwiriki

below lies Papakura and there I rest.

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Our vision

Creating the world's most liveable city at the local level

We want to make Howick Local Board area the most liveable city at a local level. We will ensure it is a prosperous, safe and attractive place where residents can fully participate in the life of the community. We will celebrate our heritage, diversity and beautiful natural environment.

Howick is a jewel in the Auckland region that offers a rich history dating back to both the first settlement by Māori and a Fencibles colony in the 1840s. The history of the area continues to be played out today with the vibrant Howick Historical Village which brings hundreds of people to the area to learn about Howick's Fencible colonial past.

We have embraced our cultural diversity with so many people from a range of ethnicities making Howick their home. We will continue to foster the richness of all cultures through arts and culture, music and dance. The board celebrated the recent opening of the new whare wananga 'Matariki' (meaning new beginnings) at the Emilia Maud Nixon Garden of Memories in Howick. We look forward to continuing Miss Nixon's vision of bringing people, history and the community together through learning about Maori traditions.

The Ormiston Town Centre in Flat Bush is a major residential and commercial development for Auckland and New Zealand. We will work with our partners and the community to make sure Flat Bush is able to develop as a community and has the right facilities in place. The Highbrook and East Tāmaki business precincts are key employment and business centres for our community and for Auckland. We will work harder to enhance public transport and better road connections so that people and businesses can move around easily and safely.

We offer excellent parks, sportsfields, open spaces, a wonderful green environment and an admired coastline. We will continue to care for these facilities and natural resources so that they can be enjoyed by everyone.

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Our outcomes

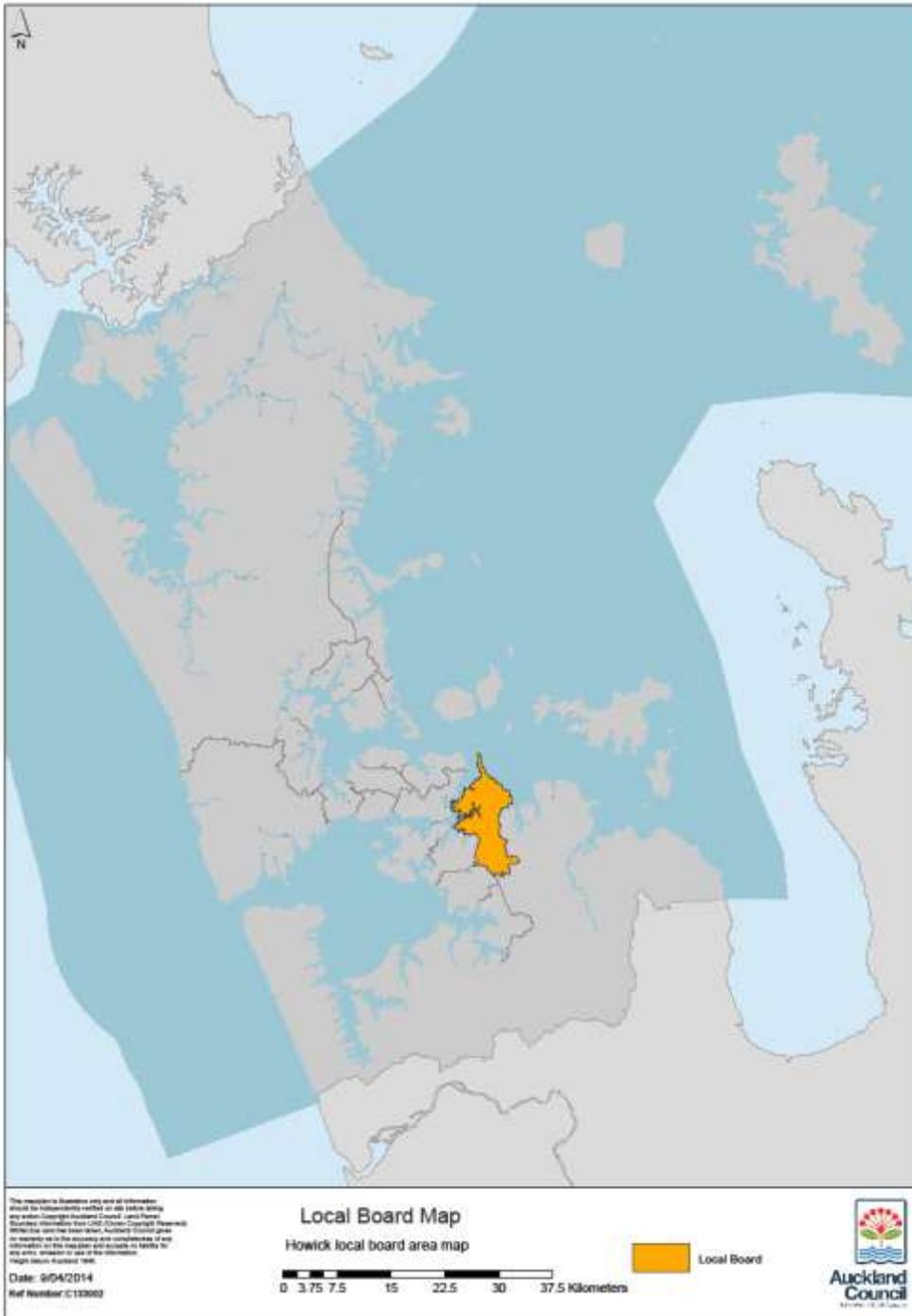
The Howick Local Board Plan creates the world’s most liveable city at the local level. Creating the world’s most liveable city is the vision of the Auckland Plan. Our local board plan takes into account the outcomes in the 30-year Auckland Plan to help deliver this vision.

