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Te Rohe ā-Poari o Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden Local Board area



The Albert-Eden Local Board area is named after two of our volcanic cones – Ōwairaka/Te Ahikā Roa o Raka/Mt Albert and Maungawhau/Mt Eden.

Our area's landscape is defined by the three maunga – Maungawhau/Mt Eden, Ōwairaka/Te Ahikā Roa o Raka/Mt Albert and Te Kōpuke/Titikōpuke/Mt St John – and two urban streams, Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek and Te Wai O Te Ao/Meola Creek.

Albert-Eden is known for historic buildings and streets of villas and bungalows dating back to the 19th century. Our area includes the suburbs of Balmoral, Epsom, Greenlane, Kingsland, Morningside, Mt Albert, Mt Eden, Ōwairaka, Pt Chevalier, Sandringham and Waterview.

Albert-Eden is home to just over 100,000 people, making us the third-largest local board area in Auckland.

Our community is growing, and becoming increasingly diverse. While the majority of our community is currently European, around 30 per cent identifies with different Asian ethnicities. We also have increasing numbers of those aged 17 to 39 and over 65 in our community, and a large number of families that have made Albert-Eden their home.

Mihi

Titiro ki te Pane-o-Horoiwi,
ka whakapukepuke, ka whakatiketike ki waho rā.
He kawau, he kawau, he kawau!
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna tōrea.
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna ki Waitematā.
Ko koutou ēna e ngā mataawaka i rite ai te kōrero,
Ngā waka o Taikehu me he kāhui kātaha kapi-tai, ka eke!
Kua eke, hui e, tāiki e!
Te noho nei au i te kūrae i Takaparawhā,
ka titiro whakawaho ki a koe Aotea
e tū hihiwa mai rā i te pae o te moana o Hauraki.
Ka hoki whakaroto ake aku mihi ki a Waiheke,
ki a Rangitoto te pueanga mutunga a te moana.
Kia ū mai anō au ki te one i Ōkahu,
kia takahia e au te rārangi maunga i uta.
Ki te tonga ko Maungarei, kei raro ko te Kōpua Kai a Hiku.
Ka rere mā roto ki Puketāpapa,
kia piki au ki Maungakiekie, Tūpo-o-te-tini.
Ka whakamau taku haere ma te Ahikāroa a Rakataura
kia taka atu au ki te Ara Whakapekapeka o Ruarangi.
I kona ka aro tika atu au ki a koe e Maungawhau
te tū whakahira tonu mai nā i te pū o te wheke,
kua werohia nei e te Tūkoi o te Rangi,
kia pokanoa au ki te pepeha a Tītahi,
“Koia te pou whakairo ka tū ki Waitematā i ōku wairangitanga”,
kia whakaotihia noa ai ki te kōrero rā,
“te pai me te whai rawa o Tāmaki.”

Look to the sandbanks at Achilles Point,
rising majestically out there.
It is the visiting cormorant!
It has alighted onto the beach of the Oyster-catcher.

A distinguished visitor has come to the Waitematā.

It is you the descendants of the ancient voyagers, those who embody the axiom,

Like shoals of herrings on the tide are the canoes of Taikehu, you have arrived!

The connections are made!

So here I sit on the headland at Bastion Point,

and I look out to Great Barrier Island

shimmering on the Hauraki Harbour.

Returning my gaze to Waiheke

and then to Rangitoto, the last gift from the sea.

Once more I stand on the shore at Ōkahu,

from where I can traverse the ancient peaks.

To the south is Maungarei below which lies the Panmure Basin.

Flying inland I come to Puketāpapa

from where I scale Maungakiekie, resting place of many who have passed on.

I follow then the pathway to Mt Albert

down into Pt Chevalier.

From there I return to Mt Eden,

shining gem at the heart of the great city,

lanced by the sky tower

so that I might appropriate the prophecy of Tītahi who said.

“It is a tower that will stand in the Waitematā that I saw in my feverish dream”

and to end it with the maxim,

“and so flow the goodness and the riches that is Tāmaki”.

Ngā upoko kōrero

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair

We are pleased to present for your comment, our draft 2017 Albert-Eden Local Board Plan.

This plan builds on the two earlier plans and the work of the local board over the past six years to make Albert-Eden a safer, livelier, greener place that is easier to traverse, cherishes its heritage and offers better choices to play, work and do business.

We have also worked to keep in touch with our community over the past six years, as we see engagement as a continuous task. But we need to check in again with you to collect your ideas, preferences and aspirations for the next three years.

In response to what you have told us, this plan sets out seven outcome areas to guide our efforts over the next three years.

