

Date: Thursday 10 September 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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Resolutions from the 28 May 2013 Social and Community Development Forum and the 20 June 2013 Regional Development and Operations Committee relating to the Auckland Citizen Advice Bureau (ACAB)

28 May 2013 Social and Community Development Forum resolutions

13 Auckland Council and Auckland Citizens Advice Bureaux Strategic Relationship Agreement

Resolution number SCD/2013/43

MOVED by Cr C Casey:

That the Social and Community Development Forum:

- a) *approve the Auckland Council and Auckland Citizens Bureaux Strategic Relationship Agreement 2013-2015*
- b) *recommend to RDOC that it approves funding of \$1.672 million per annum for CABx in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 and notes that provision for this expenditure is included in the Long Term Plan*
- c) *note that funding of \$60,000 has been identified from within existing budget in the Community Development, Arts and Culture Department to support the continued operation of ACABx in 2013/14*
- d) *note that this amount will only cover part of the operating requirements for ACABx in 2013/14 and therefore officers will continue to work with ACABx to address this including approaches to appropriate sponsors or other funding bodies.*
- e) *delegate final approval (including any minor editing changes) of the relationship agreement between Council and the CABx to the Manager, Community Development and Arts and Culture.*

CARRIED

20 June 2013 Regional Development and Operations Committee resolution

13 Recommendations from the Social and Community Development Forum meeting of 28 May 2013 – Auckland Council and Auckland Citizens Advice Bureaux Strategic Relationship Agreement

Resolution number RDO/2013/98

MOVED by Cr MA Hartley, seconded Cr RJ Northey:

That the Regional Development and Operations Committee:

- a) *approve funding of \$1.672 million per annum for the Citizen Advice Bureaux (CABx) in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 and note that provision for this expenditure is included in the Long Term Plan.*

CARRIED

Board Chairpersons Report September 2015

Rates Clinics

Member would have had in their diaries the rates clinics that took place in the Library during August. I felt these were very worthwhile and being available to ratepayers and residents outside of normal work hours provides a level of service as elected members we should be providing.

I am organising for general enquiry clinics to take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the months of October and November with one in the third week of September. They will be held from 10am to 12pm at the Manurewa Library and will be placed into your diaries should you wish to attend.

Citizenship Ceremony

Tuesday's citizenship ceremony was one of the largest and joyous yet and what a rousing rendition of the National Anthem we had – thank you to Board members who are coming along to welcome new citizens and congratulate those who have finally attained their NZ residency.

Town Centre Steering Group

The work plan undertaken by the steering group is progressing positively due to the commitment of those around the table from the Local Board, Auckland Council, key stakeholders and ably led by Leigh Auton. Auckland Transport continue to provide assurance that our discretionary funding transport projects will be delivered before the end of the electoral term (when the funding has to be spent by). Our next meeting will introduce discussions around potential housing development options. This meeting should be in all of your diaries.

Alcohol Bans

Congratulations to all of you who went above and beyond to speak to your community on submitting their views on the lifting of the alcohol bans in parks and playgrounds. Clearly engagement was one of the highest we have experienced and the residents came to the fore to express their concerns should they be lifted.

Community Development Strategy

It is my recommendation to you tonight that we withhold from approving parts of the Community Development programme. I have written to the CEO of Auckland Council asking how such a policy and significant budget cut could be presented to the Governing Body for approval after the Local Boards had consulted and all but agreed on their annual and three year plans. Until I have confidence that we are able to deliver the programme to our community I am not comfortable in approving the workplan.



25 August 2015

Stephen Town
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Dear Mr Town,

I write to you today having listened to Mr. Graham Bodman at the Chairs Forum yesterday regarding the transitional phase of the CDAC team into an Empowered Communities Approach (ECA). I have also received and read his email received today at 1.40pm.

My Local Board has experienced an immediate drop in service levels through our CDAC person taking immediate redundancy. This has resulted in no CDAC support for the Manurewa Youth Council. We have other work streams negatively impacted however the intention of this letter is not to address the detailed outcomes thus far of the process.

I note in Mr Bodman's email of today that the consultation for the restructure has been through seven months of consultation and that 97% of staff members supported part or all of the proposed changes. It is important that we look after our employees and I acknowledge what a difficult time this is for many of our people.

The Local Board Chairs were presented with the staffing cuts resulting from the proposed ECA budgetary reduction at our May Chairs meeting. Subsequently, the Chairs agreed that the Local Board members on the PWP approach the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee at their 4th June meeting requesting a postponement of the 1.6 million savings and associated staff cuts until the 2016/17 financial year to enable a smooth transition for both communities and staff during 2015/2016.

This was not supported by the Committee.

My question for you is this;

*How did a policy change as significant as the Empowered Communities Approach be presented to the Governing Body by officers for inclusion into the Long Term Plan with a 1.6 million dollar budget cut in the 2015/16 financial year **AFTER** the Local Boards had consulted on and agreed their Local Board Plans?*

I look forward to your response regarding this process.

Notwithstanding the challenges my Board will work diligently to ensure ECA is a success. We will partner with our community and stakeholders as we do for much of our day to day work.

Best regards



Angela Dalton
Manurewa Local Board
Chairperson

.cc Mayor Len Brown
.cc Phil Wilson
.cc Councillor George Wood