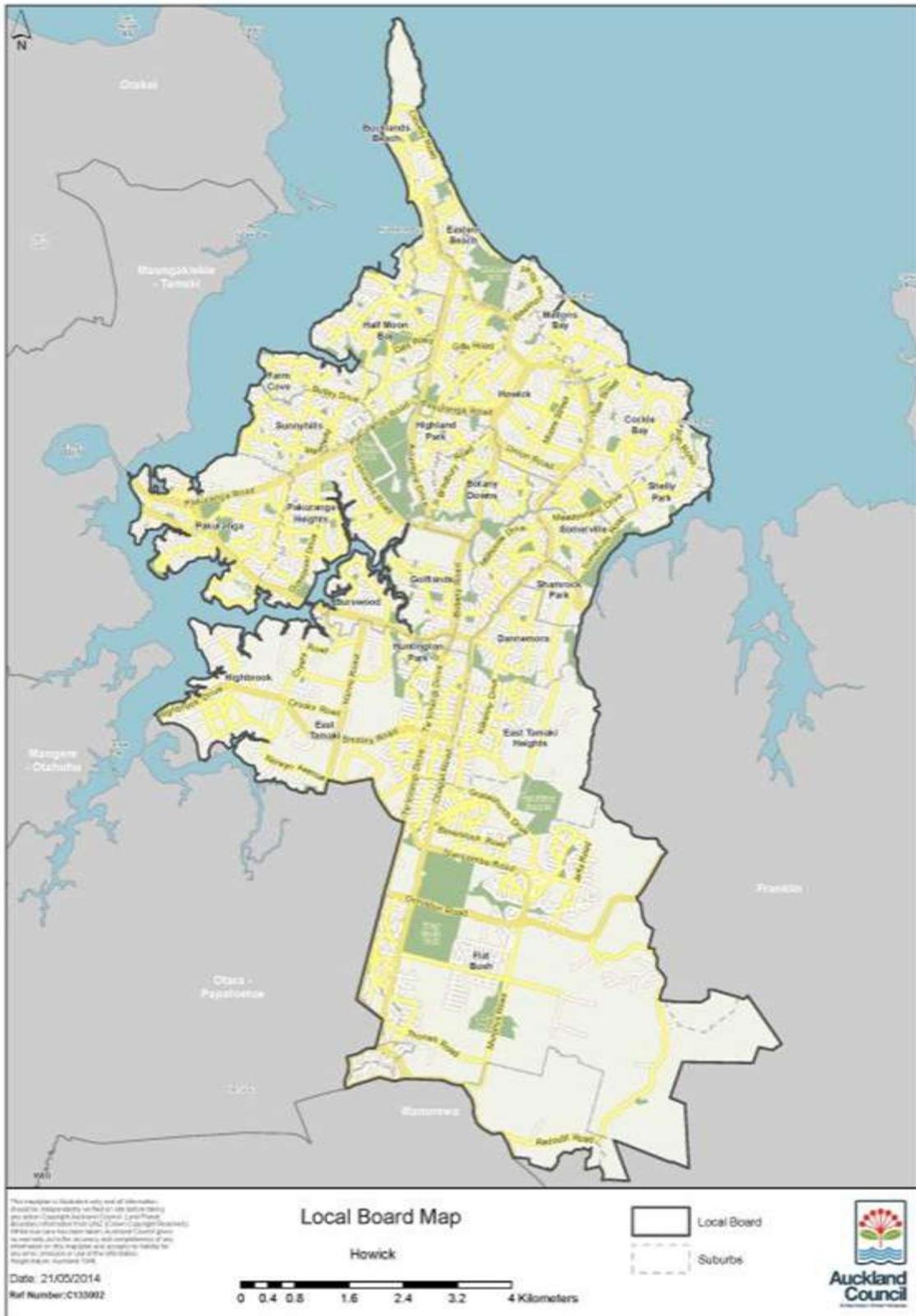
Howick Local Board Plan Outcomes	The Auckland Plan
<p>An involved and connected community We are proud of our area and participate in our community to make Howick a great place to live, work and play</p> <p>Howick’s future growth is managed effectively We want to make sure that future growth is well planned for, good-quality design is evident and that our transport connections enable people to move easily about the Howick area</p> <p>Valuing our cultural diversity We are culturally diverse and have great facilities for creative activities including music and dance, theatre and visual arts</p> <p>We all treasure and enjoy our environment We will keep our wonderful environment and much-admired coastline clean and safe for all to use</p> <p>Our community is active and healthy Our extensive network of public places and spaces, recreation and leisure facilities will be looked after so everyone can use them</p> <p>A prosperous local economy We will attract new businesses to support our thriving local economy and provide opportunities for training and skill development</p> <p>We will also attract tourism to our area</p>	<p>Vision To become the world’s most liveable city</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a fair, safe and healthy Auckland • a green Auckland • an Auckland of prosperity and opportunity • a well-connected and accessible Auckland • a beautiful Auckland that is loved by its people • a culturally rich and creative Auckland • a Māori identity that is Auckland’s point of difference in the world.

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Howick Local Board area

The Howick Local Board area includes Howick, Pakuranga, Botany and Flat Bush and the fast-growing industrial and commercial area in East Tāmaki and Highbrook.





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About local boards

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, comprising the governing body (made up of the mayor and 20 ward councillors) and 21 local boards. The governing body focuses on the big picture and on Auckland-wide issues and decisions.

Local boards provide local leadership and make decisions on local issues, activities and facilities, such as local parks, libraries and community halls. Local boards can also fund other organisations through community grants and other funding arrangements, for activities such as events and community programmes.

Local boards engage with and represent their communities, provide important local input into Auckland-wide strategies and plans and work with others to build strong communities. Many council activities that are important to local communities are the responsibility of the governing body and council-controlled organisations (including Auckland Transport). Local boards act as champions and advocates for their communities when others have the decision-making role.

Local boards also play an important role in delivering at the local level on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori.

