

Supporting information - local board priorities

Each year we plan the projects and initiatives we will deliver in your local board area. These are based on our 2017 Local Board Plan, which sets our three-year direction for the local board. We are seeking your input on our proposals for the 2018/2019 financial year.

3.1 Upper Harbour Local Board

Message from the Chair

Upper Harbour is a diverse and vibrant area, expected to be the fastest growing area in the country over the next ten years, in both absolute and percentage population terms, which brings both challenges and opportunity for us.

The long term budget asks some tough questions of our residents. Without additional targeted spending, there are key areas in the Environment and Water Quality space which will regress. However, the proposed fuel tax means that the interim transport levy per household will be removed.

Our top priority is to secure an indoor multi use multi-sport facility to provide for the daily increasing demand and needs that we currently struggle to meet. In addition to that, we are working to provide enduring Library services, better Public Transport options and supporting the development of a Marine Recreation facility at Hobsonville Point. We will also have a stronger focus on supporting our fantastic volunteers to do what they do so well in the Community, Environment and Sporting areas.

My thanks to you, on behalf of the Local Board. We truly value your time and effort in responding. Our place is beautiful and we are proud of the facilities we host, but the People we serve, are at the heart of our decision making.

Lisa Whyte

Upper Harbour Local Board Chair

What we propose in your Local Board Area in 2018/2019

Through consultation on our Local Board Plan 2017, you told us to increase open space provision, provide more indoor court facilities, and how valuable our greenways and native fauna are. To that end, beyond the maintenance and operation of existing assets in your local board area, we plan to deliver the following local initiatives:

- Provide sub-regional multi use multi-sport indoor court facilities for the North West
- Connect our local parks and reserves through “street to street” cycling and pedestrian crossings to improve accessibility and user experience
- Construct a coastal walkway between Limeburners Reserve and Marina View Drive
- Protection and conservation of Upper Harbour reserves through methods such as restoration planting

Our key advocacy project

Our key project is the construction of a sub-regional multi use multi-sport indoor facility for the North West, potentially located in Whenuapai. Consultation for the Local Board Plan 2017 revealed that of the 274 responses identifying the area requiring the greatest, the topic of parks, sports and recreation alone constituted a larger share than the rest of the topics combined. Among the various initiatives listed in the Local Board Plan 2017, the investigation and provision of an indoor multi-sport and multi-use sports and recreation facility in Upper Harbour received the greatest amount of support. A significant number of comments in the submissions had mentioned the need for such a facility to cater to the growing developments in Hobsonville and Whenuapai.

A multi use multi-sport indoor facility will alleviate the area’s current shortfall in indoor courts, and meet future demand from new developments and growing communities. However, such a facility does not come without challenges, the two biggest of which are identifying and acquiring a suitable location with sufficient capacity for users that is both accessible and convenient, and securing the significant amount of funding that will be required. While we are cognisant of the pressing need for such a facility, we would appreciate your feedback on the best location to situate such a facility to meet the demand in our local board area.

What do you think?

Have we got our priorities right?

1. Do you support locating the sub-regional multi use multi-sport indoor facility in Whenuapai to cater to the North West, as opposed to Albany for the North Shore?
2. Are there any areas you think the Upper Harbour Local Board should invest in to improve “street to street” cycling and pedestrian connections through our local parks and reserves?
3. Do you support construction of a coastal walkway between Limeburners Reserve and Marina View Drive?
4. Do you support a focus on restoration planting to protect Upper Harbour reserves? If so, which areas do you think are of higher priority?