We will continue to prioritise improving our community centres, community facilities and shared outdoor spaces to enhance the lives of everyone in our community. We will work to ensure the environment in Albert-Eden is safe, clean and healthy, and support our community to be leaders in implementing and promoting sustainable practices. We will endeavour to protect and share the important cultural and historical features of our area. We will continue to support our local businesses to sustain a strong local economy.

The local board also advocates on your behalf. We will be seeking to influence the impact of the large-scale development projects in our area. As Albert-Eden grows, we must ensure housing, business and transport developments impact positively on our community. We will continue to strive to deliver your preferred projects, while at the same time keeping pace with a rapidly diversifying and growing area. The ongoing engagement we have had from you makes us confident that we can address these challenges together.

At all times the board strives to maximise value from our spending and to keep spending down. This means reviewing capital projects and deferring progress until costs reduce, or trimming work as we had to recently in Potters Park. We will continue to make sure you are able to have your say on large funding decisions.

Our area benefits from having a highly engaged community, and we will continue to look at innovative ways to foster regular engagement with residents and businesses, and build strong relationships with many groups across our community. We believe that community-led initiatives, like the Sandringham Reserve upgrade, bring the best outcomes.

We remain committed to building a strong, connected and resilient Albert-Eden community, and empowering you to participate in shaping the future of our area. We look forward to hearing your views, and working with you over the next three years. We encourage you to read this draft plan and give us your feedback before 30 June 2017 to ensure the final plan reflects your priorities for Albert-Eden.

Peter Haynes
Chairperson, Albert-Eden Local Board

He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the governing body (the mayor and 20 governing body members) and 21 local boards. The governing body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and provide input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

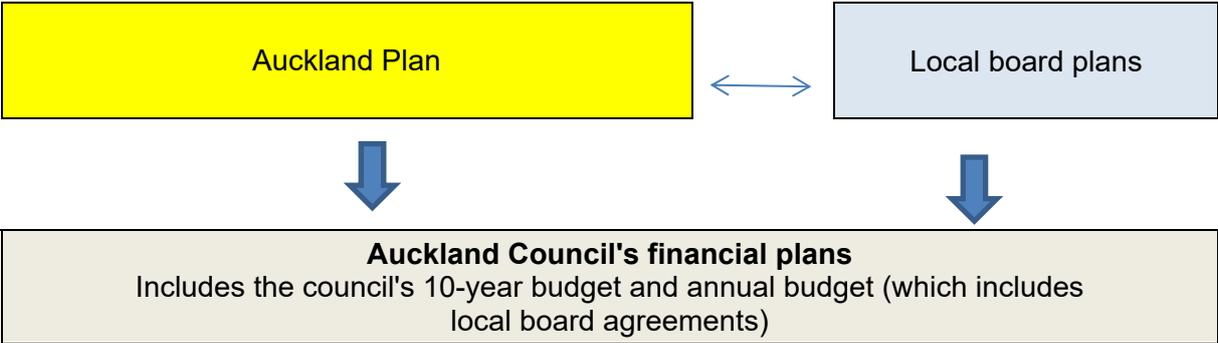
These local issues, activities and services include:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic documents that are adopted every three years. Their purpose is to set a direction for the local area that reflects community priorities and preferences. They guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also influence local board input into regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan.



Each local board develops annual work programmes following confirmation of the budget available to them via the annual budget setting process.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them. To make this happen will take the efforts of many working together.

We have identified these by considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you over the last six years, and heard your views on a wide range of things.

To ensure we have reflected your needs and desires for Albert-Eden in this plan, we are sharing this draft document for your feedback. We will engage with the different parts of our community at a range of events and activities across the board area to hear your thoughts. We will make a particular effort to hear from the groups that are often hardest to reach, to ensure their voices are heard and considered.

The issues and priorities you raise with us through all of these interactions will help inform the final version of this plan.

Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

Carrying out our plan

Resourcing

We want to do what we can to improve our local board area while being realistic that we cannot do everything with finite resources. This means making the most of what we already have, working with others and acknowledging when we do not have the necessary resources to carry something out.

We believe we can carry out all of our proposed key initiatives in our plan within our existing resources, or there is provision for them in future years of the 2015-2025 10-year budget. By existing resources we mean:

- finances we receive through our revenue sources such as rates and user charges
- our assets such as our community centres and parks
- council staff who are responsible for delivering our annual work programme
- Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund allocation
- our time and energy to represent your views on matters of local importance.

In some instances, our role is limited to representing your views on matters of local importance because we do not have the decision-making authority and/or funding to carry it out. When this is the case, we will use our time and energy to influence the relevant decision-maker. We do this by advocating on your behalf or making formal submissions ensuring they are aware of your views and our support for them.