Working with Māori

Auckland Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori. As part of this commitment the Howick Local Board will continue to build a close working relationship with mana whenua with interests in the area and mataawaka.

The local board plan will help set the framework for engaging rangatira ki te rangatira or chief to chief, to share information and work together. Our local board plan describes some of the ways we will work together with iwi in our local area that will support kaitiakitanga and the guardianship of our environment and special places.

About local board plans

This plan is about the Howick Local Board area. It expresses what we have heard from you.

The plan sets the framework that will guide our decision-making and actions for the next three years. It informs the board's decisions on local activities, and enables us to represent your interests and preferences on regional strategies and plans. It also provides the flexibility to cope with changes that will happen during the next three years. During this time we will continue to work closely with all sectors of our community to understand your ongoing needs, issues and priorities.

About local board funding

The local boards funding policy in the long-term plan (LTP) sets out how local boards are funded.

Some local board funding relates to local assets and facilities. The governing body makes the initial investment decisions and then local boards oversee the budgets and operations. Local boards are also allocated funding to deliver local programmes and initiatives. The actual budget for each year is agreed with the governing body as part of discussion on the annual local board agreement.

This local board plan contains indicative budget tables for the next three years. This budget is based on the LTP 2012-2022, with adjustments to reflect annual plans and other budget changes since then.

The actual budgets for the next three years will be different. This is because they will reflect recent amendments to the local boards funding policy, and because the council is preparing the draft LTP 2015-2025. This preparation includes a review of funding for all projects, which may affect some local board plan projects that are currently funded.

Our draft local board plan showed the funding status of key initiatives to deliver each plan outcome. This funding status is not included in this final local board plan, because it could change as the LTP 2015-2025 is developed.

What you have told us

Engaging with our communities has been an important part of developing this plan. You have told us your views on many issues over the past three years as part of the development of a wide range of council plans.

We also undertook further specific engagement in developing this plan. We listened to your views at community meetings and gathered information informally through the Auckland Council website. Formal consultation then followed, where you made written

submissions. We held hearings, considered all submissions fully and made changes to our plan based on your feedback.

During the development of this plan, we had conversations with the community on ideas for the future of Howick. In January 2014 we held key stakeholder engagement sessions to test our thinking and check we were on the right track. From February to March we attended public events in Howick, Botany and Pakuranga and community network meetings across the Howick area to get further input on the proposed outcomes and to hear ideas for initiatives.

In early March we held a joint hui with other southern local boards and mana whenua to begin conversations on the local board plan and also build closer relationships.

We have used all of the feedback and ideas from these conversations to put together this local board plan.

Here are some of the key things you have told us:

- expand and improve green spaces and maintain our recreational trails so they can be shared by all
- protect our environment and heritage, improve our water quality and manage coastal erosion
- build more cycleways and advocate for coordinated ferry services to and from the city
- continue to develop the Half Moon Bay area as a transport hub
- traffic congestion is an issue and in some areas it would be great if bus priority lanes could be put in place – such as Botany
- the future growth of the Howick area should not compromise the quality of life enjoyed by residents. Growth should be sensitive to our area's heritage and landscape
- provide opportunities to involve residents more in their communities – being active and involved in local neighbourhoods helps create strong communities
- a strong local economy helps to improve the well-being of our community and the environment
- encourage good use of recreational facilities and make sure any new multi-sport facilities are needed before they are built

Other sources of information to develop the plan

We have also looked at a range of council documents and policies and information from outside agencies to inform this plan which include:

- The Auckland Plan – a vision for Auckland
- Thriving communities: Auckland Council’s role in supporting communities to flourish
- We all get along – social cohesion in Three Auckland Suburbs
- Auckland Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan
- I am Auckland – Children and Young People’s Strategic Action Plan

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Outcome: An involved and connected community

We are proud of our area and participate in our community to make Howick a great place to live, work and play.

The Howick area of Botany, Pakuranga and Howick village is made up of many different communities. Some parts such as Howick village have a long and rich history – others like Botany have developed more recently and currently a whole new town is being created at Flat Bush. However, communities are more than just bricks and mortar. A sense of belonging and being able to make a contribution to the development of your community is important to many of you. You have said that you want to be able to get to know your neighbours and have a say in how your community grows and develops. We will put in place ways for our communities to talk to us and each other and support the growth of healthy, vibrant communities across the Howick area.

Strong, connected communities develop when people know each other, have a sense of belonging and are able to influence what happens in their community and feel their voice is heard. We will have regular conversations with our community on important issues such as the development of the Flat Bush area or the future look and feel of the Pakuranga Town Centre. We will encourage forums such as residents' groups as a means for people to come together over common issues and goals. This includes engaging with everyone such as people with disabilities, older people, youth and ethnic communities.

We will promote 'Healthy Howick' which will focus on collaboration with businesses and social agencies to respond to the needs of our communities. As part of healthy Howick, we will look at new and innovative ways to make connections with our community and promote healthy lifestyles, including supporting initiatives to reduce the negative impacts of alcohol, cigarettes and gambling. We aim to work closely with our neighbouring local boards on common advocacy issues and projects to share resources and knowledge. We will work with organisations such as Neighbourhood Support and Crime Watch Patrol to support their efforts in the community.

Providing places where people can come together is an important role the board plays. We have a number of community facilities throughout Howick that are used by a range of community organisations. They are not always available and accessible to all though. We will work to make our community facilities more available and fully accessible to everyone including people with disabilities, youth, older people, and people from all cultures.

Creating opportunities for young people in our community to make their voice heard is essential. One of the key planks of the Auckland Plan is to improve the prospects of Auckland's children and young people. We will play our part in this at a local level by continuing to encourage young people to become more involved in the community, take on leadership roles and participate in local decision-making. The Howick Youth Council is just one example of the type of initiative that the board will continue to support to make this happen.

