

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board supporting information

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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

Message from the Chair

We recently finalised our three year local board plan in consultation with you. It is my pleasure to present the priorities and proposals for 2018/2019. These proposals are the first year of the new plan and progressing on past achievements.

Good public transport, local paths and safe cycle and pedestrian networks that connect and make it easier to get around are a priority. We want to progress projects in parks and playgrounds and will champion for the historic Ōtāhuhu Portage route project with the potential to open the area for recreation, walking and cycling in the future.

We want to maximise the potential of existing local facilities through coordinated programmes and shared use so that more families and young people use them. Attracting tourism, employment opportunities for local people and our youth is equally important.

You have told us how much you value our natural environment and heritage – and we will work with community groups, business and industry to improve the quality of water in our streams and the Manukau Harbour.

Our investments in and around Ōtāhuhu in recent years have led to many improvements and delivery on projects to improve street connections will continue.

We want to see Māngere East precinct develop into a vibrant community hub through longer term planning and investment. For this we are advocating for a master plan to link existing community assets and address gaps.

See a summary of our draft proposals below. We welcome your views and ideas to progress delivery.

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

In 2018/2019 we plan to invest \$15.8 million to renew and develop assets in your local board area and \$21.5 million to maintain and operate these assets and provide other local initiatives that you have said are important for our area.

- Promote waste reduction through existing partnerships with Business Improvement Districts so town centres are clean and attractive; monitoring delivery of maintenance contract outcomes and supporting projects that influence behaviour change and build capacity through education of industry and the community.

- Implement Boggust Park concept plan which will see new toilets, pathway and fitness equipment in the park.
- Continue supporting active, healthy lifestyles and free access to swimming pools.
- Continuing to improve our local parks and playgrounds so they are safe, attractive and well-used, such as the green areas near Māngere Bridge, Favona and Centre Park
- Promoting local tourism opportunities and creating gateway to the city, by leveraging local art, craft, culture and enterprise to promote Māori and Pasifika identity and our rich natural environment. Examples include promoting local markets increasing bilingual signage and historical narratives.
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Our key advocacy project

There is growth and development taking place in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and now is the time to ensure coordinated planning links places and communities as they grow. We are advocating to the Governing Body to enhance and improve the Māngere East precinct as a thriving community hub. We are asking for joined up planning and investment that makes the street environment, shopping area and community facilities safe, connected and accessible open areas.

You gave a strong support for the idea in the local board plan and we are advocating to council to take this forward in its 10-year budget, with detailed planning commencing in 2018/2019.

Some of our other topics of advocacy are:

- Investigate heavy rail (and supports light rail link from city to the airport) as the preferred option as the board wants current Auckland strategic long-term transport security for both commuter and industrial heavy freight to be reconsidered.
- In the absence of a Local Alcohol Policy (currently a provisional policy is in operation with Appeals to the Amended Provisional Local Alcohol Policy) the board continues all efforts to support initiatives to minimise harm from alcohol. The board continues to advocate for a framework to monitor the success of the Act in practice and consideration of legislative change: Supporting community voice and empowerment. The board are active participants through the district licensing committee process, and are seeking a framework to monitor the success of the Act in practice and consideration of legislative change.

What do you think?

The board is proposing to continue its policy enabling adults to use the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu swimming pools without charge through **a local target rate**, estimated to be **\$31.94** per household this year. We would like your feedback on this policy to support social and public health benefits for our communities.

Have we got our priorities right?

Are there any other priorities you would like us to consider?

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