

Annual Plan 2017/2018 - Local Consultation Content

Waiheke Local Board

Each year we review priorities and activities in your 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 DRAFT

We are now in the third year of the Long-term Plan 2015-2025, and we continue to work hard to deliver the outcomes and vision that we all share for our environment and our community, as outlined within our Local Board Plan 2014.

Over the next 12 months we plan to build on the success of our community partnership programmes. The investment made in pest control and wetland restoration programmes is starting to pay off. Your support and enthusiasm has seen our volunteer hours in parks and reserves double since the previous year.

We will continue to support our community groups who put their hand up to help progress local priorities such as water quality issues and wetland restoration, in addition to the valuable contribution social support volunteers provide assisting those in our community who need it most.

You have told us that tourism needs to benefit the island without compromising local lifestyle or the environment. We will continue to advocate for the necessary budgets to protect and enhance what makes Waiheke and the Gulf Islands so special. This includes the creation of a network of marine reserves and protected areas, and development of a marine and Gulf Island's environment centre.

We'd like to hear if you agree with our priorities.

What we plan to do

Since adoption of our local board plan, we have delivered a number of key initiatives, including:

- Completion of the Te Ara Hura walkway, 100km circuit
- Installation of interpretative and educational signs
- Redevelopment of the old library space
- Completion of the Alison Park concept plan
- Providing support for Waiheke Youth Voice
- Investigation of potential marine protected areas
- Completion of the Essentially Waiheke refresh
- Development of a Matiatia masterplan
- Development of improved active transport networks
- Refurbishment of Onetangi Backpackers

Based on our 10 year budget, in 2017/2018 we plan to invest \$1.6 million to renew and develop assets in your local board area and \$6.1 million to maintain and operate these assets and provide other local initiatives. This includes:

- Renewal of existing assets

What might change

We don't propose to make any significant changes to what we planned to deliver in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025.

In addition to what we have planned, we propose the following additional priorities for 2017/2018:

- Continue to progress the development of a community swimming pool
- Continue to progress marine protection and waterway research
- Develop an integrated approach to ecological restoration and pest management across the island
- Progress options for tourism infrastructure funding
- Progress initiatives identified within the Matiatia masterplan
- Continue to investigate housing issues on Waiheke
- Support for a governance review which has good outcomes for Waiheke
- Reinstatement of the Rural Urban Boundary in the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan

What do you think?

- Have we got our priorities right?