You said

- 'Working together encourages friendships, shared ideas and altogether a healthier, united community.'
- 'Involve communities in determining what plans are to be made.'
- 'Connecting communities is important.'
- 'Explore opportunities to improve community safety in partnership with internal and external agencies.'
- 'Accessibility for people with disabilities needs to be more specifically addressed.'
- 'More networking opportunities and infrastructure is needed to allow communication within and amongst community groups.'

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What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost *
People actively contribute to their community	Investigate developing a youth-focussed facility and/or more programmes for youth within existing facilities	Decision maker – provides funding	Youth organisations Local community Youth Council Businesses MIT/AUT	Project not costed
People feel safe and have a sense of belonging	Continue to develop the Howick Pride of Place project – signage, public art and establish a signature event to promote local pride	Decision maker – provides funding	Local community Community organisations Mana whenua	\$600,000 (\$200,000 annually)
People feel safe and have a sense of belonging	Explore opportunities to improve community safety in partnership with internal and external agencies	Decision maker – provides funding	Community safety groups Mana whenua Local community Businesses	\$93,000 (\$31,000 annually)
People are supported to lead and develop projects	Support community-led initiatives that build potential for social innovation and enterprise e.g. community gardens	Decision maker – provides funding	Social Service agencies Environmental groups Local businesses Mana whenua	Project not costed

*NOTE: Projects which are subject to funding will be considered as part of the Long Term Plan

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Outcome: Howick's future growth is managed effectively

We want to make sure that future growth is well planned for, good quality design is evident and that our transport connections enable people to move easily about the Howick area.

Our area is growing fast. Howick's population increased by 12 per cent in the 2013 census and is set to continue to grow through developments such as Ormiston in Flat Bush. More and more people from a wide range of cultures are coming to live here to raise their families. Howick has a relatively large Asian population making up over a third of our residents (38 per cent of its population compared to the Auckland region at 23 per cent). Our population is also getting older. The number of older people (aged 65 and older) rose by 37.8 per cent at the last census. These changes mean that we have to continue planning for how our area grows and ensure that we have the right things in place such as transport connections, local services, infrastructure and facilities.

Transport is a major issue for the area due to the difficulty of accessing major roads and motorways. Our specific transport issues include congestion on main roads and limited ferry and public transport options. The board does not have a decision-making role for transport but what we can do is continue to strongly advocate and partner with Auckland Transport (AT) to urgently address transport issues in our area.

Our projects will support the Auckland Plan goal to 'create better connections and accessibility within Auckland, across New Zealand and around the world'. The Half Moon Bay ferry terminal is an important transport facility for the area. The board will advocate for the development of the Half Moon Bay transport hub as a priority to provide more efficient ferry services to connect people to and from the city and Waiheke Island. A further priority is the continuation of the Auckland-Manukau Eastern Transport Initiative (AMETI) to give people better transport choices by improving safety for cyclists, providing separate bus lanes and creating linkages to the public transport network. The regional public transport system is being reviewed which will address the frequency of bus and ferry services. More cycle lanes linked to public open spaces, harbours, walkways and green spaces are also important for everyone. To help traffic flow more easily, we will advocate to Auckland Transport to improve congestion hot spots at intersections by road widening, use of red light cameras and improved signal phasing.

Completing the Pakuranga Town Centre Masterplan will support future growth and transport development in the area. It is envisaged that the town centre development will be integrated with AMETI's transport proposals.

We want to preserve and improve the special character of the Howick Village area which makes it so attractive to live in and visit. We will look into an integrated planning solution for the Howick Village area which will include undertaking a place audit to identify areas that we need to focus on.

The Auckland Plan outlines the need for good design in all developments and provides for more intensification to accommodate growth. This is supported through the Unitary Plan. We do not want to see poor quality development in our area. We want to see growth that is well planned and is of high quality. We will work with decision-makers to encourage the use of non-statutory documents such as the Auckland Design Manual and promote the application of best-practice and award winning design models in residential and business developments.

We will advocate to ensure that infrastructure such as stormwater, public open spaces and other community infrastructure (facilities) are put in place before development occurs. Work undertaken by Watercare has identified the need for reconfiguration and upgrades to the local wastewater network. This is essential to minimize effects on the environment.

Flat Bush is identified as a spatial priority in the Auckland Plan and a significant area of population growth. Master planning of the new Flat Bush area is well under way with development of the town centre rapidly progressing. With over 40,000 people expected in this area by 2031, this is New Zealand's largest residential development. Planning for a multi-use community facility, library and aquatic centre to complement the development of the town centre is also underway. Place-making in Flat Bush is critical to its development and we will advocate for a people-centred approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces in this area to meet the needs and aspirations of the community.

To help us understand how our existing community facilities are used in Howick, we will complete a review of local facilities as part of the wider Community Facilities Network Plan. The review will help to identify gaps, inform future needs and indicate where existing facilities require improvement. This review will also help to inform us on the accessibility of our facilities for disabled and older people, youth and ethnic communities and look at ways to improve access.

You said

- 'Transport is an issue.'
- 'Future growth must be managed to ensure the quality of life enjoyed by residents is not compromised.'
- 'We need more green open spaces to be provided.'
- 'Fast forward improvements for Half Moon Bay ferry.'
- 'Where walkways are set, it would be great to also include cycling.'
- 'Multi-use community facility, library and aquatic centre are needed now.'

