

Advocacy initiatives

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A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for this annual plan but recognise the value it will add to the local community. Key advocacy areas for this local board include:

1. The following is the priority unfunded capital project for the local board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Ponsonby Park at 254 Ponsonby Road Secure funding, resource and support to deliver the community's agreed vision and chosen design for Ponsonby Park 254 Ponsonby Road.	Stage 1 – To deliver a civic and green space, repurpose the existing canopy structure for markets and events and develop public toilet facilities. Stage 2- to repurpose the existing building and improve the adjoining streetscape. Potential funding options for stage 2 include the local boards Auckland Transport capex fund and other alternative funding sources.	Governing Body

2. The following are priority advocacy areas for the local board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Affordable Housing Ensure Auckland Council actively builds or enables others to provide affordable housing through appropriate mechanisms and tools.	Auckland Council should be actively building or enabling others to be providing affordable and fully accessible housing meeting universal design criteria on its own land, including building more intensified affordable housing on its existing and new pensioner housing complexes. Council should also prioritise, support and partner affordable housing to be provided by iwi and by community housing associations and providers through advice, bonds, guaranteeing loans, and resource and building consents.	Governing Body Panuku Development Auckland
Housing solution for homeless people Deliver short and medium-term housing solutions to address homelessness	The Governing Body to partner with the Waitematā Local Board to enhance provision of city centre public facilities such as toilets, showers and lockers The Governing Body to financially support the development of Mission HomeGround The Governing Body to increase funding to support Housing First Auckland	Governing Body
Work towards eliminating agrichemical use Secure a budget to eliminate agrichemical spray and embrace the commitment to minimise agrichemical use.	The Governing Body needs to allocate funds to conduct extensive non-chemical weed control and to increase the overall maintenance budget for parks, open spaces and the road corridor to enable the elimination of agrichemicals.	Governing Body and Auckland Transport

<p>Reduce wastewater flows into waterways and the Waitematā Harbour To increase funding for water quality improvements to accelerate the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams and support the delivery of localised solutions for all four catchments (Meola Reef, Grey Lynn, City Centre and Parnell/ Newmarket)</p>	<p>Our harbours, beaches and streams are being polluted by overflows from ageing sewerage and stormwater systems that can't cope with heavy rainfall and from contaminants washed into natural waterways.</p> <p>We support accelerating the water quality programme over 10 years to deliver the required infrastructure to provide a major and early reduction in the volume and frequency of wastewater overflows and contaminants entering waterways and the Waitematā Harbour.</p>	<p>Governing Body and Watercare</p>
<p>Ensure Auckland's regional arts and cultural institutions and programmes are financially sustainable To secure appropriate funding to ensure the financial sustainability of projects, facilities, venues and events including the delivery of the free entertainment programme currently delivered by Regional Facilities Auckland</p>	<p>Auckland is fortunate to host a range of significant art and cultural institutions and collections which provide rich cultural opportunities. We support ensuring that these institutions and regional programme of events are strengthened and made financially sustainable.</p> <p>Auckland Art Gallery is a major cultural centre for Auckland for visual art, both historic and contemporary. We support increasing funding to the Art Gallery by \$20m over the next ten years as part of the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>

The following are other advocacy areas for Waitematā Local Board:

Initiative	Advocating to
<p>Open and Closed Cemetery Maintenance Budget - Secure a regional maintenance budget to maintain a base service level for open and closed cemeteries. There is currently no budget for specialist conservator services to deal with the repair and maintenance and specialist graffiti removal on monuments.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
<p>Parnell Station – Parnell Station opened in early 2017 to limited services. The Board wants to ensure Parnell Train Station is operational to full services and accessible to all users at the earliest opportunity. This station has the potential to be the fourth busiest station on the network and will be an essential connection for the University of Auckland, Parnell Town Centre, the Domain, Stanley Street and Beach Rd.</p>	<p>Auckland Transport</p>
<p>Parnell Train Station Pedestrian and Cycling Connections - Provide accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to Parnell Station. Open the Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell tunnel and create an accessible pedestrian connection from Parnell Station to the Domain, the Strand and Parnell Town Centre.</p>	<p>Auckland Transport</p>
<p>Auckland Domain Capital Improvements Budget – Secure adequate capital funds to progress the Auckland Domain Master Plan.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
<p>Central Community Recycling Centre Drop Off sites - Secure the acquisition of a second drop-off facility and the completion of a main processing site which, together with the site being developed on Great North Road, will comprise a regional waste management network that will service the needs of Waitematā, Albert-Eden and Puketāpapa local boards. This is part of council's adopted Waste Management and Minimisation Plan forward work programme and the resource recovery network which underpins part of this work.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
<p>Pt Erin Pool Redevelopment Initiative - Prioritise Pt Erin Pool for redevelopment according to the recommendations endorsed by the Waitematā Local Board in 2013 in relation to two potential development concepts.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>

