

Annual Plan 2017/2018 - Local Consultation Content

Albert-Eden Local Board

Each year we review priorities and activities in our local board area to ensure we continue delivering the right outcomes. We're seeking your input for the 2017/2018 year.

Message from the chair

The 2017/2018 Annual Agreement marks the third year of our local board plan and the council's long-term plan. Over the last three years, the local board has heard what's important to you and your community, and has started delivering your priorities by upgrading town centres, improving open spaces, and providing a range of community events in our area.

This year is about continuing to deliver the projects you identified and, as a result, we're not proposing major changes to our 2017/2018 budgets or work programme. However, we still value your input on our key 2017/2018 projects, which include improvements to Oakley Creek and Coyle Park and upgrading our community centres and villages.

Our two key advocacy points are securing funding to develop a high-quality nine-hole golf course at Chamberlain Park, and endorsing light rail as the preferred public transport solution for central Auckland. Below is a summary of our 2017/2018 priorities. We look forward to hearing your views.

What we plan to do

As noted above, our focus for 2017/2018 is continuing to deliver the projects and priorities you asked for during the development of the local board plan. Some of our key projects for this year include:

- improvements to Te Auaunga - Oakley Creek
- upgrades to paths and development at Coyle Park
- upgrading our community centres at Pt Chevalier and Epsom
- establishing a future giant trees programme which will create iconic natural landmarks and landscapes
- empowering our communities by supporting community groups to provide initiatives and programmes that seek to improve safety in our neighbourhoods and town centres, create vibrant community networks and promote inclusiveness for our migrant communities.

Based on our 10 year budget, in 2017/2018 we plan to invest \$7.6 million to renew and develop assets in your local board area and \$12.8 million to maintain and operate these assets and provide other local initiatives. This includes:

- Concluding the upgrade of the Mt Albert town centre

- Planning for village centre upgrades in Sandringham and Greenwoods Corner
- Renewal of our existing assets such as community facilities, playgrounds, paths and park furniture

What might change

In addition to our key projects, we are seeking your feedback on the following:

- the expansion of the Uptown Business Association boundary. The Association will hold a postal ballot of the business ratepayers located in the Business Improvement District (BID) expansion area. If the BID expansion goes ahead, it will mean that targeted rate on the business ratepayers in the BID area will increase from \$180,000 to \$270,000 in 2017/2018.
- the local board is progressing the implementation of the Chamberlain Park masterplan to create active and passive recreation spaces and has invested significant budget into the planning, design and implementation of the masterplan. The local board plans to advocate to the Governing Body for funding to develop a high-quality nine hole golf course on the park in the future.
- the local board believes that light rail is the best mass transit solution for central Auckland and will significantly improve the capacity of moving commuters, tourists and residents, reduce congestion, provide safety benefits and provide economic development opportunities. The local board plans to request that the Governing Body advocate to Auckland Transport, New Zealand Transport Agency and the Ministry of Transport that light rail is preferred mass transit solution for central Auckland.

What do you think?

- Have we got our key 2017/2018 projects and advocacy areas right?
- Do you support the Uptown Business Association expanding its boundaries to increase commercial and economic development opportunities in the Newton area?