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## **Project Vision**

### Draft Vision Statement

*Respectfully acknowledging our tūpuna, celebrating our place, to provide places our mokopuna can thrive and stand with pride.*

- *!Totōia! Te taiuru, te taiwhiti. He haumi waka. He hononga tangata!*

*- binds Mana Whenua, Iwi Māori and the communities of Tāmaki Makaurau with our pasts, our present and our futures.*

*The Ōtāhuhu portage is recognised locally, regionally, nationally and internationally as a site of cultural and historic significance and for its environmental importance.*

*The mana of the portage is held firmly by Mana Whenua, who in partnership with our communities ensure that the mauri of our place is valued and upheld by us all.*

*Re-connecting our two great harbours and coasts, the portage instils a strong sense of pride, place and identity that is celebrated by Tāmaki Makaurau.*

## **Project Steering Group – Terms of Reference**

### **1. Introduction**

- As part of Council's Ōtāhuhu-Middlemore Spatial Priority Area (SPA), re-establishing the regionally significant historical Ōtāhuhu portage connection has the potential to transform and stimulate the broadest range of Council Strategic Objectives and SPA drivers. *Totōia! Te taiuru, te taiwhiti. He haumi waka. He hononga tangata!*

(the project) is the project that will deliver this aspiration.

Engagement with Mana Whenua and the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board has identified a broad range of benefits in forming a Project Steering Group (the PSG) to champion strategic planning and oversight of the project.

### **2. Background / Context**

The Tāmaki Portage Network is a regional taonga/treasure for all of the peoples of Auckland which traverses the entire region, from Te Hana in the north to Waiuku in the south. The Ōtāhuhu area is home to three known portages, and it is understood that these were amongst the most heavily used portages of the Tāmaki network, imbuing local importance to these features within a broader regional significance.

The project has been designed to ensure that the mana and heritage values of ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki in relation to this project are recognised and that Mana Whenua are embraced and involved as full project partners alongside the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board and Auckland Council.

### **3. Purpose**

The purpose of the PSG is to provide a strategic mechanism for collective Local Board/Ward/Mana Whenua advocacy and oversight for the project to promote best practice and best outcomes.

The primary functions of the PSG are to:

- act as kaitiaki for the agreed project vision (the vision), and to ensure that the vision is given effect to, and provided for across strategic planning for the project
- ensure the project is advocated for and supported in a strategic and co-ordinated manner as a regionally significant place-based initiative.

### **4. Principles**

The PSG is in principle collectively accountable for providing strategic oversight, support and as advocates for the delivery of the agreed vision for the project.

The PSG:

- Is strategic, not operational
- Is committed to giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and partnership, participation and protection
- Is committed to supporting definition and delivery of the vision through advocacy and strategic oversight
- Will focus, through the project vision, on commonalities rather than differences
- Will work actively and collaboratively to ensure that it acknowledges and recognises the interests and responsibilities of Mana Whenua in relation to the significant cultural importance of the Ōtāhuhu portage as a taonga for ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki katoa
- Will work actively and collaboratively to ensure that it acknowledges and recognises the interests and responsibilities of the community of Ōtāhuhu and Tāmaki as a taonga for all Aucklanders

### **5. Responsibilities**

The authority of the PSG has been delegated by the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board and shall only be applied within the scope of that delegation. This delegated authority (appended) applies within the area described (legal description and maps appended).

Matters to be addressed by the PSG may include (but are not limited to):

- Community advocacy and relationships
- Local Board advocacy and relationships
- Mana Whenua advocacy and relationships
- Auckland Council advocacy and relationships
- Other stakeholder advocacy and relationships
- Advocating for social procurement opportunities
- Exploring opportunities for long-term co-governance of the final project outcome between Auckland Council (or delegated body) and ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki (or designated body)
- Directing Auckland Council project working rōpu to undertake research, provide quality advice to assist and inform PSG decision-making
- Annual reporting to Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board, Mana Whenua Governance, Auckland Council Governing Body and the Ōtāhuhu-Middlemore Spatial Priority Area working group (supported by Auckland Council project working rōpu)

## **6. Scope of PSG advocacy**

- the PSG is the primary advocate for the vision and the project within the Community, dealing with the Local Board/Mana Whenua/Auckland Council and in any/all other areas of engagement
- the PSG is to equally consider all stakeholder groups in undertaking its roles and decision-making

## **7. Membership**

The PSG will comprise equal membership from ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki and elected officials of Auckland Council. The term of membership will be three years.

Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki: 3 x representatives from the 19 Tāmaki Mana Whenua groups

Nominations will be sought from ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki through the existing project working group, who will then select three representatives from those nominated.

Auckland Council: 3 x representatives, comprising:

- 2 x members of Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board
- 1 x Manukau Ward Councillor

For clarity, the Manukau Ward Councillor nominee will act within the delegated authority of the PSG as kaitiaki of the vision.

All parties will have the ability to appoint Alternate Members to attend scheduled meetings. These individuals will be identified and agreed at the initial PSG meeting.

## **8. Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**

The PSG will appoint a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson at the first meeting. The term of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will be one year, or until a new and Deputy Chairperson is appointed (whichever is longer).

### **9. Decision-making**

The PSG shall aspire to make all decisions by consensus.

PSG is responsible for oversight of all major milestones to be outlined in the project plan for 'Portage route'. Meeting agendas will be based on the work plan and milestones to ensure timely direction and steer by the PSG.

Operational, day-to-day, business as usual matters will be in accordance to Council's delegations protocol, unless otherwise agreed to. E.g. 'Land Owner Approval', lease management will require local board decision making.

### **10. Quorum**

Two Mana Whenua representatives and two Auckland Council representatives.

### **11. Meeting Frequency**

Meetings of the PSG will be held twice a year unless otherwise resolved by the PSG. The PSG will agree upon a meeting schedule at its first meeting. Every effort will be made to schedule PSG meetings to avoid PSG members' professional commitments.

### **12. Funding**

PSG support and funding will be provided for within project budgets. Agreement as to meeting fees and disbursements (including travel expenses) will be agreed at the initial PSG meeting. These amounts will be reviewed by the PSG on an annual basis and amendments will be incorporated in annual reporting.

### **13. Other matters**

Local Board Funding Policy determines the scope of budgetary decisions by local boards.

Business as usual reporting and updates to the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board will be maintained through the monthly Community Facilities local board updates

Key council departments

1. Community Facilities – Investigation and Design
2. Auckland Design Office
3. Community Services - Service and Asset Integration
4. Governance Directorate – Local Board Services

Attachments:

- TBC

*References*

- *Local Board Funding Policy*
- *Delegations protocol*
- *Allocation of Local Board decision making*

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