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**Meeting Room:** Upper Harbour Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 30 Kell Drive  
Albany

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## Upper Harbour Local Board

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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That the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board:

- 1) Provides the following feedback on the Mayor's Proposal for the Long-Term Plan 2015-2025 and Strategies:
  - a) Acknowledges the Mayor's Proposal and the key focus areas and expresses concern about the timing of the Central Rail Link and that the government contribution does not align with the project commencement and delivery timing
  - b) Notes the spatial priorities and request that planning for the future addresses high growth areas across Auckland which have not been included in the spatial priorities
  - c) Requests that the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) be set at the highest legislative level to more adequately contribute to the provision of core council services
  - d) Notes that when the detailed analysis from the revaluation data is available that the local board may propose and recommend the UAGC level
  - e) Requests that any decision to set an average rate increase not be limited to 2.5% if an increase up to 3.5% and a higher level UAGC reduces the rating burden on the residential ratepayer
  - f) Agrees to the proposal to move to fully fund depreciation on capital assets and request the governing body consider a staged approach to reach the 100% over the later years of the Long-term Plan 2015/2025 rather than the proposed commencement in the 2015-2016 financial year.
- 2) Provides the following feedback on the Parks, Community and Lifestyle departmental responses to the Mayor's Proposal:

Parks, Sport and Recreation

- a) Expresses concern that the Mayor's Proposal and the departmental responses to achieve the proposal significantly impact on the Auckland Plan deliverables including becoming the world's most liveable city by limiting Auckland-wide and local projects that make this vision possible
- b) Acknowledges that revenue is a key component of cost to service for council activities and requests that public good elements continue to be considered as a core part of Parks, Sport and Recreation service delivery
- c) Seeks assurance that the Development Contributions policy approach will clearly identify projects required in the growth areas (which are outside the spatial priority areas), will clarify the catchment areas, provide the details of those catchment areas for the local boards to review, and will set contribution levels that fully respond to the costs of projects that are required by growth

- d) Agrees that the renewal of existing assets are a top priority and requests that visitor numbers and non-resident users at key locations, including popular beach areas and reserves, be included in the consideration of future funding allocations
- e) Notes some areas have high level of use therefore funding needs to reflect the impact of that demand and use on those key locations
- f) Requests that high-use demand of assets and asset areas are included in asset management considerations not just the life cycle of assets, as condition assessments should define the need for and timing of renewals
- g) That the renewals budgets reflect the actual cost of renewals including the funding of parks foundation infrastructure for approved specialist facilities e.g. hockey and other specialist turf areas
- h) Agrees that the priorities for non-renewal project categories includes; contractually committed, land acquisition (funded by development contributions), projects falling into geographic areas and/or special housing areas, other projects identified in network planning and includes the extent of community engagement, commitment and partnerships as a further method for a shared delivery model
- i) Expresses concerns that the proposal to cut key operational service delivery and proposing a one size fits all approach does not provide good outcomes or savings
- j) Does not support:
  - i) chemical spraying in parks and reserve areas
  - ii) standard approaches which do not respond to local climatic conditions in local board areas e.g. coastal areas
- k) Supports Strategic Asset Management Plans (SAMP) if they:
  - i) acknowledge each facility and park asset, including those in high growth areas where the demand for those parks and recreation areas are fully realised, and
  - ii) include levels of service, which do not decrease aspects of community safety in those areas and facilities
- l) Seeks confirmation that local boards will be involved in the development of Community Facilities Strategic Asset Management Plans and acknowledge the importance of providing high quality multi-purpose assets across all of Auckland
- m) Seeks confirmation that local boards will be involved in any Open Space Strategic Asset Management Plan as local boards are best placed to contribute to the information on asset and community performance
- n) Agrees and welcomes the opportunity to be involved in the Property department's development of baseline asset standards of service for the build renewal programme

- o) Considers that the proposed reduction in Parks, Sports and Recreation capital project spending will limit the council's ability to deliver on the Auckland Plan
- p) Considers there has been a failure to allocate funding for non-built assets in the Parks, Sports and Recreation departmental response to the Mayor's proposal and this needs to be addressed to include those local board areas with extensive coastlines to include an adequate response budget to address any urgent and emergency coastal protection works
- q) Disagrees with harmonising or reducing levels of service for local and sports parks maintenance and management that:
  - i) Results in park mowing service levels being standardised and aligned across Auckland as our local board area is impacted by coastal and climatic conditions and therefore service levels need to be set at levels that address those coastal and climatic differences
  - ii) Results in chemical spray control on local and sports parks and requests that a clear and detailed cost analysis be undertaken and reported back to the local board prior to any decisions being made that affect the local board area
  - iii) Results in the removal of some street gardens in the local board area and would request that council alternatively reviews the traffic management processes, compliance costs and requirements and look at the opportunities for community partnerships. (Noting the concern that compliance costs appear to be coming an Auckland response as not an issue across other parts of New Zealand)
- r) Agrees in principle with the following reduction of service levels for local and sports parks maintenance and management including:
  - i) reduced mowing service levels in lower use parks
  - ii) removing up to 20% of shrubberies in local parks with replacement by grass and mowing and reducing maintenance frequencies in other gardens/shrubberies
  - iii) the reduction in the number of litter bins in low use parks as long as any littering issues are quickly addressed
  - iv) to the non-renewal of some underperforming parks assets such as playgrounds, furniture and toilets but seek assurance that the local board will be consulted early prior to any decisions being made
- s) Agree to the 'business of leisure' efficiencies and revenue benefits from the pools and leisure networks that:
  - i) focuses on membership retention and the leveraging of the advantage to a network of facilities to increase membership numbers

