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Waiheke Local Board

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Recommendation from The Waiheke Housing Steering Group

The Waiheke Housing Steering Group has been progressing a project to explore the provision of rest home level care on Waiheke - a need that was identified in the earlier business case for social housing for older people on the Island.

The Steering Group began by speaking with industry advisors who advised that the success of the project depended on a commercial rest home operator being willing to operate a rest home level care facility on the Island. Initial discussions with potential rest home care operators raised the issues of the increased cost of provision on the Island relative to mainland Auckland; the concern about availability of qualified staff and the lack of available data to validate the level of demand for rest home care.

The Steering Group suggested the Local Board fund a survey to determine the demand for rest home level care on Waiheke. The survey was carried out by Pam Oliver and Sue Watson in 2017 and identified high present and future demand for this level of care on the Island. The Steering Group then provided the results of the survey to an independent advisor who approached two Auckland-based rest home providers who were considered potentially interested in provision on Waiheke Island. The Steering Group also contacted the NZ Aged Care Association (NZACA) who recommended reaching a larger audience of potential operators via their subscriber newsletter.

The Steering Group recommends that the Local Board place an advertisement in the NZACA email newsletter inviting expressions of interest from aged care providers. We believe it is important that the advertisement comes from the local Board to formalise and add credibility to the process and so that Local Board staff can handle any enquiries that eventuate. We recommend the Board notes in the advertisement that:

- There is a high level of community support for rest home level care on the Island as evidenced by the recent rest home care survey
- The Local Board is keen to provide support and advice to aged care providers who are interested in exploring this opportunity
- The Local Board acknowledges that a level of subsidy may be required for a commercial operator to ensure financial viability of the service. In response, the Waiheke Housing Steering Group is exploring the possibility of the formation of a community trust that would fund the land purchase and potentially the building of the care facility with funding from social impact investors.

The cost of the advertisement in the NZ Aged Care Association newsletter is approximately \$120.00 per advertisement.

We also recommend that the Local Board also undertake a related national media campaign to raise attention to the specific issues faced by small rural communities in New Zealand in providing rest home level care for their seniors in the context of what is referred to as a 'crisis' in aged care in New Zealand (see 2018: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/101666436/crisis-in-aged-care-looms>).

RANGIHOUA RESERVE AND ONETANGI SPORTS PARK RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROPOSAL

Madam Chair,

1. My name is Kevin Kite. I am the immediate past president of the Waiheke Golf Club and have been intimately involved in matters relating to the club's occupation of the Rangihoua recreation reserve for some years. I have been asked by the golf club to make brief submissions on its behalf in relation to Item 16 of the Local Board's Agenda this evening. This item sets out options for preparing a Reserve Management Plan for Rangihoua/Onetangi Sports Park. With me is Jo Underwood the current president of the golf club, Fred Aandewiel who is the club's treasurer and John Collings, the former honorary solicitor for the golf club who has represented the club for many years in relation to issues relating to the golf course lease arrangements.

2. We thank you for the opportunity to address the Waiheke Local Board this evening

3. The golf club supports the process to develop a Reserve Management Plan for the Rangihoua Reserve and Onetangi Sports Park in the hope that this process will clear the way to the golf club finally realising its long held wish to develop an 18 hole golf course in the reserve.

4. For the same reasons set out in the written brief, the golf club supports the adoption of Option 3 set out in paragraph 13 of the brief, namely the concurrent development of a management plan for Rangihoua Reserve and Onetangi Sports Park and a Waiheke omnibus plan.

5. Paragraph 20 of the briefing paper states as follows:

" 20 for complex plans with a high level of public interest like Rangihoua and Onetangi Sports Park, the appointment of a panel of independent planning commissioners is recommended as the most appropriate approach to decision making. This would allow the local board to receive independent advice which would reduce the potential for perceived bias or predetermination of the outcome of the management planning process"

6. The golf club believes that this recommendation is critical for a successful Reserve Management Plan process and outcome.

7. The golf club has occupied land in the reserve since 1973 and is believed to be the largest stake holder in the process of developing a Reserve Management Plan. It is important that the process by which the plan is developed and adopted is seen to be transparent and undertaken by a body whose members are untainted by actual or perceived bias or predetermination. Since 1990 when the golf club's lease of the reserve expired its efforts and those of Auckland Council to develop an 18 hole course and to secure a long term lease of the land have been frustrated by challenges which have resulted in significant expenditure on resource consents and development plans being wasted and legal costs being incurred. The club must have a high level of confidence and reassurance that the process adopted for the reserve management plan will avoid these issues. The golf club believes that this will necessitate a body independent of the present Local Board undertaking that role and therefore supports the recommendation set out in Paragraph 20 of the Local Board briefing paper.

8. I would be happy to answer any questions that the board may have.

9. Once again thank you for this opportunity to address this matter which has significant importance for the local community.

Kevin Kite

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