

Community Space Stocktake – Puketapapa Local Board area

PROJECT NAME	Community Space Stocktake –
PROPOSED SCOPE OF PROJECT	<i>Puketapapa Local Board area</i>
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OVERVIEW AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT	
<p><i>The proposed project is to undertake a stocktake of existing community space within the Puketapapa Local Board area. This includes Community Facilities, Community Leases and Community hubs including churches and private spaces available within the NGO community based in Puketapapa.</i></p> <p><i>Several community groups in Puketapapa are currently funder to deliver on local board’s work programme, with some experiencing barriers to accessing space that is available and/or affordable. There are also local community providers whose current lease arrangements are no longer feasible financially or are up for lease renewal.</i></p> <p><i>The local board has several community providers delivering on their LDI programmes, some of these groups are paying a third or half of their funding back to council on venue hire.</i></p> <p><i>A community stock take will help identify other available spaces that could be accessed by the community that are affordable and at low cost. Producing a community space directory with contact details might be one of the outcomes of this piece of work.</i></p> <p><i>The Puketapapa Local Board will be vacating their existing office located in the old Seniors room of the Fickling Centre in July 2017 to move into the newly refurbished Mt Roskill Borough Council building.</i></p> <p><i>The Local Board desires the Borough Council building to have Community Status so that this new office space and building can be shared with the community.</i></p> <p><i>Models for sharing this office space are still being explored. The local board is keen to find a model that will optimise the use of this space and meet the needs and aspirations of the community. Community hot-desking via an online booking system is one option being explored, short and/or fixed term leasing are other options that need to be explored further.</i></p> <p><i>Given the significant interest and appetite for community space in Puketapapa, the local board is keen to identify a model(s) that could inform the allocation of these two spaces, as well as assisting groups to identify other community spaces that can be accessed for either accommodation or hosting activities.</i></p> <p><i>Innovate Change is a social change agency that uses creative and participatory approaches to build social connectedness. This organisation is currently working with four other local boards supporting them with community engagement to identify community models to work with youth and optimise community spaces.</i></p> <p><i>Innovate Change is also a Social Enterprise that’s charges are significantly less than social change agencies in the private sector. This is reflected in that their staff are all paid NGO rates. The minimum rate for a piece of work is \$25k.</i></p> <p><i>In light of the appetite of local boards and their limited budgets in trying to access their services and community participatory methodologies, this organisation is currently meeting with the Arts, Community & Events (ACE) GM Graham Bodman to explore optimising local board expenditure across local boards rather than duplicating single pieces of work (and budgets) across the region.</i></p> <p><i>Innovate Change recently completed a piece of work for the Albert-Eden Local Board called “Ways to improve access to, and effectiveness of Albert-Eden Community Facilities.” The purpose of the scope was to help the local board better understand how the community facilities in the local board area are used, and identify opportunities to improve facility accessibility and effectiveness.</i></p> <p><i>The outcome of this study identified high level insights that included that community facilities are in use most of the</i></p>	

time, there is no evidence of large scale unmet demand for community facility access, that Community facilities contribute to multiple outcomes of the local board plan, and most community groups would consider using community spaces they were not aware of.

The scope identified that solutions should be simple, effective and provide opportunities for connections between groups. The preferred model identified by communities was an online booking portal.

The Strategic Broker met with Innovate Change on Wednesday 22nd February to provide an overview of this potential piece of work. Innovate Change will provide a quote and project scope for the local board's consideration including different pricing options. We anticipate receiving this in a week's time.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The Roskill Youth Zone building is a free to community space that is managed by the Community Places team based at the Wesley Community Centre.
- The Puketapapa Local Board currently has no oversight of the processes or discretionary decision making used to allocate this space to community users.
- Encourage the local board to use this Community Space Stocktake as an opportunity to explore more transparent and equitable allocation processes for the Roskill Youth Zone building that can be taken to the Community Places department as recommendations.
- Concerns expressed by community providers in Puketapapa about the proposed "community managed/community owned" model for Roskill Youth Zone not being in alignment with best practice community led models of other community managed facilities across the region. (NB: These providers have been connected up directly with the Team Leader of Community Places).
- Community providers and the community have a desire to work in collaboration to have community spaces thrive, function effectively, provide a place of belonging, and be accessible to meet the needs of the community.

RISKS

- There is currently significant appetite for both community delivery space and accommodation. This makes any vacant community space contentious.
- The local board currently has groups delivering local board LDI's with some groups paying over a third or half of their funding on venue hire to deliver their LDI programme.
- The reallocation of the Seniors Room and the allocation of the new spaces in the Mt Roskill Borough Council building will need to be a fair, equitable and transparent process. Failure to do so will impact the Local Board's stakeholder relationships.
- The local board has already had community groups approach them to articulate their accommodation issues and inquire about space available at the Borough Council building. Any allocation of space needs to be done in a fair, equitable and transparent way.
- The Tamaki Regeneration Development will see significant changes occur with some social housing stock becoming privatised, which potentially could mean Puketapapa having a new community that we are not currently experiencing. The local board would always want to be able to accommodate future growth and population.
- The local board is yet to look at space management models including exploring rental/lease charges that will generate revenue to pay for office furniture, wiFi, a printer/copier, paper, tea/coffee facilities, cleaner and waste removal that will be required by community users.

BUDGET

- The budget for this piece of work in Puketapapa is approximately \$25k
- The Puketapapa Local Board has a number of community connectors and established networks who can support Innovate Change to undertake this work in a meaningful and effective way. Albert-Eden had no such "lead" groups or networks in their community at the time of their scope. Because these relationships already exist, this will mean that Innovate Change will be able to optimise this budget to its fullest extent.
- Albert-Eden Local Board is keen to explore future cost sharing to undertake phase two of their existing scope.

This wouldn't mean a reduction in our project cost but would mean we could look at some additional extras.

- *Propose that any unspent LDI funds from the current financial year be reallocated to this project, with the remaining balance allocated in the new financial year. Innovate Change are flexible about payment occurring in two different financial years.*
- *If no budget is available in the current financial year, strongly recommend that the local board allocates funds in the new financial year to undertake this work. NB: Please note that the Borough Council Building move in date is in July.*