Empowering communities

We seek to empower and enable our communities. This means listening to what you want to achieve, directing council resources towards community aspirations and supporting diverse communities to have an input into the things they care about and which matter uniquely to them.

We will prioritise activities that are led by the community, encourage and support people from all walks of life to actively participate in their community, and fully use the talents, insights and contributions of our diverse community. We will work with others to enable our communities to achieve their goals.

Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.

We have given consideration to Māori outcomes throughout the development of this plan. We are mindful that many of our natural features, including our maunga (mountains) and awa (rivers) are of historical, spiritual and cultural significance to mana whenua.

This understanding underpins our kaitiakitanga (guardianship) approach to all our natural areas. Throughout this plan we have highlighted where we have a shared interest with mana whenua in caring for the environment and identifying and protecting important Māori cultural sites.

We are looking forward to growing existing relationships, and establishing new ones, with the 13 iwi organisations that have ties to our area.

We will continue to work with mana whenua representatives to ensure the social and cultural needs of local people are expressed and considered.

Whakaotinga 1: He kaha tonu te wairua ā-hapori i roto o Albert-Eden

Outcome 1: Albert-Eden has a strong sense of community

We are all proud to live in Albert-Eden and feel that we belong. Our community is connected and everyone's involvement is welcomed. We are able to come together to support each other, and to celebrate our diversity.

We will continue to develop our community-led approach, empowering local people and groups to design and deliver activity that builds community, celebrates diversity and fosters unity.

Enabling different parts of our community to participate will continue to be a major focus for the local board. We have large and growing groups of elders, migrants and young people with much to contribute and we will support them to do so.

Arts and events in our community create a sense of belonging and pride, and help bring people together in our parks and community facilities. We provide grants for a wide range of community groups to run their own events and have a dedicated events fund to sponsor or fund large-scale community events. Our community events are popular and well attended and we will continue to support them.

You have told us that feeling safe in our neighbourhoods is important. Reducing crime and keeping our public spaces smoke-free and alcohol-free are priorities.

We have an amazing network of volunteers in Albert-Eden and we recognise the valuable contribution they make to our community. We will work to support our volunteers so they can continue their excellent work.

Opportunities

- Our community thinks Albert-Eden it is a great place to live¹ and values a strong sense of community
- Our Asian communities want opportunities to learn about our indigenous culture and share their distinct and rich cultures with the wider community. The Albert-Eden area also has significant Māori connections. Exploring and celebrating the diverse and rich cultures of our community can grow understanding and unity and shape our Albert-Eden identity. Increasing the participation of traditionally disconnected groups, such as our growing number of youth and elders, will enrich our community
- Members of our community – some Māori, Pasifika and Middle Eastern groups in particular – would like to see intergenerational programmes, activities and events to encourage families to spend time together informally in their communities

¹ 2016 Quality of Life Survey

Challenges

- Safety remains a key issue. The 2016 Quality of Life Survey identified three safety issues rated highly by respondents: theft from cars, alcohol and drug problems and the resultant anti-social behaviours
- Pressure on the housing market means increasing uncertainty for members of our community who rent, making it harder for them to feel a sense of belonging. The number of people sleeping rough in our community has also increased.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Albert-Eden has a strong sense of community	
Objective	Key initiatives
People feel a sense of belonging and are connected to their community.	Review programmes at council facilities to support greater integration and inclusiveness of all members of our diverse communities.
	Champion accessibility being a key consideration in all development of public spaces and buildings.
	Look for opportunities to create community hubs, which bring many different groups and activities together in one place. For example, we will continue to advocate to the governing body for a seniors hub that provides a place to meet, get advice and access resources or services.
	Support events that promote and celebrate the unique spaces and places in the board area. Priorities for us are community-focused events in parks and neighbourhoods, such as Neighbours Day, Brazil Day, Music in Parks and Movies in Parks, that help to bring young families together to meet their neighbours and have fun at no cost.
	Provide opportunities for youth to get involved in the life of their community, and support the Albert-Eden Youth Board to link with local youth and youth organisations and be an effective and powerful voice for Albert-Eden youth.
People feel safe in their	Continue to work with business associations and community groups to identify the areas where there are

communities.	problems, and address through joint initiatives including public education programmes.
People value the diversity of our Albert-Eden community.	Continue the Albert-Eden Arts Broker programme to work with creative individuals and organisations and ensure the different Albert-Eden communities have access to and can participate in the arts.

Whakaotinga 2: He wāhi hākinakina ō mātou papa rēhia nō te katoa

Outcome 2: Our parks are enjoyed by all

Everyone can access the parks we share in Albert-Eden, and uses them in ways that enhance their lifestyles. As a community we feel a shared ownership of our parks, and we take care of them together.