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What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
A well-integrated efficient public transportation system	Investigate options for further ferry transport in the area	Advocacy	Auckland Transport (AT)	No additional funding required
A well-integrated efficient public transportation system	Input into East/West Connections and SMART project	Advocacy	AT	No additional funding required
Local services and infrastructure in place to meet Howick's growth	Align stormwater and wastewater infrastructure to accommodate growth	Advocacy	Watercare Businesses	No additional funding required
Local services and infrastructure in place to meet Howick's growth	Develop the potential for an integrated planning solution for the Howick Village area e.g. place audit	Advocacy	Auckland Council Property Limited (ACPL)	No additional funding required
Local services and infrastructure in place to meet Howick's growth	Complete the development of the aquatic centre at Flat Bush	Advocacy	ACPL Todd Property Sport clubs	\$16m (over 3 years)

What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Well designed and quality development in Howick	Continue to partner with Auckland Transport to develop the Half Moon Bay area as a transport hub	Advocacy	Auckland Transport (AT)	No additional funding required
Better utilised facilities and open space to meet existing and future growth needs	Integration of a quality network of parks and open spaces that accommodate a variety of needs	Decision maker – provides funding	Community organisations Sports clubs Businesses	Project not costed
Better utilised facilities and open space to meet existing and future growth needs	Develop partnerships for the community to utilise the benefits of facilities not owned by the council	Advocacy	Businesses Marae Schools	No additional funding required
Better utilised facilities and open space to meet existing and future growth needs	Complete a review of local community facilities as part of the wider Community Facilities Network Plan	Decision maker – provides funding	Community groups Schools Businesses Sports clubs	Project not costed

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Outcome: Valuing our cultural diversity

We are culturally diverse and have great facilities for creative activities including music and dance, theatre and visual arts.

The last census (2013) identified that in our local board area over 50 per cent of residents are European and 38 per cent are Asian, with Chinese the largest sub group. Nearly 10 per cent of our residents identified as Indian, followed by people from the Philippines. There was a small increase in the number of Māori and Pacific people coming to live in Howick. We want to find more ways to engage with and support our diverse communities.

We host an exciting array of events and programmes including exhibitions, art classes, concerts and theatre. Arts, culture and music enable us to see the world through the eyes of others and we want to promote this through implementing an Arts and Culture Plan. This will include talking with neighbouring local boards to scope an arts trail that will highlight each area's artistic skills and identity. By the end of 2015, we will have a new arts venue following the redevelopment of the Uxbridge Creative Arts Centre.

We will work with a number of community groups and key stakeholders to develop the Tāmaki River Festival and to make it a signature event in our local board area. We aim to also work with our other local boards to discuss future plans for the Tāmaki River for sports, leisure and recreation.

The Saturday night market at the Pakuranga Plaza brings many people to our area for food, shopping and music. We want to nurture and promote our differences and extend this experience more broadly through other cultural exchanges and events in our local board area. We will ensure that all our events, festivals and markets are smokefree and accessible to everyone.

We recognise and celebrate the contribution of volunteers and residents in our local community with an awards ceremony every two years. Volunteers give their time and energy to work with key groups and stakeholders in parks, reserves, beaches and schools. We also help our diverse ethnic communities share their cultures by funding community cultural events and festivals such as Diwali, Chinese Mooncake Festival and Matariki.

We will ensure that Howick continues to be well-resourced with high-quality library facilities to meet changing needs which also reflects the diversity of our communities. In particular, we will focus on improving the digital library, providing for the needs of non-English speaking residents, engaging children and young people and delivering programmes and services that inspire learning and participation by everyone in our community. A new library in Flat Bush will provide more opportunities for people to get involved and connect in a modern facility.

You said

- ‘Pretty well off for arts, culture, events and music.’
- ‘More opportunities for exchange of cultures and communities to mix.’
- ‘Celebrating helps to hold onto the culture.’
- ‘Support the voices from the community that ask for more opportunities for exchange of cultures and for communities to mix.’
- ‘We like the idea of a Tāmaki River Festival to promote our waterways and coastline.’
- ‘Upgrade libraries for changing needs.’

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What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Share and celebrate our cultures	Support multicultural, intergenerational events and activities through seed funding for example in growth areas such as Flat Bush	Decision maker – provides funding	Community organisations Mana whenua Business Ethnic organisations	Funding included as part of the Howick Pride of Place Project
Share and celebrate our cultures	Develop the feasibility of a Tāmaki River Festival to promote our waterways and coastline	Decision maker – provides funding	Local community Community organisations Mana whenua	Funding included as part of the Howick Pride of Place Project
Grow our arts, culture and music	Complete the redevelopment of the Uxbridge Creative Arts Centre	Decision maker – provides funding	Uxbridge Creative Arts Centre	\$6.4m (over 2 years)
Grow our arts, culture and music	Maintain and upgrade existing library facilities to meet changing needs, particularly Highland Park	Decision maker – provides funding	Community organisations	\$3.5m (existing renewals budget)
Grow our arts, culture and music	Complete the multi-use community facility and library at Flat Bush	Advocacy	ACPL Todd Group	\$20.8m (over 3 years)

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Outcome: We all treasure and enjoy our environment

We will keep our wonderful environment and admired coastline clean and safe for all to use.

An important part of making Auckland the most liveable city involves preserving our environment and regenerating our native bush. Howick has a wide variety of natural features including beaches, volcanic cones, reserves, parks and open spaces and waterways. We want to continue to safeguard and use these treasures for the enjoyment of everyone now and in the future. Our community plays an important role in this as you are the eyes and ears for the protection of these taonga.

We will develop and lead programmes to restore, protect and enhance our environment by encouraging volunteers to champion initiatives. This involves working in partnership with schools, community groups, businesses and other local boards to help keep our environment clean and green. EnviroSchools and Trees for Survival are volunteer activities which currently operate in our area. We will also investigate providing more public boat ramps to address increasing demands for access to the water.

