
Waitematā Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Waitematā Local Board held in the Waitematā Local Board Office, Ground Floor, 52 Swanson Street, Auckland on Tuesday, 2 May 2017 at 4.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Pippa Coom
Deputy Chairperson	Shale Chambers
Members	Adriana Avendano Christie Richard Northey, ONZM Vernon Tava Rob Thomas

ABSENT

Member	Mark Davey
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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5 Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

6 Petitions

There were no petitions.

7 Deputations

There were no deputations.

8 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

9 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

10 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

11 Annual Budget 2017/2018

An updated LDI operational budget and advocacy initiatives documents were tabled at the meeting and are attached to the minutes.

Resolution number WTM/2017/56

MOVED by Chairperson P Coom, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Chambers:

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) approve final 2017/2018 LDI operational budgets by activity, within funding envelopes as follows:

Activity	2017/2018
Local community services	831,000
Local parks, sport and recreation	338,000
Local environmental management	102,000
Local planning	85,000
TOTAL	1,356,000

- b) approve the advocacy initiatives for inclusion in the 2017/2018 Local Board Agreement as outlined in the tabled advocacy list dated 2 May 2017, subject to deletion of 'facilities partnership fund' other advocacy initiative and delegates any minor changes to the chair.

- c) agree one unfunded capital project as the key advocacy priority for the organisation to work on as follows:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<p>Ponsonby Park at 254 Ponsonby Road</p> <p>Secure funding, resource and support to deliver the community's agreed vision and chosen design for Ponsonby Park 254 Ponsonby Road.</p>	<p>The former Auckland City Council purchased 254 Ponsonby Road in 2006 to create an open space in the Ponsonby town centre for future communities. A community-led design process was commenced at the end of 2014. A design by LandLab has been chosen by the public who were given an opportunity to vote on fourteen designs and choose their preferred design. The Landlab design received very strong public endorsement. Funding is now required to deliver the project.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>

- d) provide the following views on regional annual budget consultation issues:

- (i) **Rates Level:** Council budget is generally sound and the overall level of expenditure is justified to maintain valued council services and projects. The cost of growth, particularly of accommodating population growth and providing infrastructure means council need adequate income to pay for this. Therefore, the board supports a 2.5% rates increase which is needed both to maintain services and respond to growth.
- (ii) **Rating stability:** The board supports council's proposal to change its policy to pause the reduction of the relative proportion of business rates for 2017/2018 and that both residential and business ratepayers receive the same 2.5% rates increase.

- (iii) Targeted rate to pay for tourism promotion: The board supports a targeted rate on commercial accommodation providers subject to any necessary amendments to give consideration to differing levels of targeted rate based on geographic location and type of accommodation to ensure practicality and fairness.
- (iv) Targeted rate for housing infrastructure: The board supports the change to council's revenue and financing policy to allow for the use of targeted rates to fund infrastructure for new houses particularly where this reduces the incentive for land banking.
- (v) Living wage: The board strongly supports council paying a living wage.
- (vi) Waste management and charges: The board supports a central community recycling centre at the identified site at Western Springs and would like to see the fostering of composting and a free collection of food waste for those who don't or can't compost.
- (vii) Mass transit network: The board supports the funding for the proposed work on mass transit options and route protection and would like to see the early introduction of light rail from the city centre and along Dominion Road and on other routes on the isthmus as well as an appropriate form of rail transport to the airport.
- (viii) SkyPath implementation: The board supports the budget provision for SkyPath implementation and are keen to see it accompanied by improved walking and cycling links from it and development of a park at the southern side.
- (ix) Collaborations on reducing homelessness: The board strongly supports Council's investment in developing and implementing a comprehensive Housing First approach to reduce homelessness together with appropriate access to lockers, showers and toilets, to assist homeless people to move on to appropriate accommodation.
- e) note that a recommendation on the Uptown BID Targeted Rate and their proposed expansion will be made at the 16 May 2017 business meeting
- f) recommend \$276,000 of 2016/2017 LDI opex to be deferred to 2017/2018 from the following budget lines:

 - (i) Good Citizens Award - \$5,000
 - (ii) Community Empowerment Fund - \$30,000
 - (iii) Youth Hub Feasibility Study - \$15,000
 - (iv) Develop a local plan for the area that includes MOTAT, Western Springs, Auckland Zoo and Seddon Fields – \$20,000
 - (v) Facility Partnership Programme - \$20,000
 - (vi) Western Springs Native Bush Restoration Plan – \$186,000

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 2017/2018 LDI operational budget table
- B Advocacy initiatives dated 2 May 2017

12 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

4.50 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE WAITEMATĀ LOCAL
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....