

## **Long-term Plan**

The 2018-2028 Long-term Plan will be approved on 28 June. It may be the most important plan for Auckland in our life-times, as it significantly increases spending to deal with our city's perpetual transport and environmental problems. For many of us, this represents progress of a monumental order, beside which all other issues pale into relative insignificance.

The Local Board's request for funding for stage 2 of the redevelopment of Chamberlain Park to widen its uses has been successful. Other planned investment for Albert-Eden over the next 10 years includes:

### Transport projects

- Investment in Light Rail on Dominion Road
- Investment in Light Rail on the Northwest corridor (through Point Chevalier)
- Improvements to Carrington Road
- Investment in safer communities and speed management initiatives
- Investment in walking and cycling projects, including Point Chevalier to Herne Bay
- Increase in local board funding for local transport capital projects.

### Other projects

- \$7.5 million for local board initiative funding
- \$19.5 million for asset renewals (\$6.1 million in next 3 years)
- \$2.9 million for Phyllis Reserve sports field upgrade
- \$3.7 million for Fowlds Park artificial field
- \$4.6 million for Town Centre improvements.

## **Inclusion & Diversity Workshop, 1 June 2018**

I was privileged to welcome participants to the Inclusion & Diversity Project workshop on 1 June at the Western Springs Garden Community Hall. Around 25 people discussed how the Local Board and Council more generally can better meet the needs of the less well-established community groups such as migrants. It was also a good opportunity for participants to learn more about each other and form new relationships for collaboration and partnership. Board members Glenda Fryer, Margi Watson and Lee Corrick also attended the workshop.

The workshop came out of the study initiated by the Local Board into Albert-Eden community groups' aspirations and the obstacles to their achievement. The 67-page report now informs the Board's decision-making. There is now real interest from other parts of Council in this initiative, and the Board is indebted to its Strategic Broker Detlev Jackson for his work on this project.



*Inclusion & Diversity Project workshop, Western Springs Garden Community Hall, 1 June (above); with Epsom Chinese Community Centre at Tsi Ming Temple visit, 8 June.*



On 8 June, I joined a tour of Tsi Ming Temple in Greenlane, a well-attended 'Bus Tour for Cultural Awareness' that was part of the Inclusion and Diversity initiative. It was designed to encourage cultural awareness and collaboration among various community groups. In this picture I join members of the Epsom Chinese Community Association at the temple.

### **Local Board Procurement Working Group, 11 June 2018**

I have been attending regular meetings of the Local Board Procurement Working Group for a few years now. Some of us asked for the working group because we were concerned at the price paid for some works by Council. We have argued that local boards are best placed to procure for small contracts, where local suppliers will be cheaper than the national-level operators. What we saw instead was Project 17, which consolidated all of Auckland's street and park maintenance contracts into 5 contracts!

But at this month's meeting on 11 June, we were told that local boards are being invited to provide their ideas for procurement around value for money; sustainable procurement; volunteer opportunities; localised procurement; and transparent and ethical procedures. I believe that local boards should be thinking hard about changes to procurement that will see us deliver better and better-value services and assets for Aucklanders where it is more efficient to procure locally. For example, the Dominion Road Business Association is interested in taking over some of the town centre street maintenance for its area.

### **Citizenship Ceremony, Auckland Town Hall, 5 June 2018**

It was a pleasure to again officiate at the 5 June citizenship ceremony in the Town Hall, along with Board Member Jessica Rose. Over 160 nationalities were represented at the ceremony, which was enjoyed by participants. For the second or third time in Auckland, and possibly New Zealand, the oath and affirmation of allegiance were offered in Te Reo Māori.



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bharatiya Mandir, Balmoral, 17 June 2018

Congratulations to Bharatiya Mandir, the Indian temple on Balmoral Road which is celebrating its silver jubilee this month. For 25 years the Mandir has served the Indian community as a centre of faith and a cultural centre.

It was a pleasure to be at the event and to acknowledge people who worked so hard to get the temple built and who I have worked alongside for so many years. A good community which has contributed much to Auckland.



*With Mayor Phil Goff, key members of the Mandir leadership, MPs Michael Woods and Priyanca Radhakrishnan, and Puketāpapa Local Board Member Shail Kaushal*