Albert-Eden has 105 parks, ranging from large parks like Potters and Coyle, to small neighbourhood reserves. We know you value our parks and it is important we balance the needs of different groups within our community and make the most of the park space we have.

We take a kaitiakitanga (guardianship) approach with our parks, and will continue to encourage you to do the same. This means we take a whole-of-park consideration in the way we manage our parks. We treat any development as an opportunity to improve every aspect of a park, from the natural environment to facilities, signs and pathways. This also means we try to minimise neighbourhood disruption when doing any improvements to our parks.

We are planning for the future. With housing intensification our parks will increasingly be an extension of our back gardens and provide an important space for our community to come together outdoors. We will continue to advocate for more parks, in particular leveraging development activity in the area, and ways to link or expand existing park spaces.

Opportunities

- Auckland Council's Sportsfields Capacity Development Programme provides a framework for us to advocate for upgrades that make more of our fields usable all year around
- Our extensive development of playgrounds, in response to the recreational and play needs of our children, creates spaces loved by our community and people travel from all over Auckland to enjoy them
- There is strong community interest in helping care for and develop our parks, such as eco-neighbourhood projects and volunteers in our parks

Challenges

- Population growth and increasing density places more demand on our parks. In Albert-Eden we have less park space per capita than most parts of Auckland

- There is a very high demand for sportsfields. By 2025, it is projected that our winter sports will require an additional 494 hours² worth of field use than is currently catered for
- Ensuring our communities are engaged and kept well informed about park developments
- Trying to balance the needs of different park users when working through issues with projects, such as Chamberlain Park and Fowlds Park sportsfield upgrades.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Our parks are enjoyed by all	
Objective	Key initiatives
Our parks are well maintained and our community feels a sense of ownership of them.	Continue our parks capital development and renewals programme and look for opportunities to use ‘whole of park’ and community-led approaches.
	Continue to look at ways we can ensure our parks are usable spaces all year around. For example, we will investigate options for improvements in Windmill, Melville and Nicholson parks in Mt Eden.
	Encourage our community to take guardianship of our parks, through initiatives such as schools ‘adopting a park’, and by supporting a range of volunteer programmes in our parks.
Our parks meet the needs of our growing population and our diverse communities.	Progress the implementation of the Chamberlain Park Masterplan. The board will deliver the development of the local park and playground, new paths and cycleways, and restoration of the Meola Creek. There is also provision for a high-quality nine-hole golf course and driving range.
	Develop an Albert-Eden Open Space Network Plan to identify actions to improve local parks and open space. The plan would also support advocacy to acquire more open space and to secure public access to open space where there is a need.

² Sport and Recreation State of Play snapshot for Albert-Eden

	<p>Continue to update and carry out the Albert-Eden Greenways Plan and develop new connections to existing parks, e.g. north side of Potters Park to Dexter Avenue.</p>
	<p>Progress the implementation of the Oakley Creek Action Plan, and the Motu Manawa Marine Boardwalk to connect Heron Park and Howlett Reserve.</p>
	<p>Undertake audits of our key parks to assess accessibility for all ages, active and passive recreation, and places for cultural practices and events, to add to the value of these parks and help with future planning.</p>

Whakaotinga 3: He nui te whakamahia o ngā wāhi tū wātea o te hāpori e te katoa

Outcome 3: Our community spaces are well used by everyone

Our shared facilities underpin our strong community. They provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of people of all ethnicities and ages. We have spaces that are inviting, flexible and well used by multiple community groups.

Our community facilities include our libraries, recreation centres, halls and other community buildings. These facilities play a crucial role in building a sense of community by supporting people to learn, develop and participate through involvement in groups and activities.

You have told us you value social connectedness, so we will ensure our community spaces encourage and support people to come together. The board will invest in our community centres at Epsom, Mt Albert, Sandringham and Pt Chevalier, and our community halls and other buildings to ensure they provide good-quality, affordable and accessible facilities for you to hire and use.

We will look for new ways to leverage our facilities so there are community spaces to meet all of our different needs. We will make the most of the space we have by encouraging multi-use and sharing of facilities where possible.

We know our libraries at Epsom, Pt Chevalier and Mt Albert and the Citizens Advice Bureau at Mt Albert are very important to you. They will continue to be open and accessible to everyone, and be places that offer company and a range of resources.

You have told us you'd like recreational facilities to offer programmes that encourage and support people of all ethnicities and ages to become more active. The board will continue to support the Mt Albert Community and Recreation Centre to provide organised sports and activity targeted at a range of people, alongside quality fitness facilities.