Our area is surrounded by coastline and we want to continue to protect this and our beaches which draw many people to our area to swim and have fun. A restoration and sand replenishment programme for our beaches continues to be a high priority. Currently, the quality of our streams and other waterways requires improvement. We will advocate for measures to reduce overall pollution, contaminants and sediments in streams and estuaries. Onsite soakage, settlement ponds and filtering of the runoff are all ways to clean up the water. Wai Care and the Volcano to the Sea project are examples of initiatives that help to clean our waterways. Invasive weeds, particularly rhamnus and the use of sprays in parks and reserves are a concern for the community. We want to continue a planned approach to the management and control of noxious weeds and pests to reduce harm to the environment.

The Mangemangeroa Valley, Point View and Murphys Bush Reserves are vital for providing habitats for birds, invertebrates and potentially lizards in an urban landscape. There are further opportunities to enhance the stream corridors through appropriate planting and weed control, which will have benefits for stream quality, native fish and freshwater species. We will continue to support implementing biodiversity and ecological programmes to ensure these natural habitats are restored to protect our native plants and animals.

Planning for a proposed environmental education centre at Mangemangeroa Reserve is under way and we want to continue the work of the Project Planning Group to develop and investigate future funding options for the centre. The vision for the centre is a place to foster environmental learning and research.

We will complete our Heritage Plan which will guide the identity, preservation and protection of geological and archaeological sites and important local heritage sites. This will include working with local iwi to preserve Māori taonga and enable kaitiakitanga and guardianship of important historic sites. Musick Point (Te Naupata) and Pigeon Mountain (Ohuiarangi) were sites of Māori Pā which are now managed by iwi in partnership with Auckland Council.

The Auckland Plan includes a goal of zero waste by 2040. We will encourage zero waste and smokefree initiatives in the area, especially at board-funded events and in parks and open spaces. Plastic bag waste in particular should be reduced and encouraged through educational programmes. We will also support our community to deliver waste minimisation initiatives that are in line with the council's Waste Minimisation Plan.

You said

- 'Heritage – do more. Very important to retain our heritage, once it's gone, it's gone.'
- 'Encourage community organisations to take an active part in environmental activities.'
- 'Poor water quality is unacceptable.'
- 'Manage coastal erosion/replenishment – very important, support permanent solutions required.'
- 'I am happy to see the idea of creating a hub to reuse and separate rubbish included in the plan.'
- 'Our environment needs to be both physically accessible and clearly signposted.'

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What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Ensuring our natural and built environment and coastline are well managed	Continue to extend existing walkways and cycleways and include informative signage e.g. Flat Bush and Burswood cycle and walk ways	Decision maker – provides funding Advocacy	NZ LandCare Trust Environmental groups Community groups schools	\$1.2m (annually)
Ensuring our natural and built environment and coastline are well managed	Ongoing control of noxious weeds and pest management including public education programmes	Decision maker – provides funding	Environmental groups Community organisations	Project not costed
Ensuring our natural and built environment and coastline are well managed	Investigate management of mangroves	Decision maker – provides funding	Businesses Community organisations	Project not costed
Ensuring our natural and built environment and coastline are well managed	(i) Continue to investigate measures to manage coastal erosion/beach replenishment in our area	Decision maker – provides funding	Community organisations Businesses Environmental groups	\$1.3m (over 3 years)
	ii) Develop a regional approach in response to managing coastal erosion			No additional funding required

What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
A high standard of water quality which allows for safe recreational use and ecological sustainability	(i) Continue to develop the Industry Prevention Pollution Programme in association with other local boards	Decision maker – provides funding	Local businesses Community organisations BIDs	Project not costed
	(ii) Regional funding for water quality and Industry Prevention Pollution Programme measures	Advocacy		No additional funding required
Protection of identified geological and archaeological sites and important local heritage sites	Complete the development of a heritage plan to identify historic assets	Decision maker – provides funding	Local Community Community organisations Mana whenua	Project not costed
Provide more opportunities to recover, reuse and recycle waste	Investigate a hub for reusing and recycling rubbish including hazardous waste removal within the Howick area	Decision maker – provides funding	Community organisation	Project not costed

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Outcome: Our community is active and healthy

Our extensive network of public places and spaces, recreation and leisure facilities will be looked after so everyone can use them.

We want people to make the most of our network of parks, reserves, open spaces, and facilities because it will support active and connected communities. People frequent our parks to get fit, walk their dogs, play sports, take a stroll with friends and enjoy a bush walk in our reserves such as Mangemangeroa. It is therefore important, that these facilities are maintained and looked after so that the community can continue to use them now and in the future.

The Auckland Plan's strategic direction includes promoting individual and community well-being through participation and excellence in recreation and sport. The implementation of the Howick Local Board Sports Plan will support and grow participation in sport within schools and sports clubs throughout the area. This will have many benefits for our community, particularly our young people.

Promoting the 'Healthy Howick' initiative will focus on bringing people together such as businesses, social agencies and sports groups to ensure that we are supported to lead active and healthy lifestyles. This will include carrying out a disability audit on our facilities so that places and spaces e.g. walkways and cycleways are fully accessible for everyone.

We will provide sports and leisure opportunities for competitive and non-competitive sports activities for all ages and abilities. This means we need to ensure that our facilities, parks and open spaces have adequate equipment and activities that encourage more people to be physically active. We will aim to ensure that our parks, reserves, facilities and open spaces are smokefree and provide opportunities for people and groups to volunteer and become guardians of these facilities.

Over the next few years, we will increase the maintenance programme for our parks and recreational facilities. The greatest need at the moment is developing and upgrading our green assets. This will require increased funding to develop the Flat Bush 'green fingers', including implementing a significant ecological area and the establishment of local public walking and cycling networks to meet growth requirements. Creating new areas of garden and replacing trees is another opportunity for the community to get involved but will also require new funding.

Continuing to connect our walkways to open up the coastline for everyone to use is a priority for the board. As an example, planning is under way to link the Mangemangeroa Reserve walkway with Point View Reserve, Barry Curtis Park and Murphy's Bush. We aim to work with other local boards so that our walkways are connected and everyone has the benefit of sharing our great sites and attractions, including sharing resources where parks border neighbouring local board areas.

