

**Date:** Thursday 8 December 2016  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Waitākere Ranges Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 39 Glenmall Place  
Glen Eden

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## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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Dear Mayor Phil,

The Waitakere Ranges Local Board wishes to express in the strongest terms its' objection to the use of council property as the venue for the 2016 NZ Defence Industry Association Forum, November 16-17, an event sponsored by some of largest international weapons and defence systems manufacturers.

The use of the ANZ Viaduct Events Centre for an event of this nature ( the venue is part of the Council RFA ) violates in both letter and spirit the Auckland Peace City Declaration\* passed by the Auckland Council at the Regional Development and Operations Committee on 15th December 2011 and signed by Mayor Len Brown on behalf of the Auckland Council and the people of Auckland on that same date.

The Waitakere Ranges Local Board considers the Peace City Declaration as a foundation for Council policies and governance as well as a statement of principles for peace, justice, human rights and non-violence.

The Waitakere Ranges Local Board wishes to also bring to your attention West Auckland's long held commitment to Peace and non-violence. Prior to amalgamation Waitakere City was a Peace City with Mayor Sir Bob Harvey a member of the global Mayors for Peace. Later, during the first term of Auckland City , Waitakere's ward councillors, Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse and Cr Sandra Coney, enthusiastically supported and voted in favour of Auckland as an international Peace City.

The integrity of the Peace City is highly valued by the people of Waitakere as we are sure it is by most Aucklanders.

Therefore we respectfully request that the Mayor,

- a. Rescinds permission for the use of this venue for this NZDIA forum thereby preserving Auckland's commitment to the declaration and integrity of Auckland as an international Peace City.
- b. Ensure that no Auckland Council staff, representatives or members of CCO's attend the conference in any official capacity.
- c. That as Mayor we would ask that you make a public statement of this city's commitment to the Declaration and its support of Auckland as Peace City.

Signed on behalf of the Waitakere Ranges Local Board

Chairperson Greg Presland Waitakere Ranges Local Board

Member Steve Tollestrup, Portfolio holder Peace Initiatives



## Annual Plan 2017/2018 - Local Consultation Content

### Waitākere Ranges 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**

This is the third and final year of the local board plan. We are not proposing any major changes in our local board agreement, although there are some good things on the way.

Our discretionary budget for capital projects this year is \$1.3 million dollars and we will be making a significant decision about how we use that to take Glen Eden forward.

Glen Eden is our major town centre and we are excited to finally be able to give it a town square for special events and every day social gatherings. We recently gave the library courtyard a makeover at the opposite end of Glen Mall and it is clearly popular with locals.

The health of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area (WRHA) is a major priority. The second five year monitoring report for the WRHA which is due this year will tell us how we are doing. We are deeply concerned that the budget for the WRHA work programme drops from \$232k to \$131k from next year onwards. This places long standing projects like community weed bins in doubt. We will again be asking the Governing Body to bolster the programme funding to the same level as previous years.

#### **What we plan to do**

We support people being more active, and want to make it easier and safer for residents to walk and cycle. We have built a rural-style footpath for Mountain Road residents and visitors to the Opanuku track network, and are making safety improvements in Oratia as part of a major shared path from Oratia Village to Parrs Park – opening is scheduled for early 2017. The project will enable local residents to walk and cycle up to the park to use the playground and other facilities and also improve walking and cycling to nearby Sunnyvale Train station. Little Muddy Creek walkway is progressing in stages, with a track to connect Rimutaka Road residents with Huia Road, Titirangi being developed.

In what was a long-standing conversation, council staff and local residents have worked together to present us with a good outcome for a sea wall renewal solution in Huia. This will protect Huia Domain from erosion, and provide a beach for residents and visitors, and we are looking forward to it being finished in 2017 - 2018.

Based on our 10 year budget, in 2017/2018 we plan to invest \$2.4 million to renew and develop assets in your local board area and \$9.8 million to maintain and operate these assets and provide other local initiatives. This includes:

- Glen Eden town centre improvements (\$370,000)
- Renewal of existing community assets

- Huia seawall and domain improvements

**What might change**

We are not proposing to make any major changes to the plans that were signalled in the second year of the Long-term Plan 2015-2025, and will focus on implementing existing initiatives, using local discretionary funds.

*We would like to do more towards:*

- Focusing on the health of the Waitākere Ranges
- Support our villages to be more sustainable and resilient
- Encouraging local communities to maintain parks as spray free
- Improving our small urban parks
- Our marine environment and coasts being better understood, celebrated and protected
- Making sure that protecting our cultural and historic heritage is seen as a core value

**What do you think?**

- Have we got our priorities right?
- How could the community be more involved in these issues?