We will work to build stronger relationships with the tenants in our community lease buildings to identify where we can support them better and ensure our facilities continue to be well used.

Opportunities

- The report we commissioned in 2016, called *Ways to improve access to, and effectiveness of Albert-Eden Community Facilities*, has provided an understanding of how you are using our facilities now, and will help us make the most of our facilities in the future
- We have community houses and community leases located near town centres and public transport hubs. These could be developed to provide additional community spaces near upgraded town centres, and make it easier for people to visit

- Albert-Eden is home to several regionally significant sports facilities including Auckland Grammar School Hockey Turf, Auckland Badminton Hall and Eden Park.

Challenges

- Our population is growing, so our community facilities will face increasing demand.
- Awareness within the community about the types and availability of council and other community facilities needs to be improved.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Our community spaces are well used by everyone	
Objective	Key initiatives
Our facilities provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of our community.	Ensure our halls and three community centres at Epsom, Sandringham and Pt Chevalier are upgraded and well maintained so that local groups will be encouraged to use their facilities.
	Continue to advocate to the governing body through Council's 10 year budget process for a replacement pool to be constructed in Mt Albert or another appropriate Albert-Eden site.
	Build stronger relationships with the groups leasing our facilities so that we can stay aware of their good work in the community. We will engage more regularly with our 54 community lease tenants to build ongoing relationships and identify where we can support them better.
Our community facilities strengthen our community.	Promote initiatives that increase involvement in groups and activities. We will ensure our community has access to relevant programmes for new migrants, youth and older people.

Whakaotinga 4: He wāhi whai hua ngā pokapū tāone o Albert-Eden me te tupu o te ōhanga ā-rohe

Outcome 4: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy

Our town centres are attractive to locals and visitors alike. Our local businesses are well supported and thriving, driving a strong local economy that creates opportunities for everyone in Albert-Eden. Well-established business networks foster innovation, growth and sustainability.

A strong local economy means more jobs and opportunities for everyone in our community.

We have a well-educated population and a large proportion of local jobs in knowledge-intensive industries, including fast-growing sectors like biotechnology. We will work to support local businesses looking to innovate and grow.

You have told us you want vibrant village centres that are accessible, people-friendly and attractive to everyone. We will continue to look for innovative ways, using people-centred design, to upgrade our town centres. Improvements to Sandringham, Pt Chevalier and Greenwoods Corner town centres are current priorities. We will also support arts and events that bring people to our town centres.

We have an active business community driving local economic development activity. The board has strong partnerships with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Mt Eden, Dominion Road, Uptown and Kingsland.

Our relationships with our business associations and groups in Mt Albert, Sandringham, Pt Chevalier, Greenwoods Corner and Balmoral are very important to us. We will continue to support them and other local business groups with capacity-building grants and advice.

Albert-Eden is home to a number of key assets of regional significance and large event and tourism facilities, such as Maungawhau/Mt Eden, ASB Showgrounds and Eden Park Stadium. We will continue to look for opportunities to leverage these for future economic growth.

Opportunities

- The Sandringham Community Vision Plan will help the local board to prioritise planning for Sandringham town centre in the future.
- We have well-established BIDs in Mt Eden, Dominion Road and Kingsland that have strong relationships with the board.
- Town centre upgrade and renewal projects have begun in Mt Albert and been completed in Pt Chevalier.
- The development of the City Rail Link could result in significant potential for growth for Albert-Eden in the future.

- The Auckland Unitary Plan has zoned a new town centre in Greenlane.

Challenges

- We must maximise the potential of town centres in the face of the expansion of Westfield St Lukes.
- We will need to manage disruption from City Rail Link construction and resulting congestion on key routes.
- Future communities at Unitec, Alexandra Park and Special Housing Area developments at Greenlane and St Lukes must be planned for.
- Gross domestic product (GDP) and employment growth over the last decade in our area has lagged, compared with the Auckland average.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy	
Objective	Key initiatives
Local businesses are well supported and thriving.	Celebrate the success of our small businesses through our Albert-Eden Business Awards. The awards recognise the quality of local businesses and showcase them to the wider Auckland area.
	Continue to engage with local business associations and support them with capacity-building grants. We will also encourage innovation and local entrepreneurship.
	Investigate a localised plan for Greenlane, to look at opportunities presented by the new town centre designation in the unitary plan.
Our town centres are attractive destinations.	Advocate to the governing body and Auckland Transport for additional funding to upgrade Balmoral and Eden Valley village centres as part of any future Dominion Road upgrades, particularly the light rail project. We want to ensure we take advantage of any planned work like this to make our town centres better.

Ensure the Albert-Eden Art Broker programme continues to work with business associations and BIDs on activities, programmes and events that bring more people to the centres and create interest and excitement.