We will continue implementing a programme of sportsfield development and installation of artificial turf. We are fortunate to have premier parks such as Lloyd Elsmore and Barry Curtis Parks. Barry Curtis Park will be the largest park in the region when it is completed, which will provide much needed facilities for our new community in Flat Bush. We will also progress initial earthworks to enable development of sportsfields at Murphy's Park. Lloyd Elsmore Park is home to a number of large sports clubs and is used extensively by the community for sport and recreation. Our plan is to have a more integrated park with multi-use facilities that can be shared by a variety of sports groups.

We are unable to meet the demands placed on our existing sports facilities so we are going to review them and look at identifying gaps and opportunities for sharing resources. The Howick Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan will help show ways of optimising the use of new and existing facilities. It will also identify opportunities for amalgamating sports clubs and venues so that we can maximise the use of our facilities. The board will also advocate for a regional contestable sports fund that groups and clubs can access to allow investment in equipment and buildings.

You said

- 'Consult with communities about future recreational and sporting needs.'
- 'Parks facilities need to be well maintained.'
- 'We want to see facilities at the Howick Domain redeveloped to better suit the existing and future users.'
- 'I like the initiatives set to help people lead a healthy lifestyle.'
- 'We support all outcomes that promote positive healthy communities that have a focus on sport and recreation participation, facilities and development.'
- 'We look forward to the completion of Barry Curtis Park and the development of sportsfields at Murphy's Park.'

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What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Increased participation of people in sport, leisure and recreation activities	Develop provision of more sports and leisure opportunities for all ages and abilities	Decision maker – provides funding	Local community schools Sport clubs	Funded as part of Howick Sports Plan
Increased participation of people in sport, leisure and recreation activities	Continue to develop sportsfields and install artificial turf on key sports parks	Decision maker – provides funding	Sports Clubs Businesses Local Community	\$2.5m (over 3 years)
Parks and recreational facilities are well maintained and have fit-for-purpose infrastructure	Undertake a playground network and design strategy to identify future provision and ensure that the right number of playgrounds are provided	Decision maker – provides funding Advocacy	Schools Youth groups Sport clubs	Project not costed
Parks and recreational facilities are well maintained and have fit-for-purpose infrastructure	Continue extension of the Mangemangeroa Reserve Walkway to link with Point View Reserve, Barry Curtis Park and Murphy's Bush	Decision maker – provides funding	Community organisations Environmental groups	Project not costed

What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Parks and recreational facilities are well maintained and have fit-for-purpose infrastructure	Development of the Flat Bush green fingers, Murphy's Park and Tāmaki Inlet Walkway including implementation of a significant ecological area to meet future growth requirements	Advocacy	Environmental groups Schools Community organisations	\$2.2m (over 3 years)
Parks and recreational facilities are well maintained and have fit-for-purpose infrastructure	Explore the development of new gardens, new shade trees in Barry Curtis Park and the replacement of trees	Decision Maker – provides funding Advocacy	Environmental groups Businesses Schools	\$300,000 (annually)
Develop an extensive network of quality public spaces for recreation and leisure	Scope the feasibility of overnight stays for campervans in parks and open spaces	Decision maker – provides funding	Community organisations Tourists Businesses	Project not costed
Develop an extensive network of quality public spaces for recreation and leisure	Continue to develop Barry Curtis Park and provide multi-use facilities to align with new growth in the area	Decision maker – provides funding	Sport clubs Businesses Community organisations	\$1.5m (annually)

What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Develop an extensive network of quality public spaces for recreation and leisure	Initiate bulk earthworks on Murphy's Park (Ostrich Farm) to enable future sportsfield development	Decision maker – provides funding	Businesses Sport clubs	Project not costed
Integrate multi-purpose facilities, parks and open spaces for our communities	Provision for a significant contestable fund for multi-board/sub-regional sport and recreational facilities	Advocacy	Sport clubs Businesses	Project not costed

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Outcome: A prosperous local economy

We will attract new businesses to support our thriving economy and provide opportunities for training and skills development. We will also continue to attract tourism to our area.

A prosperous economy means more jobs and businesses in our area. Manufacturing is the largest sector followed by construction, engineering, food and beverage, health technologies and niche manufacturing. Howick has the second highest number of businesses of Auckland's 21 local board areas with over 13,000 businesses.

We will continue to support local economic growth by building closer relationships with the business and tourism sectors.

The Highbrook and East Tāmaki industrial areas are the current major economic and employment drivers for Howick. We will continue to implement the East Tāmaki Business Precinct Plan to drive economic growth into the future in collaboration with key stakeholders. To coordinate economic development planning in our area we will work with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) and others to undertake an audit of economic and business precinct plans. Highbrook currently incorporates a business town, retail hub and commercial services. The vision for Highbrook is of a world-class business park that combines people and industry in an exceptional natural landscape. It is important that we work with businesses to realise this vision and lay the foundations for a prosperous future envisaged in the Auckland Plan.

Attracting more businesses to set up or expand within Howick will provide a diverse range of jobs and opportunities. This is essential for our economy to grow. Working in partnership with stakeholders is critical – ATEED has a particular role in delivering business capability and working directly with businesses to develop growth programmes.

Economic linkages and infrastructure efficiency are being considered as part of the Integrated Business Precinct Plan for the Industrial South. The board supports the implementation of this plan which will strengthen key industry sectors and improve transport access and movement to our area. It will also encourage business expertise and skills development, retain business activity and increase local employment opportunities.

One of the aims of the Auckland Plan is for Auckland to become a more business-friendly city. As part of this, Auckland Council is working hard to improve the region's transport links. Traffic congestion at peak times constrains the movement of goods and people, reducing Howick's productivity for businesses and passenger services. The board will continue to advocate for planned transport improvements such as AMETI and East/West

connections and to address this as a priority. This connectivity to the public transport network will allow easy access for employees to get in and out of the Howick area.

