

Date: Wednesday 26 July 2017
Time: 6.00pm
Meeting Room: Whau Local Board Office
Venue: 31 Totara Avenue
New Lynn

Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

ITEM	TABLE OF CONTENTS	PAGE
14	Feedback on the Takaro – Investing in Play discussion document	
	A. Updated report - Feedback on the Tākaro – Investing in Play discussion document	3
18	Confirmation of Workshop Records: 14 June 2017 to 5 July 2017	
	A. Updated copy of Page 63 of agenda (attachment C)	7

Feedback on the Tākaro – Investing in Play discussion document

File No.: CP2017/14136

Purpose

1. To seek local board feedback on the *Tākaro – Investing in Play* discussion document.

Executive Summary

Auckland Council is developing a plan to improve the way it invests in play

2. Auckland Council is a significant investor in play spaces and play programmes throughout the Auckland region. However, it faces a number of emerging challenges including a growing population, financial constraints and increasing demand for play over the next 20 years.
3. In response, the council is developing a play investment plan, *Tākaro – Investing in Play*. This will provide a guiding framework to support decision-makers across council to invest in ways that make the best use of available resources while maximising the benefits of play to Auckland's diverse communities.

Local boards have an important role in shaping the plan

4. Local board decision-making is central to the planning and funding of play at the community level. The views of local boards will therefore be critical to the successful development of the investment plan.
5. Staff have prepared a discussion document to publically test ideas and to gauge opinions on a range of investment possibilities and issues relating to play.
6. Local board members provided informal feedback on the discussion document at regional cluster workshops on 19 and 26 June 2017.
7. Local boards are invited to submit formal feedback on the issues raised in the discussion document by 21 August 2017.
8. Analysis of the feedback will be finalised in October 2017. Staff will report to the Environment and Community Committee on the results of the public consultation in November 2017.
9. The analysis of feedback will inform the development of an initial draft investment plan in early 2018. Staff will then work with local boards and other stakeholders to refine the draft, including further rounds of consultation.

Recommendation

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) provide feedback on the questions presented in the *Tākaro – Investing in Play* discussion document by 21 August 2017.

Comments

Background

10. Auckland Council invests in play because it has the potential to provide a range of health, social, community and economic benefits to Aucklanders.
11. The total value of council's playground equipment is \$66 million. The Long-term Plan 2015-2025 allocates \$33 million for renewing these assets and a further \$25 million to provide new play opportunities in areas of growth.

Feedback on the Tākaro – Investing in Play discussion document

- Item 14
12. Key challenges are to respond to a growing population, financial constraints and increasing demands for play over the next 20 years.
 13. The development of a play investment plan, *Tākaro – Investing in Play*, will help decision-makers across the council family, in particular the Governing Body and local boards, to invest in ways that make the best use of available resources, while maximising benefits to Auckland's communities.
 14. It will do this by:
 - clarifying the causal relationship between investment in play and the benefits sought
 - providing guidance on how to support a diverse, accessible network of play
 - establishing processes to assess the performance of past investments.
 15. The development of the investment plan is a scheduled piece of work arising from the Parks and Open Spaces Strategic Action Plan 2013.

Discussion document

- Attachment A
16. Staff have prepared a discussion document (Attachment A) as part of the initial consultation and planning phase of the *Tākaro – Investing in Play* project. It presents a summary of the council's current supply and practices towards play. Section nine of the document includes a summary of questions to help focus feedback.
 17. The purpose of the discussion document is to describe the current state of play provision, and to gauge opinions on a range of investment possibilities. These include new approaches to nature play, risky play and play activations, as well as opportunities for council to partner with schools, businesses and community groups in the delivery of play.

Role of local boards

18. Local boards play a vital role as decision makers in the planning and funding of play in their communities. Local board views will be central to the development of the investment plan.
19. The statutory role of local boards include many decision-making responsibilities with relevance to provision and management of the play network:
 - adoption of local board plans
 - agreement of local board agreements (with the Governing Body) and monitoring the implementation of local board agreements
 - providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans
 - proposing bylaws for the local area
 - community engagement, consultation and advocacy.
20. Local boards have a particularly important role in the delivery of play programmes through their budgets for open space activation. Some of these programmes are specifically targeted at attracting people to use public play spaces.

Current engagement with local boards

21. This report provides local boards with an opportunity to formalise their views on the *Tākaro – Investing in Play* discussion document.
22. Local boards are invited to submit formal feedback on the issues raised in the document by 21 August 2017.
23. Feedback will inform the development of an initial draft investment plan in early 2018. Staff will then work with local boards to refine the draft, including further rounds of consultation.
24. Table 1 below explains the timing and key processes in the development of the plan, including further consultation with local boards.