Whakaotinga 5: Ko te haereere noa i Albert-Eden he mahi āhuru me te māmā

Outcome 5: Travelling around Albert-Eden is safe and easy

It is simple to travel between the many places in our area that people want to visit. We have a range of options to meet the different needs of our community. We have quality public transport and our streets are safe and enjoyable to use.

The board has a large role to play in representing our community's needs and views to Auckland Transport, as transport infrastructure plans are made and implemented. Working with Auckland Transport, we will focus on providing travel options that make it easy for everyone to move around Albert-Eden, and ensuring our community has a range of options.

You have said having good public transport options is important, both within Albert-Eden and to other places. We will support your use of public transport by working with Auckland Transport to ensure it meets the needs of different groups within our community.

We know you value being able to travel around our area using pathways and walkways. We will continue to improve the safety and quality of our walkways and cycleways, and expand our network by linking different sections across Albert-Eden and with neighbouring suburbs.

You have told us that safety is a concern when walking or cycling and around our schools and town centres. We believe roads should be designed with the safety of all users as the highest priority. With this in mind, we will look at ways to slow traffic in our streets and make improvements for more enjoyable walking and cycling. We will also support community initiatives advocating safety around our schools.

We will continue to work closely with Auckland Transport to raise our community's specific interests and concerns and inform the planning of local and regional transport projects. We will also look for opportunities to leverage these projects to create additional benefits for our area.

Opportunities

- We have created the Albert-Eden Greenways Plan, which sets out future path development plans
- We can use the Auckland Transport Local Board capital budget to leverage existing projects for local benefits, such as including town centre upgrades in Balmoral and Eden Terrace as part of Auckland Transport's bus lane upgrade in Dominion Road.

Challenges

- Congestion is an issue on our main roads at peak times

- Development of large housing projects will increase demand on our roads and public transport infrastructure, and add to congestion
- There are currently issues around safety and lack of accessibility at Greenlane Rail Station
- We need to balance the needs of people traveling through Albert-Eden with those of local road users.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy	
Objective	Key initiative
We have a range of transport options that are easy to access and suit the different needs of our community.	Implement the planned network of park and road connections as prioritised in the Albert-Eden Greenways Plan, particularly those that link town centres and transport hubs. A key project will be the development of a shared path through Chamberlain Park.
	Advocate to Auckland Transport for high-quality public transport infrastructure, such as light rail along Dominion, Sandringham, Mt Eden and Manukau roads.
	Look for opportunities to extend existing cycleways and incorporate new ones into road projects and transport hubs. For example, when we are planning the upgrades of town centres in Sandringham, Pt Chevalier and Greenwoods Corner, we will consider how to make it easier for people to travel there by bike or foot.
	Ensure public transport is accessible by investigating and advocating to Auckland Transport for parking near public transport stations, clear signs and safe accessways that people of all abilities can use. For example, we will look at options to improve access to the Greenlane Rail Station.
Our streets are safe and enjoyable to use.	Continue to investigate options to reduce speeding and traffic volumes in residential streets, such as the Carrington Road area and Pt Chevalier.

	<p>Facilitate collaboration with local schools and community groups, to support Auckland Transport initiatives to improve pedestrian and cycling safety around schools.</p>
	<p>Advocate to Auckland Transport for all road developments to prioritise the safety of users. We will also look to incorporate the Vision Zero principles of designing roads with people’s needs and safety in mind.</p>
	<p>Continue to advocate Auckland Transport for high-quality maintenance of roads, footpaths, lighting and stormwater, and for issues raised by our residents to be addressed.</p>

Whakaotinga 6: E manawanuitia ana ā matou taonga taketake, tuku iho anō hoki

Outcome 6: Our natural and cultural heritage is valued

Our community has a strong awareness of our area's heritage. We are proud of the features that give our area its unique character, and work together to protect and preserve them.

We know you value our natural and cultural heritage. We will continue to encourage and support community-led initiatives that aim to protect and share our heritage.

Understanding the Māori cultural heritage of our area is important, particularly to new members of our community. We will work to ensure our many Māori heritage sites are clearly identified and protected.

Our iconic villas and rock walls date back to the 19th century and give our suburbs their unique character. You have told us you are concerned that heritage features such as these are not being preserved appropriately. We will work with private owners to encourage restoration and maintenance. We will continue to advocate for protection of relevant sites through heritage provisions in town planning and development activity.

The rare lava forests near Oakley Creek walkway, Withiel Thomas Reserve and Almorah Road are some of the last remaining naturally forested areas in central Auckland. We would like to increase knowledge of our special natural heritage areas and involve our community in looking after them. We will continue to protect these landscapes through our existing parks restoration programmes.

