

Franklin Local Board

Message from the Chair

I am very pleased to present the Franklin Local Board Agreement for 2017/2018. Thank you to all those who shared their views with us; your high level of support has shown that we are heading in the right direction.

As Franklin continues to grow quickly, our key challenge remains ensuring that growth is well-planned and infrastructure provided at the right time to support new housing and businesses. It is important that we keep up with the growth and make sure our communities are provided with the services and facilities they need. We're committed to ensuring that this special rural part of Auckland remains a great place to live, work and invest and that our outstanding natural environment and elite soils are protected from development.

Since we adopted our Local Board Plan in 2014, we have worked towards achieving many of the initiatives included in the plan, and we will continue to do so in 2017/2018 by delivering initiatives which will build on the work already under way, as well as seeking to respond to new opportunities. We are comfortable with the progress we're making and have continued to put emphasis on finishing projects that have already begun, before we start anything new. We want to do more with what we've already got; making effective use of our existing assets so we can create and maintain the best possible service to all our diverse communities.

The board values the contributions made by volunteers to Franklin and supports the council's 'Enabling Communities' philosophy. Through the activities of volunteers and community groups, a sense of belonging, social connection and civic involvement can be achieved.

We look forward to continuing our work with our communities and local businesses to achieve the outcomes in this local board agreement.

Angela Fulljames

Chair of Franklin Local Board

Introduction

Auckland Council's shared governance model means local boards make decisions on local issues, activities and the use of local facilities within their decision-making allocation responsibilities. Local boards develop a three-year local board plan as the basis of their annual funding agreement with Auckland Council's governing body (the mayor and councillors). Local boards also advocate to the governing body on larger scale investments, regional programmes and policy issues such as rates proposals, which are outside local board decision-making responsibilities.

This document provides information on local activities that have been agreed for delivery in 2017/2018 between the governing body and the local board.

It outlines a local board agreement for 2017/2018 including local funding priorities, budgets and performance targets. This document also outlines supporting material to the agreement including a message from the Chair and key advocacy areas.

About this area

The Franklin area is predominantly rural and has three main towns – Pukekohe, Waiuku and Beachlands. There are a number of inland and coastal settlements, such as Āwhitu, Clarks Beach, Karaka, Kingseat, Bombay, Ardmore, Clevedon and Kawakawa Bay. The area encompasses inlets and foreshores of the Manukau Harbour in the west and stretches across to the Hauraki Gulf in the east.

Franklin has a wealth of history; early Europeans settled in Maraetai and Ōrere Point, Māori used the Drury Hills as a viewpoint during the New Zealand Wars and the Kentish Hotel in Waiuku lays claim to being the oldest continuously licensed pub in New Zealand.

Local Board Plan outcomes

The Franklin Local Board Plan sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area and how the board works towards creating the world's most liveable city (the vision of the Auckland Plan) at a local level.

The Franklin Local Board Plan outcomes are:

- **Cherished natural environment** – Franklin's forest, open countryside and waterways are healthy, and local parks are cared for and well used for a variety of leisure activities.
- **Thriving local economy** – Franklin has a strong economy and attracts people to live and work locally and visit its attractions.
- **Excellent transport connections and infrastructure** – Franklin is well connected by frequent public transport services, including rail, bus and ferry, and has safe roads that make it easy to get around.
- **Growth in the right place, at the right time** – Growth is well planned to protect rural production and activities, contain urban sprawl and provide infrastructure at the right time.
- **Proud, safe and healthy communities** – Those who live here are proud of the area, and feel safe and part of the community.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2017/2018 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the governing body in accordance with the delegated power, and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

Māori transformational shift outcomes

The Franklin Local Board Plan sets the framework for engaging rangatira ki te rangatira, or chief to chief, to share information and work together. We plan to continue to have conversations with mana whenua to explore ways to work together and improve communication. Our local board plan objectives support kaitiakitanga, the guardianship of our environment and special places.

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Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2017/2018 funding priorities for local activities and which have contributed to key community outcomes in the Franklin local board area are as follows under each local activity.

Local Parks, Sport and Recreation

This group of activities covers management and provision of local parks and open space and recreation activities for both passive and active recreation.