We have two Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). The Howick village centre is supported through the Howick Village Business Association partnership. The business association delivers a range of initiatives such as marketing and promotion, local events, membership support, advocacy and governance. The Greater East Tāmaki Business Association (GETBA) coordinates engagement with businesses throughout the Highbrook and East Tāmaki area.

Our goal is to work more closely with our BIDs and businesses to develop our local economy and improve well-being for our residents and workers. We also want to work with BIDs and businesses to stimulate discussion on the vision of Highbrook as a high tech/IT area to ensure more technology-based opportunities are provided to complement existing niche manufacturing and logistics activities.

A skilled workforce is essential for our economy. We will partner with businesses, schools, MIT, AUT and The Southern Initiative (TSI) to facilitate training, skills and mentoring opportunities, so skills being developed will match the local job market and help to transition youth into training and employment.

We will continue to work to develop a Howick tourism plan. This plan will showcase and promote Howick as a visitor and tourist destination. It is also an opportunity to revitalise our town centres to attract local, regional, national and international tourists.

You said

- ‘Need to work more with business groups.’
- ‘Access to Highbrook and East Tāmaki needs to be better for workers.’
- ‘Scope the Howick niche for the tourism market.’
- ‘We support the development of a Howick Local Board Economic Development Action Plan.’
- ‘We support the provision of more jobs to engage more young people in employment and help lift family incomes.’
- ‘Support marketing and growth of the weekend market.’

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What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Growth in local business activity which will provide increased employment	Work with ATEED and others to undertake an audit of economic and business precinct plans and provide a coordinated approach to economic development in the Howick area	Decision maker – provides funding	ATEED Local businesses Mana whenua	Project not costed
Growth in local business activity which will provide increased employment	Partner with BIDs to support economic development in East Tāmaki and Howick Village	Decision maker – provides funding	ATEED BIDs Local businesses	\$135,000 (over 3 years)
Growth in local business activity which will provide increased employment	Work with employers and education and training providers to facilitate delivery of targeted vocational training courses	Advocacy	ATEED BIDs Local businesses	No additional funding required
Growth in local business activity which will provide increased employment	Partner with businesses, BIDs and ATEED to develop Highbrook as a high tech/IT area	Advocacy and partnership	ATEED Local businesses BIDs	Project not costed

What we want to achieve	Key initiatives	Local board role	Other key agencies	Potential cost*
Growth in local business activity which will provide increased employment	Support a project which will facilitate young people into work	Decision maker – provides funding	ATEED BIDs	Project not costed
Working well with businesses	Fund streetscape improvements as part of the draft East Tāmaki Corridor Management Plan	Advocacy	AT	No additional funding required
Working well with businesses	Promote Howick as an attractive area to set up or expand business	Advocacy	ATEED Local Businesses	No additional funding required
Howick is an attractive tourist destination	Continue to develop the Howick Tourism Plan	Decision maker – provides funding	ATEED Howick Tourism Steering Committee	Project not costed

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Indicative budget and funding sources

In each of our local board plan outcomes we include a list of key initiatives to deliver the outcome. Some of these initiatives are funded in the council's Long-term Plan for 2012-2022 (LTP). The remaining initiatives are not currently funded.

There are a number of ways that local board activities can be funded:

- through general rate funding. The governing body decides on the share of general rate funding provided to local boards. The governing body also makes decisions on investment in new facilities and major upgrades of facilities.
- by reprioritising our budget to either delay or cut existing projects and activities
- by the local board proposing that the governing body sets a targeted rate in the local area
- through fees and charges paid by users of our facilities
- by leveraging involvement of other partners such as the private sector and other public sector agencies.

We will prioritise which projects we put forward for funding in the next draft LTP, taking into account what you told us.

The indicative budget for the three years from July 2015 to June 2018 is set out on the following pages. When reading this budget it is important to note that the local board's actual budget will look quite different over the next three years for a number of reasons:

- The council is preparing the next draft LTP for 2015-2025. This includes a review of funding for all projects which may affect some local board projects that are currently funded.
- How local boards are funded has also been reviewed. This will affect local board budgets in the draft LTP.
- The budget is indicative only. It does not contain all of the detailed projects or activities that the local board may carry out over the next three years. These will be developed through the local board agreement that is part of the council's annual plan for each financial year.
- The local board's actual budget for each year, including how it is funded, is subject to agreement with the governing body as part of the discussion on the annual local board agreement.

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Expenditure for Howick local board area for 2015 - 2018

\$000	Budget	Budget	Budget
Financial year ending 30 June	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Net Operating Expenditure			
Local arts, culture and events services	2,696	2,859	3,029
Local built and natural environment	79	5	136
Local community services	1,294	1,588	1,717
Local economic development	836	947	1,051
Local governance	1,992	2,443	2,361
Local libraries	6,711	7,537	8,594
Local parks services	10,089	10,712	11,430
Local recreation services	3,853	3,771	3,760
Total net operating expenditure	27,550	29,862	32,078
Net Capital Expenditure			
Local arts, culture and events services	1,212	86	87
Local built and natural environment	3	0	0
Local community services	4,619	220	213
Local economic development	512	113	116
Local governance	0	64	0
Local libraries	11,926	2,328	171
Local parks services	5,829	5,531	5,030
Local recreation services	1,429	17,247	1,505
Total net capital expenditure	25,530	25,589	7,122

Financial statements are based on the Long-term Plan 2012-2022, including approved changes made during the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 financial years, annual planning processes and agreed capex deferrals from 2014/2015. Budgets are indicative only as they will be reviewed through the development of the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 (due for adoption in June 2015) and allocated in accordance with the Local Board Funding Policy.

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