

Date: Thursday 23 April 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Meeting Room: Manurewa Local Board Office
Venue: 7 Hill Road
Manurewa

Manurewa Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Local priorities

Advocacy request	Activity area	Why is it a priority?	Funding implications or options
Revitalise Manurewa Town Centre	Economic and Cultural Development	The Local Board Plan has identified Manurewa Town Centre revitalisation as the top priority. The local board has established a Revitalisation Steering Group and commissioned scoping studies to prepare for major improvements. Work is underway with Auckland Transport (AT) using the Local Board Transport Fund to improve access to the rail station but more is necessary to create the significant shifts required. This will prepare for major work and will help deliver on the Auckland Plan and Unitary Plan objectives at a local level	Will require substantial investment and support from Auckland Transport, Auckland Council Properties Limited and possibly commercial and housing partners.
Renew assets	Parks, Community and Lifestyle	Manurewa has had no asset renewals for community facilities in four years. The current LTP proposals include no capital projects and minimal renewals in at least next three years. Assets need to be maintained and renewed to enable them to be fit for purpose and not allowed to run down over time. Well maintained facilities, parks and sports areas are important to the community and when looked after help improve the sense of wellbeing and pride.	Renewals budgets for each asset needs to be sufficient to meet requirements and related to age, condition and use.

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Reverse the reduction of Service Levels	Parks, Community and Lifestyle	Feedback from those who use our services is that levels of service have decreased from across a range of provision from parks to facilities. The reductions are becoming the norm whereas they need to be increased. Additional savings over the forthcoming years may well lead to a further reduction in the levels of service. Instead service levels need to be consistent across Auckland and be maintained so they can maximise how services such as libraries, recreation centres and parks are used.	To be assessed for consistency and not to be reduced from current years budgets
Remove Charges for Pool use	Parks, Community and Lifestyle	When charging for pools came into effect usage in Manurewa plummeted to 30%. Since then the number of people using the pools has risen but they are still not at the levels reached when access was free and the introduction of charges took place. There are concerns about equity of provision as those that cannot afford the cost will not use the facilities. In addition the health and social benefits to low income families more than justify the Council investment in reverting to free use.	Further advice being obtained and assessed
Invest in local public transport	Economic and Cultural Development	The local board wants to get people onto public transport. To do this trains and buses need to be safe, reliable and frequent to support full participation in community life especially when many people do not have access to vehicles. Safer better public transport including Park and Rides at train stations will support achieving Auckland Plan outcomes.	To be assessed

Create a community performing arts space	Economic and Cultural Development	Over the years the local board plans have included the need to create a community multi-use performing arts space. Work has already been undertaken surveying the community for the need and scoping the options. There is \$2.8 million for a community facility in the LTP for 2020 which can be a basis for the development. However the level of capital identified will not allow for the development of the facility based on costs and estimates for similar undertakings elsewhere.	To be assessed
Improve implementation of Local Board Plan Outcomes	Parks, Community and Lifestyle	The local board requires more support to achieve the Local Board Plan outcomes. This needs to be provided through clear work programmes from departments aligned to budgets and plans.	To be assessed

CCO Priorities

Advocacy request	CCO	Why is it a priority?	Funding implications or options
Keep Te Mahia train station open	AT - Public transport	Upgrading facilities so it is safe and well lit and has a protected entry. Substantial housing investment is being planned close to the Te Mahia Station.	To be assessed
Upgrade safety on all trains and at all stations.	AT - Public transport	Upgrading all train station facilities so they are safe, well lit and people are protected. Includes providing gates to stations to restrict access to only paying travellers.	To be assessed

Local Board Capital Expenditure Fund	AT - Policy and planning	The board supports the allocation of \$20m pa to the Local Board Transport Capital Fund. This is a relatively small sum, which would enable local boards to carry out local place making projects. Boards are better placed than AT to decide on local initiatives. This would support AT's decision to treat local board improvements as non-discretionary activities.	To be assessed
Prioritise grade separation of rail crossings on Manuroa Road and Walters Road as part of the upgrade of Takanini interchange	AT - Roads	Grade separation is required as congestion at rail crossings in Takanini during creates safety issues and lengthy delays that block up to the Takanini interchange, Mahia Road and the alternative route to the motorway via Hill Rd in Manurewa as traffic seeks to bypass the congestion.	To be assessed
ACPL a closer working relationship to maximise impact	ACPL	The town centre steering group are looking at the area of 500 metres surrounding the centre to take account of future housing developments. The local board wish to work closely with ACPL on this project to gain the benefits of their knowledge and skills.	

Regional Proposals - top four consulting topics

Investing in Auckland

No support from Manurewa residents for a rate increase overall.

Fixing Transport

Improving public transport and reducing road congestion are leading priorities for Manurewa. The City Rail Link is not supported at this time. Instead their priority is for more investment into local areas such as Park and Rides, train safety and fixing Takanini interchange. Community feedback from Manurewa was almost evenly split between the motorway charge and the tax and rates funding options.

Your rates

Keep fixed portion of the rates the same. Business rate reduction was not supported.

Housing and Development
Council role is to enable and support rather than to develop.

Regional Proposals - other proposals with local impact

Proposal	Why is it a priority?	Funding implications or options
<p>Recognise the prominence and significance of the Manukau Harbour.</p>	<p>Community feedback is that the health of the harbour is important. The board believes that the Manukau Harbour should be recognised alongside the Waitemata, Kaipara and the Hauraki Gulf and accorded the same level of vision and resource.</p> <p>Developing a Marine Spatial Plan for the Manukau Harbour should be prioritised to recognise the environmental and ecological significance of the Manukau Harbour and to determine its future management. The first step in Marine Spatial Planning is to hydrodynamically model the water flows. A priority for the local board is for the council's stormwater unit to identify all points of discharge into the Manukau Harbour and put in place an action plan to deal with ongoing pollution and sedimentation.</p>	<p>Total cost over two years for hydrodynamic modelling is \$440,000. It is estimated that \$290,000 is required for phase 1, inclusive of data review, field data campaign and model development. It is estimated that phase 2 will require \$150,000 for the development of a particle transport model. It is estimated that the development of the Marine Spatial Plan will cost around \$2.2 million, and require approximately \$300kPA for implementation following completion. An additional \$200kPA is provided to support Manukau Harbour litter removal through support for the Sea Cleaners Trust.</p>
<p>Equitable balance between larger scale regional initiatives and investment at a local level</p>	<p>Strong support for more investment at the local level and less at the large scale regional level.</p>	

<p>Equitable service levels throughout the city</p>	<p>Manurewa Local Board believes levels of service need to be restored to earlier levels. Different parts of the region seem to get different treatments.</p>	<p>Create a regional capital fund for the implementation of local walking, cycling, ecological and bridle connections planned for in the local Greenways Plans across Auckland</p>	<p>Supported by a large number of local boards including Manurewa. Greenways promote transformational improvement in the quality of urban living.</p>
<p>Create a regional fund to keep harbours and waterways free of mangroves following their removal</p>	<p>Maintain gains in water quality and access to harbours.</p>		<p>To be assessed</p>