These activities include developing the network of paths and trails; quality improvements to parks and reserves; coastal planting; and events and activities in parks.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$6,715,000 and capital investment of \$10,779,000.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2017/2018 include:

- Implementation of actions from Trails Plans
- Improvements to facilities at Sunkist Bay Reserve
- Concept plans to improve and develop reserves
- Upgrades to car parks at Centennial Park in Waiuku, Franklin Road Recreation Centre in Pukekohe, Clarks Beach Recreation Reserve, Karaka Sports Park and Rosa Birch Park
- Renewals of the seawall at Sandspit Reserve and the wharf at Tamakae Reserve.

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority.

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2015/16	LTP Target 2016/17	AP Target 2017/18
Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches	Percentage of residents satisfied with the provision (quality, location and distribution) of local parks and reserves	62%	75%	63%
	Percentage of residents who visited a local park or reserve in the last 12 months	85%	90%	86%

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2015/16	LTP Target 2016/17	AP Target 2017/18
Provide sports fields that are fit for purpose and cater for community needs.	Percentage of residents satisfied with the provision (quality, location and distribution) of sports fields	62%	75%	63%
Provide programmes and facilities that ensure more Aucklanders are more active more often	Customers Net Promoter Score for Pool and Leisure Centres	-6%	15%	15%

Local Community Services

This group of activities contributes to improved community outcomes by providing places and spaces for the community to learn and recreate and by integrating arts and culture into the everyday lives of Aucklanders. Key activities include locally delivered Libraries and Information (Libraries) and Arts, Community and Events services.

Locally significant activities in Franklin local board area include a community arts programme; support for youth employment initiatives; community led place-making initiatives; support for local events; and grant funding to community organisations.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$4,041,000 and capital investment of \$187,000.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2017/2018 include:

- Continuation of the Community Arts Programme
- Rural Halls support and advice
- Movies in Halls
- Youth employment initiatives
- Community led heritage and identity projects

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority.

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2015/16	LTP Target 2016/17	AP Target 2017/18
Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities	Use of libraries as digital community hubs: Number of internet sessions per capita (PC & WiFi)	2.0	1	2.0
	Number of visits to library facilities per capita	4.7	4.5	4.8
	Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	87%	85%	88%
	Percentage of visitors satisfied with the library environment	88%	85%	89%

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2015/16	LTP Target 2016/17	AP Target 2017/18
Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting	Percentage of funding/grant applicants satisfied with information, assistance and advice provided	57%	76%	53%
Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities	Percentage of participants satisfied with council delivered local arts activities.	No result	85%	85%
	Percentage of Aucklanders that feel connected to their neighbourhood and local community	43%	74%	44%
	Percentage of attendees satisfied with council delivered and funded local events	89%	85%	90%
Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities	Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe	Day: 87% Night: 26%	Day: 79% Night: 32%	Day: 88% Night: 27%
	Facility Utilisation - utilisation at peak times and off-peak times for council managed community centres and venues for hire	Peak: 18% Off peak: 5%	Peak: 14% Off peak: 8%	Peak: 19% Off peak: 6%
	Percentage of community facilities bookings used for health and wellbeing related activity	8%	20%	9%
	Number of visitors to community centres and venues for hire	353,582	287,005	326,477

Local Planning and Development

This group of activities covers local business area planning, local street environment and town centres and local environment and heritage protection.

These activities include structure planning for major growth areas at Pukekohe-Paerata and Drury-Opaheke; support for innovation and the promotion of key local employment sectors; support for youth skills development; and research on employment and tourism opportunities.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$694,000 and capital investment of \$0.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2017/2018 include:

- Research on the value of the rural sector in Franklin
- A refresh of the Franklin Local Economic Development Action Plan
- Support for the production of the Pukekohe Business Association Prospectus

- Continued development of the concept for the Hunua Cycle Trail
- Support for the Youth Enterprise Scheme

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority.

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2015/16	LTP Target 2016/17	AP Target 2017/18
Develop local business precincts and town centres as great places to do business	Percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations	50%	100%	100%

Local Environmental Management

Local environmental management activities work 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.

These activities include biodiversity management; funding of fencing and planting to improve water quality; planning for river restoration projects; and support for the Manukau Harbour Forum.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$74,000 and capital investment of \$0.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2017/2018 include:

- Wairoa River Action Plan coordination
- Continuation of water quality monitoring at Waiuku
- Restoration of waterways on Māori land at Awhitu
- Waterways Protection Fund – Mauku Stream catchment
- Implementation of actions from Biodiversity Management Plans in selected reserves

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority.

