

Waiheke Local Board

Message from the Chair

We are now in the third year of the Long-term Plan 2015-2025, and we continue to work hard to deliver the outcomes and vision that we all share for our environment and our community, as outlined within our Local Board Plan 2014. Over the next 12 months we plan to continue to deliver projects you've said are a priority for you.

We will build on the success of our community partnership programmes. The investment made in pest control and wetland restoration continues to pay off thanks to your support and enthusiasm for our volunteer and education programmes.

We will continue to support our community groups and social support volunteers who provide assistance to those in our community who need it most.

Your feedback confirms developing a swimming pool, housing and planning at Matiatia are still priorities so we will continue to progress these projects on your behalf.

You have told us that tourism needs to benefit the island without compromising local lifestyle or the environment. We will continue to advocate for the necessary budgets to protect and enhance what makes Waiheke and the Gulf Islands so special.

This includes investment in our roads and footpaths, and flooding and stormwater management.

Many thanks for your continued contribution and we look forward to working with all those groups and individuals in the community who make Waiheke special.

Paul Walden

Chairperson, Waiheke 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 Waiheke local board area covers Waiheke and Rakino Islands as well as other islands within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park area, such as Ponui, Pakatoa, Rotoroa, Rangitoto, Motutapu, Motuihe, Motokorea, Karamuramu, Pakihi and a number of smaller islands. Waiheke is the largest island in this grouping. The island has around 40 km of beaches and the eastern part of the island is predominantly forest, farmland, vineyards and a regional park.

The Waiheke Local Board area boasts a diverse community. Over the summer, the population on many of the islands swells due to visitors and tourists seeking to make use of the open space, walking and cycling trails and sandy beaches, while enjoying our local art, boutique restaurants and vineyards.

Local Board Plan outcomes

The Waiheke 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 Waiheke Local Board Plan outcomes are:

- **Treasured islands, coastlines, wetlands and marine areas** - we will work to protect, maintain and enhance our magical islands, land, coastline, wetland and marine environments for Auckland's future generations.
- **A sustainable and prosperous local economy** - our Waiheke community has a strong, independent, entrepreneurial spirit and our natural assets provide many economic and lifestyle opportunities. We will support the local economy to flourish.
- **Thriving, strong and engaged communities** - Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity and wellbeing which is enhanced through active community participation.
- **Connected, healthy and environmentally-friendly transport options** - we have environmentally-friendly, safe and integrated transport options that encourage walking, cycling and horse riding.
- **Vibrant places for people that reflect the character of the island** - our parks, reserves and beaches are cared for by residents and visitors who enjoy the sport, recreation and leisure opportunities they provide. People also love to use our range of community, arts and cultural facilities.
- **Matiatia, gateway to Waiheke** - our gateway to Waiheke is protected and enhanced.

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

Auckland Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori. This has been strengthened by the adoption of the Māori Responsiveness Framework.

The Waiheke Local Board values Te Ao Māori world view, the essence of which is about relationships. We respect the traditional cultural and spiritual values of mana whenua and we are committed to fostering a productive relationship. The Waiheke Local Board Plan describes some of the ways we would like to work in partnership with mana whenua. This includes kaitiaki and the guardianship of our environment and special places. It also means we would like to support Māori organisations to be part of providing for the social and cultural needs of our community. We will recognise and provide for the unique cultural heritage of wāhi tapu and iwi participation will be a priority when planning future projects to ensure we are working towards shared goals.

Waiheke Local Board Agreement 2017/2018

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2017/2018 funding priorities for local activities and which have contributed to key community outcomes in the Waiheke 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 the provision and maintenance of sport fields and hard courts, walking tracks, playgrounds, and public toilets.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$2,317,000 and capital investment of \$1,365,000.

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

- Delivering ongoing upgrades to local parks, reserves, walkways and playgrounds;
- Completing the Pathways (Greenways) plan and development and promotion of our walkways and cycleways;
- Continuing to progress the development of a community swimming pool;
- Ecological Restoration in partnership with the community;
- Progressing initiatives identified within the Matiatia strategic plan.

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	76%	75%	75%
	Percentage of residents who visited a local park or reserve in the last 12 months	94%	90%	90%
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%	80%

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.

This area also includes the work of the Waiheke strategic broker, to work with and empower communities to further their projects, goals and aspirations for our local board area.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$1,513,000 and capital investment of \$270,000.

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

- Grants for community groups to provide activities, projects, programmes, initiatives and events that make a positive contribution to our community;
- Progressing community facility renewals;
- Completing an Artworks complex needs assessment;
- Supporting community economic development and social enterprise;
- Delivering Waiheke Christmas events.

