

Albert-Eden Local Board – 2017/2018 Annual Agreement

Proposed advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<p>Continue to implement the Chamberlain Park Masterplan</p>	<p><u>Proposal:</u> Requests that the Governing Body considers the appropriate funding to reconfigure Chamberlain Park into a high-quality nine-hole golf course.</p> <p><u>Overview of initiative:</u> The local board has adopted a master plan which proposes to develop the existing site to create active and passive recreation spaces (e.g. a local park, sports fields and a reconfigured golf course) at Chamberlain Park.</p> <p>To date, the local board has invested significant budget into the planning, design and implementation of the masterplan. This includes reprioritising its existing 2016/2017 budgets to undertake a feasibility study for the nine-hole golf course, driving range, practice facility and putting green.</p> <p>This study will provide the necessary detail and identify the budget required to support the Governing Body's decision-making in 2017.</p> <p>In addition, the local board continues to work alongside the community and key stakeholders to ensure all views and concerns are raised and mitigated. For example, the local board held an 'Easter at Chamberlain' event in April 2015 to demonstrate future use of the park. This event attracted approximately 4,000 people over Easter weekend and feedback to the proposed changes was positive.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
<p>Support light rail as the mass transit solution for the central area</p>	<p><u>Proposal:</u> Requests that the Governing Body advocates to Auckland Transport, New Zealand Transport Agency and the Ministry of Transport for light rail as the preferred mass transit solution for central Auckland.</p> <p>The local board also requests that the Governing Body considers upgrades to the Eden Valley and Balmoral town centres alongside the light rail development on Dominion Road.</p> <p><u>Overview of initiative:</u> The Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) has a key focus area to 'strengthen central area access' which will create significant opportunities and implications in the local board area.</p> <p>The project states that a mass transit solution will be required in the medium term for central Auckland that integrates with the broader strategic network, provides for and stimulates ongoing growth along these corridors.</p> <p>The local board believes that light rail is the best mass transit solution for central Auckland. Light rail will significantly improve the capacity of moving commuters, tourists and residents, reduce congestion, provide safety benefits and provide economic development opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, undertaking town centre upgrades at Eden Valley and Balmoral during the light rail development will minimise the displacement and disruption to businesses and the community, and maximise improvement potential in a single, cohesive manner.</p>	<p>Auckland Transport New Zealand Transport Agency Ministry of Transport</p>