### Upper Harbour Local Board

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Memorandum

To: Upper Harbour Local Board
Subject: Auckland Regional Services Trust Funding
From: Zella Morrison - Strategic Broker, Upper Harbour Local Board

Purpose

1. To provide the Upper Harbour Local Board with the option to allocate the Auckland Regional Services Trust (ARST) funding of $55,650 to the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust (NMST).

- Summary
  - On 13 December 2017 the Upper Harbour Local Board signed a Relationship Agreement with the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust. This agreement is to strengthen and build a meaningful relationship between Auckland Council, the Upper Harbour Local Board and the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust.
  - There is an opportunity for the Upper Harbour Local Board to consider allocating the Auckland Regional Services Trust (ARST) funding of $55,650 to the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust (NMST) to develop a public art installation, or several public art installations, in the Albany area that will tell the stories of Ngāti Manuhiri iwi.
  - This will enhance the Relationship Agreement by developing an enduring working relationship between the Upper Harbour Local Board and the NMST.
  - The NMST responded positively at a workshop with the Upper Harbour Local Board on Thursday 8 November 2018 and have provided a letter of interest, which is attached to this memo.

Context/Background
2. The Upper Harbour Local Board and Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust have been working together to strengthen their relationship. This was acknowledged by both parties signing a Relationship Agreement on 13 December 2017.

3. The purpose of the Agreement is to provide a mechanism for the parties to acknowledge the customary rights and interests of Ngāti Manuhiri iwi and the role of Auckland Council in Tāmaki Makaurau, which includes the Upper Harbour Local Board. The Agreement specifically states various ways to enhance the agreement such as developing a positive and enduring working relationship, to enable the parties to work together to advance mutually agreed outcomes including mana whenua cultural and commercial aspirations, to share information, to communicate and prioritise objectives around annual Local Board and Ngāti Manuhiri plans and to provide a framework for resourcing and support for mana whenua where projects can be undertaken.

4. The ARST funding of $55,650 is a potential source of funding that could be applied to implement some of the purposes of the Relationship Agreement.

**Discussion**

5. A workshop was held on Thursday 8 November 2018 between the Upper Harbour Local Board and NMST to gage interest from both parties to develop Ngāti Manuhiri iwi stories in the Albany area using the ARST funding.

6. The NMST outlined their current involvement with various agencies including Auckland Transport and Transpower NZ. This indicated the level of activity that NMST were involved with in the local board area and the significant contribution they were making to ensure that community interests were considered and appropriate iwi consultation was provided.

7. The NMST welcomed the opportunity to work closely with the Upper Harbour Local Board to identify sites of significant cultural interest in Albany, and to create public art installations that would highlight Ngāti Manuhiri iwi stories. A letter from the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust is attached to this memo, which indicates interest from the NMST to work with the Local Board on this initiative.

8. It was mutually agreed that both parties wanted to take a co-operative, supportive, positive and proactive approach and to make good ideas happen.

**Next steps**

9. The Upper Harbour Local Board will be considering the allocation of the ARST funding via a report on its 15 November business meeting agenda. It is recommended that the Local Board consider allocating the ARST budget of $55,650 in principle to the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust to develop cultural markers and public art installations that are relevant to Ngāti Manuhiri iwi stories in the Albany area.
10. Assuming that the Local Board allocates the ARST funding to NMST as recommended in this memo, the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust would then provide the Upper Harbour Local Board with suggested draft visual concepts, narratives, landmarks and costs for proposed art installations by the end of February / early March 2019. It is envisaged that these proposals would be discussed with the Local Board through workshops or discussions as required in the first quarter of next year.

11. Once the proposal(s) have been agreed between the Upper Harbour Local Board and NMST, a formal report would be presented to the Local Board to finalise the concepts (and to grant any landowner approvals as may be required) by the end of April 2019, with physical works envisaged to be implemented by the 30 June 2019.

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Letter of Interest from Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust.
14 November 2018

The Upper Harbour Local Board
Albany.

Kia Ora koutou,

RE: Auckland Regional Services Trust (ARST) Funding

Thank you for the invitation to attend the workshop on 8th November 2018, to discuss how we can add meaning, purpose and essence to the Relationship Agreement between the Upper Harbour Local Board and Ngāti Manuhiri. We welcome the Auckland Regional Services Trust (ARST) fund opportunity as a positive way to do this, through developing cultural art installations, images, markers and/or tohu that tell our Ngāti Manuhiri stories. We understand there is a pūtea of $55,650 available.

Please take this letter as confirmation of our interest to be involved and our desire to highlight and share our stories, which will enrich our cultural heritage in the Upper Harbour Local Board community.