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)	13.9	2.5	2.5
	Number of visits to library facilities per capita	19.3	10	10.0
	Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	94%	85%	85%
	Percentage of visitors satisfied with the library environment	94%	85%	85%
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	43%	76%	78%
Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities	Percentage of Aucklanders that feel connected to their neighbourhood and local community	68%	82%	84%
	Percentage of attendees satisfied with council delivered and funded local events	77%	85%	85%
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: 92%	Day: 94%	Day: 95%
		Night: 81%	Night: 82%	Night: 83%
	Facility Utilisation - utilisation at peak times and off-peak times for council managed community centres and venues for hire	Peak: 10%	Peak: 14%	Peak: 14%
		Off peak:	Off peak:	Off peak:

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2015/16	LTP Target 2016/17	AP Target 2017/18
		5%	8%	9%
	Percentage of community facilities bookings used for health and wellbeing related activity	15%	20%	20%
	Number of visitors to community centres and venues for hire	14,279	28,002	28,277

Local Planning and Development

There is no annual budget for this activity.

Levels of Service

There are no performance measures for this activity.

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 community grants and ecological programmes to help the community improve our environment.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$92,000 and capital investment of \$0.

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

- Progressing outcomes identified in the Little Oneroa action plan, including enhancing water quality in the stream and lagoon and improving the natural character and amenity of the stream catchment;
- Continuing to progress marine protection and waterway research;
- Supporting community pest management initiatives and networks.

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 & support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori	Proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	100%	85%	90%

cultural heritage

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 \$918,000 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.

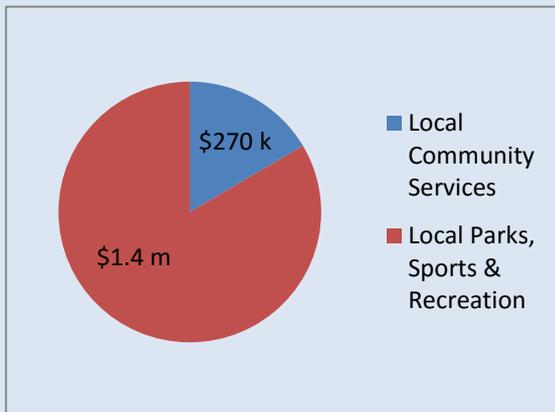
As part of the Long-term Plan 2015-2025, the governing body approved a new discretionary capital expenditure fund for local boards. This incorporates a total fund of \$10 million per annum across all 21 local boards, to be managed in three-year periods.

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.