Table 1: Timing and process

Feedback on the Tākaro – Investing in Play discussion document

Process	Milestones
Consultation with the public	29 May to 10 July 2017
Consultation with local boards and advisory panels	19 June to 21 August 2017
Analysis of feedback and submissions	August to October 2017
Report to the Environment and Community Committee on the results of the public consultation	November 2017
Develop and refine a draft investment plan, in consultation with local boards	Early 2018
Public consultation on the draft investment plan	Mid 2018

Consideration

Local board views and implications

25. Local board members provided informal feedback on the discussion document at regional cluster workshops on 19 and 26 June 2017.
26. Many members expressed support for the intent of the plan in principle, and for certain aspects of the plan in particular. These included:
 - the value of providing communities with a diverse range of play
 - the importance of taking a future-focused approach to investment
 - the opportunity to make play more accessible and inclusive to people of different ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds
 - the opportunity to partner with schools, community groups and others in extending the play network
 - the value of using investment in play to support local community outcomes.
27. Some members expressed concern that the development of a regional plan could limit the ability of local boards to make investment decisions in the best interests of their specific communities. Staff clarified that the plan is intended to serve as a guiding document not as a constraint. It will need to be designed in a way which empowers local decision-making, and which recognises the diverse needs of our communities.
28. This report now provides local boards with an opportunity to formalise their views on the *Tākaro – Investing in Play* discussion document.

Māori impact statement

29. Māori are identified as a key target group for the investment plan, due to their young population profile.
30. In 2013, Māori comprised 15.7 per cent of all young people aged 0 to 24 years old living in Auckland. Half of all Auckland Māori (52.4%) are under 25 years of age.
31. Statistics New Zealand's projections (medium series) suggest that the number of children and young people in Auckland will continue to increase over the next twenty years by another 26.5 per cent. This combined with high Māori birth rates suggest issues affecting Māori children and young people will continue to be important into the future.
32. The plan will incorporate a Mana Whenua perspective and identify opportunities to express kaitiakitanga in local play spaces. Staff will consult with Mana Whenua on the discussion document as part of the current phase of the investment plan development.

Implementation

33. There are no implementation issues arising from the recommendations of this report.

Feedback on the *Tākaro – Investing in Play* discussion document

Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	<i>Tākaro – Investing in Play</i> discussion document	21

Signatories

Author	Jacqueline Fa'amatua'inu-Pointon – Policy Analyst – Parks and Recreation Policy
Authorisers	Paul Marriott-Lloyd – Senior Manager – Parks and Recreation Policy Kataraina Maki – General Manager – Community and Social Policy Karen Lyons – General Manager – Local Board Services Glenn Boyd – Relationship Manager Henderson-Massey, Waitakere Ranges, Whau

Feedback on the *Tākaro – Investing in Play* discussion document

Workshop Item	Summary of Discussions
<p>5. Results of mini-climathon_Whau</p> <p>Governance role: Keeping informed</p>	<p>Presenters: Rebecca Hayden; Sarah Lindberg (Senior Environmental Scientist - Aecom); Candice Ho</p> <p>Members received recommended actions and results of the mini-climathon; an initiative linked to the Whau low carbon plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Climathon's purpose was to generate community action idea to reduce carbon footprint and make the community a better place. • Many ideas generated – team identified five ideas that could be developed • RIMU working on Regional low Carbon Plan – suggest board, if developing own action plan to same action targets as guide • Puketapapa had also hosted a climathon and happy to share notes <p>Chair thanks team and signalled that the board would need to discuss amongst themselves before identifying where to from here.</p>
<p>6. Arthur Curry Reserve</p> <p>Governance role: Engagement</p>	<p>Presenters: Thomas Dixon; Marian Webb (Panuku); Letisha McColl</p> <p>Members discussed the details of the Service Property Optimisation policy in the context of Arthur Curry Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panuku outlined to board new direction for optimising service properties (ie properties used to deliver council services eg parks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Method 1: Integrated + Upgrade OR Clustering – eg selling off two facilities and use proceeds to create multi facility on single site ○ Method 2: Intensification & mixed use – eg council retain prop on ground level, sell air space to private dvlp ○ Method 3: Direct Service Investment – use \$ from sale of underutilised service property to deliver on eligible project in same local board area • Board asked Panuku to work with board to commence investigation into various service properties in Whau considered of no or low benefit to the Whau – and look to investing proceeds in improving open spaces and connectivity. <p>Panuku agreed to undertake new project.</p>
<p>EXTRA ITEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop times 	<p>Board chair had been approached about revising workshop times. Discussion ensued. Final decision as follows:</p> <p><u>Wednesday Daytime workshops</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • move to later starting time: core time 11.00 am until 4.00 pm • ½ hour lunch break to be scheduled • If longer period needed, add items to start of schedule – ie pre-11.00 am, not post 4.00 pm <p><u>Wednesday pre-board meeting workshops</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discontinue pre-workshop meetings (unless urgent items arise) • Schedule 5.00 – 5.30 pm meeting for purpose of agenda briefing prior to meeting at 6.00 pm • Provide dinner – preferably locally sourced, light and healthy meals; include something hot in winter