

Cr Greg Sayers: Accountability Report **July/August**

This is a voluntary report initiated monthly by the Councillor to keep the Rodney Local Board, its staff and the residents and ratepayers of Rodney updated on activities and duties he has participated in. It is a summary of highlights only.

1. Committee Meetings

Planning Committee Housing Accord/Special Housing Areas workshop

(Tuesday 25 July) Non decision-making meeting

Housing update with a focus on Special Housing Areas and the Housing Accord.

Planning Committee briefing - Commercial Bay project update

(Tuesday 24 July) Non decision-making meeting

Precinct Properties updated and briefed the Planning Committee on progress at the Commercial Bay project.

Finance and Performance Committee meeting

(Wednesday 26 July) Decision-making meeting

Discussed Metro Rail, change of ownership of Auckland Film Studios Ltd, management of a stormwater reserve in Drury, Te Motu a Hiaroa Governance Trust. Newcore, and the Albany Stadium Construction Contract.

Value for money political oversight group

(Wednesday 26 July) Non decision-making meeting

In March it was resolved that a group be formed to give political oversight to the value for money programme of work. The Group consists of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee, the Chair of the Environment and Community Committee, the Chair of the Planning Committee, the Chair of the Independent Maori Statutory Board and the Deputy Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex officio). Its purpose is to monitor progress of the value for money programme at key milestone points.

Governing Body meeting

(Thursday 27 July) Decision-making meeting

Included public input from John Stowell re Participatory budgeting as a contribution to enhancing the engagement of citizens and from Fields of Remembrance Trust = End of the World War 1 commemorative period. Items discussed included: Housing Taskforce Report implantation, World War I Centenary Memorial, submission to the Justice and Electoral Select Committee, submission on Ngati Tamaho Claims Settlement Bill, Deputy Mayor's report on trip to Suzhou, Shanghai and Singapore.

Planning Committee meeting

(Tuesday 1 August) Decision-making meeting

Included public input from Transpower re update regarding Transpower's network development plans. Included local board input from Kaipātiki Local Board - Plans and Places Work Programme and Franklin Local Board - Structure Planning. Items discussed included: Auckland Plan Refresh feedback, review and update on the Auckland Housing Accord, place-based spatial planning update, feedback on National Planning Standards discussion papers, submission on the National Environmental Standard for Marine Aquaculture.

Strategic Procurement Committee meeting

(Wednesday 2 August) Decision-making meeting

Items discussed included: Procurement of refuse collection services – contracts for Auckland Central and Franklin and Albany Stadium Pool Main Construction Contract.

Joint Governing Body/Local Board Chairs meeting

(Wednesday 2 August) Non decision-making meeting

Included a strategic briefing from the Mayor followed by a Q&A session. Attended by Chair Beth Houlbrooke.

Te Poari o Kaipātiki ki Kaipara Hui - hearing of submissions

(Friday 4 August)

Planning Committee Confidential Workshop – Waitemata Waterfront Future

(Monday 7 August) Non decision-making meeting

Workshop to inform the next stage of city centre waterfront planning (from Harbour Bridge to Teal Park) and to provide context and background to consideration of the future for Auckland's Port.

Environment and Community Committee meeting

(Tuesday 8 August) Decision-making meeting

Public input re: flooding at Bucklands Beach and revised smokefree policy. Items discussed included: strategic approach to climate change, coastal management framework for Auckland, public art gift offer on Teed Street, homelessness, revenue streams for sport facilities investment and the revised smokefree policy and implementation plan.

Planning Committee Downtown/Midtown workshop

(Wednesday 9 August) Non decision-making meeting

Workshop to discuss the opportunities for Downtown and Midtown and identify key decisions that are needed with respect to these precincts.

Planning Committee Auckland Plan Refresh workshop

(Thursday 10 August) Non decision-making meeting

Workshop to discuss the content and considerations for a digital version of the refreshed Auckland Plan, as well as continuing discussions on the Development Strategy.

Planning Committee Panuku Waterfront workshop

(Monday 14 August)

Workshop to inform the next stage of city centre waterfront planning, focussing on Wynyard Quarter, Viaduct Basin and Central Wharves.

Finance and Performance Committee meeting

(Tuesday 15 August)

Items discussed included: disposal of land and infrastructure development in Flat Bush, Unlock Old Papatoetoe, 31-35 Mill Road, Helensville, Te Toa Takitini and CCO statements of intent.

2. Other meetings/events of interest:

Transport Forum

(Friday 21 July)

With Murray Chapman.

Site visit – Omaha with Graham Painter

(Friday 21 July)

Hill Street update

(Friday 21 July)

LGNZ Conference

(Sunday 23 – Tuesday 25 July)

Councillor Sayers attended as an elected member representative for Auckland Council. Events included New Lynn: Urban Regeneration in a Growing City Tour, Regional Sector Meeting, Powhiti and opening ceremony and a walking tour.

Public Consultation on the Kumeu-Huapai Centre Plan

(Wednesday 26 July)

Meeting with Warren Maclennan, Manager of Planning North/West.

Meeting with Kumeu/Huapai Residents and Ratepayers

(Friday 28 July)

Meeting with John Duguid, General Manager of Plans & Places, and Warren Maclennan, Manager of Planning North/West.

Warkworth Population Growth

(Friday 28 July)

Meeting with Lucy Baragwanath, Regan Solomon from RIMU (Research Investigation Monitoring Unit)

Site visit – Hinau Road

(Monday 31 July)

Meeting on site with constituent to discuss concerns with neighbouring business

Regional Facilities Auckland Financials

(Wednesday 2 August)

Meeting with Simon Tran, Chief Finance Officer at RFA.

Upper Harbour Local Board Business meeting

(Thursday 3 August)

Councillor Sayers is visiting other local boards as a matter of regional support and interest in other local board matters.

Local Government Commission

(Friday 4 August)

Site Visit – SHA Orahua Road

(Thursday 10 August)

Follow up meeting on site with constituent to discuss sediment run-off from SHA.

Waitakere Ranges Local Board business meeting

(Thursday 10 August)

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Warkworth Constituent Clinics

(Friday 11 August)

Open day with Councillor Sayers for constituents to discuss concerns, issues or suggestions.

Kumeu Constituent Clinics

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board meeting

(Tuesday 15 August)

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Kaipatiki Local Board meeting

(Wednesday 16 August)

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3. Ratepayer meetings attended:

South Kaipara Residents and Ratepayers Association AGM

(Friday 28 July)

Attended with Deputy Mayor Cashmore. Discussed rural road sealing and local pest management.

Coastville Residents and Ratepayers Association AGM

(Wednesday 16 August)

4. Constituent Queries:

Request for info on Newcore costing and 135 Albert Street remedial works, Leigh Hotel and development contributions, Mahurangi Church and Community Centre, SEA, Hull Road, Land Slip Rodney Road, governance and environmental management of Kaipara Harbour, Te Arai, Tender Road, Linton Road, Schoolhouse Bay Road, Omaha stormwater and parks issues.



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