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2015/16	LTP Target 2016/17	AP Target 2017/18
Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage	Proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	80%	100%	81%

Local Governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing Local Board Agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

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 2017/2018.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$1,166,000 and capital investment of \$0.

Local Funding

Auckland Council has a shared governance model for making decisions on local activities. Under the Local Board Funding Policy adopted in August 2014, funding is allocated to local boards to deliver local services, through the following methods:

1. **Asset based services** - the governing body allocates funds to deliver local activities based on decisions about region-wide service levels. This includes allocation of funds for local asset based services, such as building a new swimming pool or library.
2. **Locally driven initiatives** – an allocation is based on a formula applied to each local board, with the exception of Great Barrier and Waiheke Local Boards who agree funding requirements with the governing body on an annual basis.
3. **Governance services** – an allocation is based on the number of elected members and associated administrative costs for each local board.

As part of the Long-term Plan 2015-2025, the governing body approved a new discretionary capital expenditure fund for local boards. This incorporates a total fund of \$10 million per annum across all 21 local boards, to be managed in three-year periods.

The total planned expenditure for local activities across all 21 local boards over the 2017/2018 financial year is shown in the table below. The budgets for each local board are listed within the individual local board agreements in this volume.

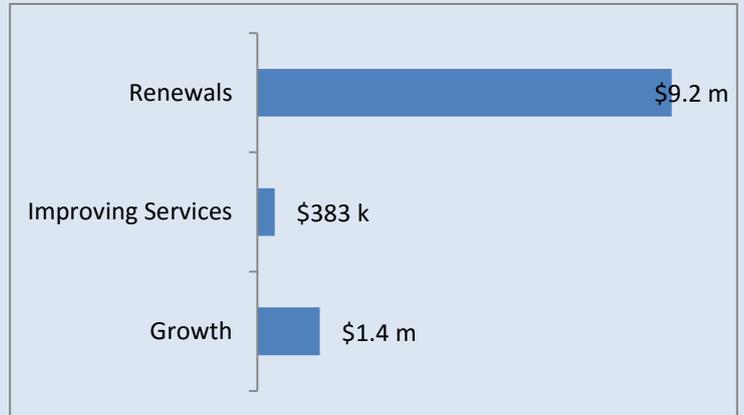
Funding priorities for local activities

Capital spend

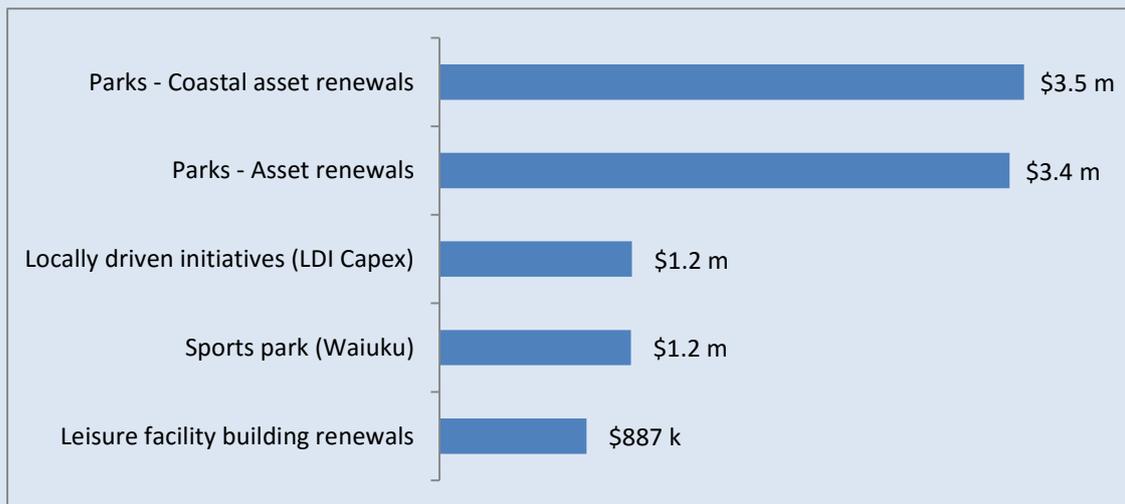
By activity area



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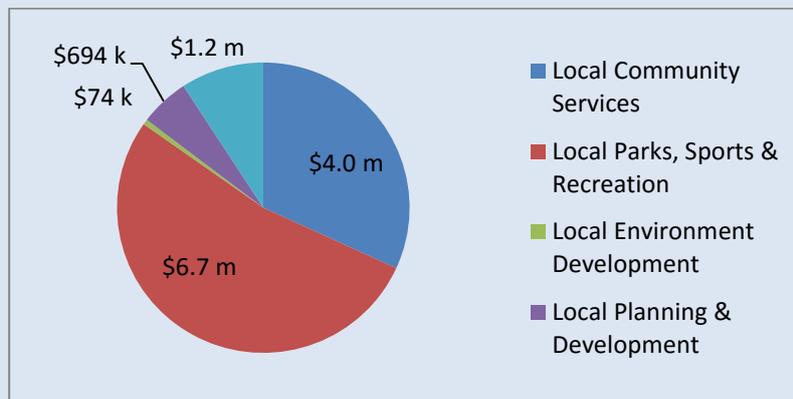


Key projects



Operating spend

By activity area



Funding Impact Statement

This prospective funding impact statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 21 (5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. It covers the year from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and outlines the council's sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

\$000	2017/2018
Financial year ending 30 June	
Sources of operating funding:	
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties	13,801
Targeted rates	563
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	7
Fees and charges	265
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	108
Total operating funding	14,744
Applications of operating funding:	
Payment to staff and suppliers	11,494
Finance costs	1,344
Internal charges and overheads applied	1,900
Other operating funding applications	0
Total applications of operating funding	14,738
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	6
Sources of capital funding:	
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	0
Development and financial contributions*	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	10,959
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0
Lump sum contributions	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0
Total sources of capital funding	10,959
Application of capital funding:	
Capital expenditure:	
- to meet additional demand	1,381