We also recognise that as a community our culture and heritage continues to grow and be created. You have told us that cultural diversity is something you value. We will look for ways to enable all the different groups that make up our community to participate in shaping Albert-Eden's cultural future.

Opportunities

- We have well-established heritage events, such as the Mt Eden and Greenwoods Corner business associations' annual heritage events
- We have completed historic and character heritage surveys in Balmoral and Pt Chevalier that can be used to identify buildings for future protection
- Our maunga – Maungawhau/Mt Eden, Ōwairaka/Te Ahikā Roa o Raka/Mt Albert and Te Kōpuke/Titikōpuke/Mt St John – are of great historical, spiritual and cultural significance to local Māori
- We have active historical societies in Mt Albert, Waterview, Pt Chevalier, Epsom and Mt Eden.

Challenges

- Many of our heritage buildings and natural features are on privately owned land.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy	
Objective	Key initiatives
Our unique cultural and environmental heritage is identified and protected.	Work with our Māori cultural heritage advisors and mana whenua, to learn more about places and features in our area with cultural significance to Māori, so that we can take steps to protect them.
	Work with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to ensure our three maunga are well used, protected and appreciated.
	Continue to celebrate and promote our heritage through projects such as the annual Auckland Heritage Festival and support for local heritage events.
	Continue our programme of historic and character heritage assessments that identify buildings of heritage value for possible future protection.
Our culture and heritage is promoted and celebrated.	It is important to record our history and we will update and refresh heritage brochures for Pt Chevalier, Waterview and Greenwoods Corner, to complement the brochures we have already completed for Ōwairaka-Mt Albert, Maungawhau-Mt Eden, and Balmoral-Sandringham.
	Create more heritage trails and add signs in parks and on walkways to include Māori language and heritage information.

Whakaotinga 7: He whai whakaaro me te tiaki tonu tā mātou i tō mātou taiao

Outcome 7: We respect and protect our environment

Our community cares for our environment and develops innovative ways to look after it. Our natural landscape is healthy and well looked after.

You have told us you are interested in caring for the environment and adopting sustainable practices. We believe protecting and improving our environment will benefit the quality of life in Albert-Eden now, and in the future.

Key environmental priorities for us are protecting our coastal areas, addressing water quality issues in our waterways, increasing biodiversity and maintaining ecological corridors. We will encourage a collaborative community-led approach in addressing all of these. We will also work with mana whenua to ensure they can contribute to our plans for areas of significance to them.

We will prioritise increasing biodiversity through our park development planning, ecological restoration programmes and stream enhancement projects.

Albert-Eden has a number of important ecological corridors that allow native species to move across our area and beyond. These include our waterways, rock forests, walkways and airways. We will encourage and support neighbours to care for the areas near them and continue to work with adjoining local boards to maintain and extend ecological corridors.

You have told us you would like to see more sustainability initiatives in our area. We will continue to seek out and support innovative community projects such as the Central Community Recycling Centre in Western Springs. We will also look to encourage and support sustainable business initiatives.

We know reducing carbon emissions is something many of you are passionate about. We will work towards becoming a carbon-neutral area and support low-carbon initiatives at a neighbourhood level.

Opportunities

- We have strong volunteer groups, such as Friends of Oakley Creek and St Lukes Environmental Protection Society (STEPS), with long-term commitments to caring for our waterways
- The Te Auaunga-Oakley Creek Action Plan provides direction for future management and maintenance of the creek and the area around it
- We want to increase awareness of special places such as Motu Manawa Marine Reserve, with its rich mangrove and saltmarsh habitats
- Members of the community have expressed interest in learning more about how to manage and remove pest species from streams, maunga and coastline

- Our Eco-neighbourhoods programme to support sustainable, low-carbon lifestyles is well established and continues to grow.

Challenges

- Our urban waterways are vulnerable to flooding and pollution, and have known water quality issues.
- The interests of many parties must be balanced in managing and restoring urban streams, including volunteer groups, the council, contractors and neighbours.
- Our growing population and urban development will continue to impact important native plants and wildlife.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy	
Objective	Key initiatives
Sustainable practices are encouraged and fostered.	Support local sustainability programmes delivered by the community, such as the Eco-Neighbourhoods programme.
	Investigate carbon-neutral initiatives. This includes activity such as developing a local low-carbon plan, advocating for efficiencies in new infrastructure and upgrades to council buildings, and incorporating carbon-neutral principles in projects such as town centre upgrades.
	Work with our business community to encourage and support local sustainable business practices and initiatives.
Our unique environment is protected and enhanced.	Continue to support restoration initiatives focused on improving biodiversity and connecting ecological corridors in our waterways, parks, rock forests and coastline through provision of funding and other resources. For example, we would like to support schools, environmental groups and local community volunteers to carry out projects such as planting days.
	Advocate to Watercare for separation of the combined stormwater storage system to happen as soon as possible to help reduce pollution of our waterways.