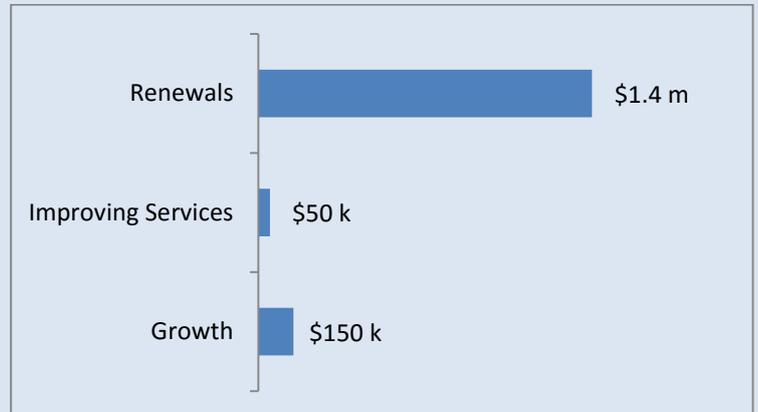
Funding priorities for local activities

Capital spend

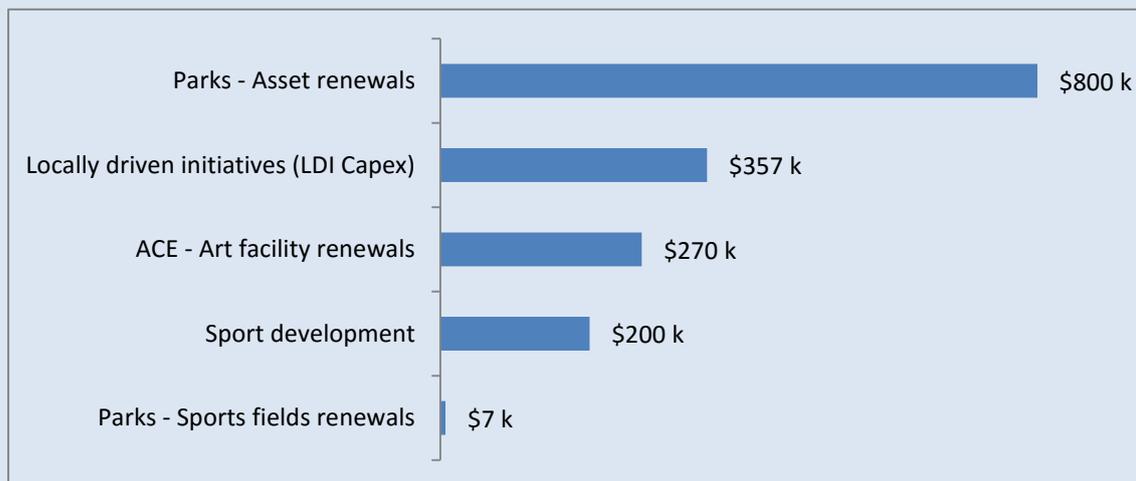
By activity area



By category

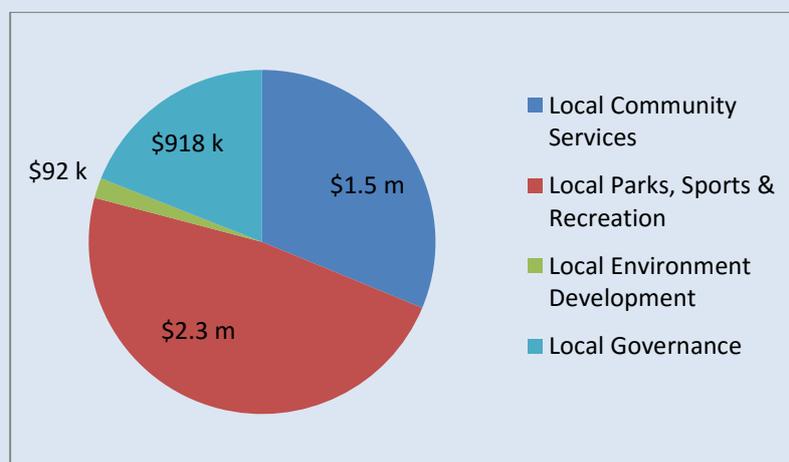


Key projects



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	5,554
Targeted rates	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	4
Fees and charges	30
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	187
Total operating funding	5,775
Applications of operating funding:	
Payment to staff and suppliers	4,421
Finance costs	285
Internal charges and overheads applied	944
Other operating funding applications	0
Total applications of operating funding	5,651
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	124
Sources of capital funding:	
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	0
Development and financial contributions*	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	1,511
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0
Lump sum contributions	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0
Total sources of capital funding	1,511
Application of capital funding:	
Capital expenditure:	
- to meet additional demand	150
- to improve the level of service	50
- to replace existing assets	1,435
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0
Total applications of capital funding	1,635
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	(124)
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
Matiatia Strategic Plan	<p>The board is progressing a strategic plan for council owned land at Matiatia and requests that any future development is guided by this plan and appropriate funding is allocated within the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 (LTP) for both transport and non-transport infrastructure related priorities.</p> <p>The board requests that as part of this plan, the governing body review the status of the Panuku Development Auckland managed land at Matiatia on the basis that a significant financial return on investment (at purchase) is clearly unrealistic and this status is delaying an outcome to the multitude of issues that exist at Matiatia.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p> <p>Auckland Transport</p> <p>Panuku Development Auckland</p>
Quality roading and infrastructure that supports Waiheke's character and water management needs	<p>The board requests appropriate funding to deliver quality roading, footpaths and a cycling network to a standard consistent with the rest of Auckland (taking into account Waiheke character). This includes effective water management using water sensitive design techniques.</p> <p>Funding for the development and implementation of Watershed / Catchment managements plans is also essential. This includes flooding and stormwater management, monitoring of the drainage network and appropriate maintenance and infrastructure development.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p> <p>Auckland Transport</p>
Visitor Impact	<p>The board seeks funding for increased services, infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects which address the impact of tourism while also providing local benefit.</p> <p>This could include implementing a visitor levy or advocating to Council's governing body for visitor growth funding.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
Community Swimming Pool	<p>The board requests provision for funding of a Community Swimming Pool within the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 (LTP) as this is a local priority and an identified gap within the Community Facilities Network Plan.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
Marine protected areas	<p>The board supports the creation of a network of marine reserves and other protected areas linking the islands in its area of jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p> <p>Department of Conservation</p>

Previous advocacy areas not yet resolved are considered still active.

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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