- to improve the level of service	383
- to replace existing assets	9,201
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0
Total applications of capital funding	10,966
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	(6)
Funding balance	0

Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for this annual plan, but recognise the value it will add to the local community. Key advocacy areas for this local board include:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Funding growth	<p>It is important that growth in Franklin is well-planned and funding is provided for the necessary infrastructure. A regional planning programme is required to enable growth to be well-planned across Franklin. There is currently a perception that the benefits of development contributions are not directly seen in areas they are collected.</p> <p>To fund future transport infrastructure, user-pays funding methods are supported. They are more equitable for rural residents and businesses, ensuring that the burden of funding the transport programme falls more with frequent users of major roads.</p> <p>The retention of the regional transport levy is supported. A review of the levy would be timely, and should include the consideration of central government match funding. The levy is more equitable than a regional fuel tax, which places an unfair burden on members of rural communities who are infrequent users.</p> <p>The introduction of tolls for major road users in the Auckland region is also supported. Tolling encourages car-pooling, fuel saving and travelling at off peak times which helps ease congestion.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p> <p>Auckland Transport</p>
Coastal erosion	<p>Management of coastal erosion should be dealt with on a regional basis, rather than individually by local boards. This would provide a consistent regional approach and cost savings.</p> <p>Implementation of the regional Coastal Management Strategic Plan with associated regional funding should be a priority to ensure erosion issues are dealt with in a consistent and timely way across the region.</p>	Governing Body
Fit for purpose and safe roads	<p>Increased levels of traffic caused by growth and projected future growth require some rural roads to deal with higher volumes of traffic than originally intended. Routes used by heavy industry, particularly quarry trucks, need to be improved and made safer for all users.</p> <p>Implementation of recommendations in the Self Explaining Rural Roads (SERR) project across Franklin should be given priority by Auckland Transport to ensure safety issues are addressed and roads are safe for all forms of transport.</p>	Auckland Transport
Local paths and trails	<p>More investment is required to implement the paths and trails across the region. Paths are not solely for the use of those living in a particular local board area; they are a regional network and need to be considered as such.</p> <p>Regional partnerships with external organisations, such as the Walking Access Commission, local businesses and service clubs would help facilitate the development of the paths network. It would also help to ensure that links to national initiatives, such as the Te Araroa Walkway, are made.</p>	Governing Body

Appendix B: How to contact your Local Board

Local boards have been established to enable local representation and decision-making on behalf of local communities. You are encouraged to contact your elected members to have your say on matters that are important to your community.



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