Work with the Puketāpapa and Whau local boards to develop a joint approach to managing and protecting Te Auaunga-Oakley Creek.

He kōrero take pūtea

Financial information

This purpose of this section is to provide a financial overview of the Albert-Eden Local Board.

Based on our existing budgets, we believe we can deliver the key initiatives in our draft plan without reducing our existing levels of service or increasing our local revenue sources (such as local targeted rates and fees and charges).

The governing body will be adopting council's 2018 – 2028 10 year budget in June 2018. It is important to note that this could change the funding for local boards, including projects that are currently provided for in the 2015-2025 10 year budget.

Local activities and levels of service

Local board responsibilities, provided for directly in legislation or allocated to boards, are summarised into local activities. These are described in the table below, along with levels of service statements.

More information regarding of levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement 2016/2017. This is available on the Auckland Council website.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
<p>Local parks, sport and recreation</p> <p>This group of activities covers the management and provision of local parks and open space and recreation activities for both passive and active recreation. It includes swimming pools and leisure centres servicing communities in the local area.</p>	<p>Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches.</p> <p>Provide sports fields that are fit for purpose and cater for community needs.</p> <p>Provide programmes and facilities that ensure more Aucklanders are more active more often.</p>
<p>Local community services</p> <p>This group of activities contribute to improved community outcomes by providing places and spaces for community to learn and recreate, and by integrating arts and culture into the everyday lives of Aucklanders. Key activities include locally delivered Libraries & Information (Libraries) and Community Development, Arts and Culture services.</p>	<p>Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities.</p> <p>Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting.</p> <p>Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city</p>

Local activities	Levels of service statements
	<p>and communities.</p> <p>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.</p>
<p>Local planning and development</p> <p>This group of activities covers local business area planning, local street environment and town centres and local environment and heritage protection. These activities include economic, environmental, heritage and spatial projects, and enable, plan for and deliver great local places.</p>	<p>Develop local business precincts and town centres as great places to do business.</p>
<p>Local environmental management</p> <p>This group of activities covers working in partnership with locally based communities and iwi to deliver enhanced environmental outcomes (with a focus in indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living) that contribute to Māori, community wellbeing and economy.</p>	<p>Provide leadership & support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage.</p>
<p>Local governance</p> <p>This group of activities covers support to local boards such as strategic advice, preparation of local board plans, development of local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, democracy and administration support, and professional development for elected members.</p>	<p>The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 where the survey measures determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2016/2017.</p>

Financial overview

Income, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the period 2015 to 2018

Annual Plan Financials	2015/16 (\$000s)	2016/17 (\$000s)	2017/18 (\$000s)
Operating revenue			
Local community services	1,481	1,510	1,526
Local parks, sport and recreation	35	53	34
Local planning and development			
Local environment services			
Total operating revenue	1,516	1,563	1,560
Operating expenditure			
Local community services	4,520	4,406	4,559
Local governance	1,110	1,092	1,135
Local parks, sport and recreation	6,995	6,824	7,095
Local planning and development	931	980	1,305
Local environment services	110	65	64
Total operating expenditure	13,666	13,366	14,158
Net operating expenditure	12,150	11,803	12,599
Capital expenditure			
Local community services	601	493	618
Local governance			
Local parks, sport and recreation	6,198	4,908	7,835
Local planning and development	1,872	3,440	1,815
Local environment services			
Total capital expenditure	8,671	8,841	10,268

Funding Impact Statement

Financial year ending 30 June	2016/17 (\$000s)
Sources of operating funding	
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties	13,391
Targeted rates	476
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	15
Fees and charges	434
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	1,114
Total operating funding	15,430
Applications of operating funding	
Payment to staff and suppliers	11,904
Finance costs	1,433
Internal charges and overheads applied	2,118
Other operating funding applications	-
Total applications of operating funding	15,455
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	- 25
Sources of capital funding	
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	63
Development and financial contributions	-
Increase (decrease) in debt	8,803
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-
Lump sum contributions	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-
Total sources of capital funding	8,866
Application of capital funding	
Capital expenditure	

- to meet additional demand	-
- to improve the level of service	2,771
- to replace existing assets	6,070
Increase (decrease) in reserves	-
Increase (decrease) in investments	-
Total applications of capital funding	8,841
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	25
Funding balance	0

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