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# Planning Committee Auckland Plan Refresh Workshop 18

## MINUTES

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Minutes of a workshop held in the Reception Lounge, Level 2, Auckland Town Hall at 1.36pm on Wednesday 27 September 2017.

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### PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Chris Darby	
Cr Cathy Casey	From 1.40pm, until 2.43pm (on council business)
Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore	From 1.39pm
Cr Alf Filipaina	From 1.47pm
IMSB Member Tau Henare	Until 2.43pm
Cr Richard Hills	From 1.41pm
Cr Penny Hulse	From 2.33pm
Cr Mike Lee	From 2.11pm
Cr Greg Sayers	
Cr Desley Simpson	From 1.39pm (on council business)
Cr John Watson	From 1.56pm (apology for lateness)

### APOLOGIES

Mayor Phil Goff	On council business
Cr Efeso Collins	On council business
Cr Linda Cooper	
Deputy Chair Cr Denise Lee	
Cr Chris Fletcher	
Cr Daniel Newman	
Cr Dick Quax	
Cr Sharon Stewart	
Cr Wayne Walker	On council business

### ALSO PRESENT

Angela Fulljames	Franklin Local Board Chair, from 1.37pm
Beth Houlbrooke	Rodney Local Board Chair, from 1.37pm until 3.24pm
Julia Parfitt	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Chair
Anna-Elise Smithson	Kaipātiki Local Board, from 1.41pm until 2.37pm
Richard Northey	Waitematā Local Board, from 2.35pm

Note: No decisions or resolutions may be made by a Workshop or Working Party, unless the Governing Body or Committee resolution establishing the working party, specifically instructs such action.

## Purpose of workshop

Update on outcome narratives incorporating committee and stakeholder feedback and indicative measures for the following outcomes:

- **Part one** – Environment & Cultural Heritage
- **Part two** – Opportunity & Prosperity

## Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

## Workshop notes

### Part one: Environment & cultural heritage

- Re-introduced the Environment & Cultural Heritage outcome approach, incorporating the environmental context, causes of environmental decline and the reasons the environment is important. Noted that emphasising the link between environment and Auckland's shared cultural heritage helps drive behaviour change required for a shift in outcome.
- Introduced key stakeholder feedback in this round:
  - Water should have a greater profile
  - Need sufficient coverage of mitigation across the plan (e.g. low carbon economy) and adaptation (e.g. resilience to sea level rise/coastal setback)
  - Incorporate more aspirational/future focused direction in outcome
  - Consider effects of current (ageing) infrastructure on environment and opportunities for improvement
  - Acknowledge current approach to environment and heritage is not working
  - Differing perspectives on 'environment and cultural heritage'
- Feedback about whether the integration of environment and cultural heritage reflects and respects the values of Auckland's indigenous people and the integration of te ao Māori.
- Discussion around the pros and cons of having environment and cultural heritage as an outcome section together versus having them separated. There were views on both sides. Ring-fencing the environment could raise its profile but by separating it from cultural heritage, the outcome will not fundamentally address how we impact it.
  - **ACTION:** *Continue to engage with IMSB on this outcome, particularly relating to embedding and encouraging a more holistic, te ao Māori lens*
- Discussion about making the language simpler through-out (examples include "cultural heritage" and "resilience")
- Some elected members thought the wording of certain strategic directions and/or focus areas did not mean much practically for people.
  - **ACTION:** *Language needs to be simpler*
- A request to change the language from "te ao Māori values" to "te ao Māori concepts" to better reflect the meaning.
- Concern regarding the environmental impact of Auckland's growth and development was raised. . Reservations noted about the way the outcome is pitched and whether the difference it is aiming for can be achieved. Care is needed to ensure the Plan does not frame growth and development as automatically delivering good environmental outcomes.
- Indicative measures were introduced.

### Part two: Opportunity & prosperity

- Reviewed feedback from committee members that has been incorporated into this draft narrative. Then reviewed key stakeholder and local board feedback, including:

- General support from variety of stakeholders for the approach
- Jobs being displaced by technology/innovation and speed of change will increase
- Role for central and local government to create systemic change, through interventions that achieve broader social outcomes (e.g. apprenticeships in construction market)
- Desire for localised business hubs and more local jobs
- Greater collaboration between sectors (central government/local government/private/NGOs)
- Culture shift is needed towards continuous retraining and upskilling
- Skill development an essential part of the economic story
- Lower income people have less access to education and high wage opportunities - projected to get worse
- Creative industries and processes have strong bearing on Auckland's development
- Problems retaining people in core services: teachers, nurses, police, firefighters, professors, etc.
- Aging population requires more opportunities for older people to upskill and reskill
- Relative uncertainty of future jobs means emphasis should be on adaptability and flexibility
- Discussion regarding New Zealand's lack of business sophistication, poor innovation and technological readiness. Greater emphasis needed on fostering research and development for innovation and supporting entrepreneurs.
- Positive support for the multi-nodal approach allowing for agglomeration in the city centre and employment in business centres allowing for local jobs for local people.
- Discussion on the need to further support entrepreneurs, social enterprises and local business. In particular, the government and council could use their size and scale to drive this change (e.g. through their own procurement practice). Auckland Council has to walk the talk in terms of how we maximise our development and investment to support the economy.
- Agreed that internet access and digital literacy is critical for business, education and personal development, and that it has to be accessible across Auckland.
- The vibrancy of the city is what attracts and retains people. Discussion on the need to enhance the cultural opportunities and grow arts and culture opportunities in the city. Note there are good metrics in Richard Florida's work on this issue.
- Agreed on the need to increase productivity and raise wages simultaneously, while growing local talent developing skills in world class education institutions.
- More emphasis needs to be put on supporting the night time economy – through transport options after 7pm and greater wifi investment in public places. This supports flexible working, tourism, socialisation and consumption.
- Agree on the emphasis to support Maori businesses and iwi organisations.
- Work done by KPMG should be investigated.
- Indicative measures were introduced. Two issues were raised:
  - Unclear where there is any benefit to measure NCEA level 4 or if NCEA level 3 is just as useful
  - It would be more beneficial to measure internet usage instead of internet access (ultra-fast broadband). Currently this data is not collected. Suggested to modify the measure to ultra-fast broadband access, rather than internet access.
- **ACTION:** *Consider this feedback as measures are further developed*

The workshop closed at 3.29pm.