- ii) more efficient purchases of goods and services such as cleaning services and pool chemicals (but consider that this should already be happening)
  - iii) growing the early childhood education opportunities but only if this is part of core business and associated with the activity within a network facility which doesn't directly compete with commercial facilities
  - iv) extending opportunities such as corporate membership or commercial partnerships
  - v) targeting strategic investment in facility renewals and pool and leisure plant and maintenance to support both growth and improved operational efficiency
  - vi) allowing renewal investment to be allocated regionally based on condition need and with a focus on systematic upgrades of facilities across all Auckland ensuring that there is no risk to facilities failing and that realistic thresholds are set
- t) Agree to introducing user-charges for commercial activities on parks ensuring that sporting codes (particularly not-for-profit groups) are not charged for funding their own fund-raising activities and request further information about what constitutes a "commercial activity" within a park
  - u) Agrees in principle to land acquisition and development (parks and open space) that utilise development contributions to cover growth related costs associated with the purchase and development of parks where it includes those growth areas outside of, as well as, the spatial priorities
  - v) Agrees that development contributions be used to fund the growth component of certain development works on parks including toilets, playgrounds, sports fields, and greenways and that local boards be consulted on the options and scenarios for the identification and funding of these types of development works

Community development, Arts and Culture

- a) Agrees in principle that renewals for community facilities, arts facilities and social housing units that are close to the end of their life, in poor condition or badly in need of upgrading be assessed at to whether they are fit for purpose
- b) Agrees that low-utilisation areas or non-performing areas are reduced but would like to ensure that the local boards are consulted and informed on how this process will work prior to its implementation
- c) Urgently requests detailed information on community facility hireage and usage necessary to enable the local board to assess the levels of fees for community facilities and notes that until that information is made available is not supportive of any increase in hireage fees across local community facilities

- d) Requests that any process to harmonise event permitting fees is simple and that there is no charge for community events as they provide wide community benefits and support place-shaping

#### Libraries

- a) Supports having 7 days a week service in libraries and request that regular and updated information is provided to the local board on usage and numbers to ensure that the local board can make an informed decision and validate any approved expenditure
- b) Agrees that any decision by the local board to extend hours of operation for 7 days a week library opening needs to be carefully looked at in terms of the cost to deliver this service
- c) Supports the library facility network review to increase library space at Browns Bay including the potential for a new facility within the Upper Harbour Local Board area and in the future at Silverdale
- d) Supports that the library model is changing and that it is important for libraries to be fit for purpose and be able to provide a range of different functions including community hubs and in some areas social service provision without blurring the core business lines and functions
- e) Supports the assessment and investigation of different partnership models with other providers for library services to be delivered across Auckland
- f) Requests further information on the costs to maintain library hours at the levels proposed in the local board plan (7 days a week)
- g) Supports the planned investment in library technology in accordance with the department's response to the Mayor's Proposal
- h) Supports the 10 year plan for regional collections in accordance with the department's response to the Mayor's Proposal
- i) Agrees that targeted quality events that connect diverse communities can bring value but would seek to ensure that libraries do not move away from the core business and needs of library services
- j) Agrees with the department's proposal to reduce the opening hours of 4 local history research centres
- k) Supports the integration of the corporate library service subject to no loss in the flexibility, value and delivery of the service
- l) Supports the charge for the request for items which are not picked up from libraries
- m) Supports the option to reduce the delivery time of collection items to libraries

#### Environmental Management and Regulation

- a) Does not support the sale of Te Waka Korero (the big rig) as it provides a key focus and location for community engagement

- b) Agrees to introducing a user charge for inorganic collections based on \$25, and 10% participation and requests further information on how cost effective this model will be.
- c) Agrees to the proposed increases in regulatory fees and charges subject to a value for money exercise and confirmation that any increases will not result in increased costs of compliance.

Auckland Development - CPO Division

- 3. Provides the following feedback on the Auckland Development – Chief Planning Office (CPO) departmental responses to the Mayor's Proposal:
  - a) Considers that any reductions in the CPO division will be locally irrelevant as the local board will receive limited benefit from the CPO division as a result
  - b) Acknowledges that the bylaw programme is a priority but the potential for further delegations to local boards without the adequate and dedicated support for any delegations is of concern
  - c) Considers that the spatial priorities do not reflect where growth is occurring and the impacts of high growth in the local board area
  - d) Is opposed to no spatial planning or urban design work being undertaken outside of the spatial priority areas as this fails to acknowledge and respond to where growth is currently occurring
  - e) Does not support any reduction in marine spatial plans especially within the Hauraki Gulf as this impacts on liveability and could result in potential impacts for the adjoining coastal environment
  - f) Seeks confirmation as to how the impact of Special Housing Areas on the local board and neighbouring areas will be monitored and assessed
  - g) Does not support charging council administration costs to Business Improvement Districts as this will impact on their funding capabilities, effectiveness and deliverables
  - h) Supports the reduction in funding to COMET