Auckland is a Child and Youth Friendly City - Continue to put children and young people first and Auckland to become a child and youth friendly city that is fit for all. The Board advocates for a city where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policies, programmes and decisions. A child and youth friendly city can help build social and economic conditions for strong families and connected communities and help achieve a city that is fit for all.	Governing Body
Auckland Cycle Network - Completion of the Auckland Cycle Network. The completion of the Auckland cycling network will provide improved cycle infrastructure through safe, connected, dedicated cycle ways. The Auckland Plan includes a target of completing the Auckland Cycle Network by 2030.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport
City of Peace - to support the development of a regional policy that prohibits the marketing and sales of weapons of war in council facilities including facilities managed by Council Controlled Organisations.	Governing Body Regional Facilities Auckland
Ponsonby Road Arts Precinct - support the creation of an arts precinct at 1-3 Ponsonby Road through transferring 3 Ponsonby Road from a commercial lease to a community arts facility, subject to the outcome of a business case.	Governing Body
Local Area Plans – budget to be allocated to the development of local area plans.	Governing Body
Carlile House - ensure the restoration and protection of Carlile House and consider acquisition if necessary.	Governing Body
Built Heritage Acquisition Fund – support an effective built heritage acquisition fund to help save at risk buildings or other built features that have heritage merit from destruction by neglect, by purchase, short term hold or sale	Governing Body
Broadway and Station Square Access - improve access between Broadway and Station Square in Newmarket and link to the Newmarket Laneways Plan.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport
Restoration and protection of the St James Theatre - council provides support to the Auckland Notable Properties Trust in the restoration and protection of St James Theatre.	Governing Body
Auckland Council Living Wage - ensure that there is budget provision of a 'living wage' for council employees and progressively for contractor employees.	Governing Body
CCO Low Carbon Targets - advocate to the Governing Body for CCOs to include low carbon targets in their Statements of Intent.	Governing Body, CCOs
Single Use Plastic - support mechanisms to reduce single use plastic and eliminate single use plastic bags.	Governing Body
Full Council ownership of Ports of Auckland - ensure Ports of Auckland Ltd remains in full council ownership.	Governing Body
Investment Policy - follow a policy of social and environmentally responsible investment.	Governing Body
Light Rail - develop light rail within the isthmus.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport
Victoria Quarter – take action to progress the City Centre Master Plan objectives for the Victoria Quarter area to deliver a quality urban neighbourhood that enhances the area's historic character where the safety of pedestrians is prioritised	Governing Body NZTA Auckland Transport
Safer Streets - Auckland Transport to adopt a target of zero serious injuries or deaths on our roads as part of a comprehensive safe systems approach to road safety including safe road design, enforcement, safer speeds and driver education.	Auckland Transport
Residential Slow Speed Zone – Support the default speed being reduced to 40 km per hour in residential areas	Auckland Transport
City Centre 30km per hour Zone - Auckland Transport to implement the city centre 30km per hour speed zone (as described in the City Centre Masterplan)	Governing Body, Panuku Development Auckland

<p>Maximise Renewal and Maintenance Opportunities - Consider how every renewal and maintenance project can be leveraged to improve the road design for all users including layouts that include bus lanes, greenways, and cycle lanes, remove cycle pinch points and add better pedestrian crossings.</p>	Auckland Transport
<p>Improved Safety and Amenity for Pedestrians - Auckland Transport to improve intersections with substantial foot traffic for pedestrians and developing solutions to improve safety and amenity for pedestrians. This includes: all intersections with left-slip lanes and no pedestrian facility; intersections with long pedestrian crossing delays undertaking route optimisation for pedestrians in the city centre including automatic pedestrian phases on one-way streets.</p>	Auckland Transport
<p>Change Give Way Rule - Auckland Transport to advocate for a change of the give way rule requiring motorists to give way to pedestrians crossing parallel to the priority (main) road at intersections.</p>	Auckland Transport, central government
<p>Residential Parking Schemes - Auckland Transport to continue implementing residential parking schemes to manage commuter parking in central Auckland suburbs following consultation with residents.</p>	Auckland Transport
<p>Consultation on the Footpath Renewal Plan -Auckland Transport to develop the 2018/2019 foot path renewal programme in consultation with the Waitematā Local Board.</p>	Auckland Transport
<p>Greenways Prioritised Routes - Auckland Transport to work with Auckland Council to deliver the Waitematā Local Board Greenways prioritised routes.</p>	Auckland Transport
<p>Other Waitematā Local Board Plan priorities - Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs) to support other Waitematā Local Board Plan priorities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the introduction of low impact storm water solutions in the local board area; • support delivery of green walls, roofs and community gardens on CCO assets such as car parking buildings; • implementation of the Waitematā Local board’s Low Carbon Action Plan. 	CCOs
<p>Street trees and greenery – Auckland Transport to provide opportunities for greenery in every streetscape improvement and renewal and Auckland Council to meet the consequential operational expenditure for maintenance.</p>	Governing Body and Auckland Transport
<p>Implementation of the Smoke Free Policy - Auckland Transport continue to implement the Auckland Council smoke free policy in relation to all transport areas, including train stations, train platforms, bus stations, bus shelters and ferry terminals in the Waitematā Local Board area.</p>	Auckland Transport
<p>Additional Auckland Harbour Crossing – Auckland Transport to design the Additional Harbour Crossing incorporating dedicated rapid public transport connections.</p>	Auckland Transport