The ideas put forward from the Board members in the workshop were very helpful and a good place to start in considering how they may be integrated and/or how our own cultural narratives are presented.

The ideas were:

- Cultural markers in Oteha Valley walk, the Greenways and cycle pathways
- Sculpture at the Albany hub community centre
- Sculptured Maahi /Carved arch at the Albany hub community centre
- Playing space for children using natives and culturally designed artistic play equipment
- Using apples given Albany had many orchards - aroto themes possibly relating to the whenua as having rich fertile soil
- Creating destination walks and connecting paths with pou
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- Use of flora/fauna/water/wild life
- Incorporating early colonial history where possible

We will need some time to develop the visual concepts/stories and in deciding which site or sites could be activated with the available funds. We envisage a timeframe to present these to you by end of February mid-March 2019.

If agreed by you we would undertake to progress the art installations by 30 June 2019, but of course this is all reliant on council consents and approvals where required.

We look forward to engaging with you further and once again thank you for the opportunity.

Nga mihi,

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Subject: Natural Environment Targeted Rate

Dear Local Board,

Please find attached a memorandum containing more information regarding the Natural environment targeted rate.

Further suggestions on potential community-led conservation projects for inclusion in the programme are requested from local boards by Tuesday 5 December 2018. This feedback will be considered against regional priority criteria outlined in this memo to identify any projects that could be considered for funding under the natural environment targeted rate.

A template to guide local board feedback is attached to this memo (Attachment A). Please send any local board feedback on potential projects to Theresa.pearce@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by Tuesday 5 December 2018.

Ngā mihi,
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Memorandum

To: Upper Harbour Local Board
Subject: Natural Environment Targeted Rate
From: Gael Ogilvie – General Manager Environmental Services

Purpose
1. This memorandum provides:
   • information on the regional criteria that will be used to consider natural environment targeted rate funding for new biodiversity conservation projects
   • an opportunity for local boards to provide feedback on potential new community-led conservation projects.

Summary
• Following governing body approval of the natural environment targeted rate in June 2018, Environmental Services held local board workshops to discuss the proposed programme of work. The workshops ran during September and October 2018 and have now concluded.
• Feedback provided by the Upper Harbour Local Board during its 4 October 2018 workshop has been summarised in this memorandum.
• Further suggestions on potential community-led conservation projects for inclusion in the programme are requested from local boards by Tuesday 5 December 2018. This feedback will be considered against regional priority criteria outlined in this memo to identify any projects that could be considered for funding under the natural environment targeted rate.
• A template to guide local board feedback is attached to this memo (Attachment A). Please send any local board feedback on potential projects to Theresa.pearce@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by Tuesday 5 December 2018.

Context
2. On 4 October 2018, a workshop was held with the Upper Harbour Local Board on the proposed natural environment targeted rate work programme.
3. The natural environment targeted rate programme focuses on new opportunities to reverse biodiversity decline, such as native species extinctions and ongoing degradation of native ecosystems.
4. The natural environment targeted rate will invest $311 million into a range of environmental work programmes over the next ten years. This represents an approximately four-fold increase on current general rates-funded investment in these areas.
5. The natural environment targeted rate will fund 10 programmes as outlined in the workshop (see Attachment B). The fund is intended to grow regionally significant conservation activities and outcomes. The natural environment targeted rate funding is not intended to replace local board investment in environmental projects, however it can be used to amplify local board efforts where initiatives align with regional priorities.
6. The informal feedback provided by your local board during the workshop session included:
   • the need for funding to support community nurseries to survive in the face of changes arising from the Ministry for Primary Industries
   • Hellyers Creek Escarpment and Lady Phoenix Reserve should be included as high value areas
- Hoskins Reserve, Bryan Park, Lady Phoenix Reserve all have kauri in them and should be protected.
- Rabbits are a big problem in the local board area, and the board supports their control.

7. In some cases, local boards requested additional information or had queries that will be addressed by their Infrastructure and Environmental Services relationship advisor separately to this memo.

8. This memorandum requests further feedback from local boards on potential projects that could be considered for funding through the natural environment targeted rate.

9. Once suggestions have been received from local boards, staff will consider and prioritise projects against the regional priority criteria outlined in this memo. Local boards will receive an update on projects that have been shortlisted for natural environment targeted rate funding in early 2019.

10. All shortlisted projects will be subject to an internal business case process, consistent with other projects funded by the natural environment targeted rate, before they can be confirmed as future natural environment targeted rate projects.

Discussion

11. One of the core work programmes to be covered by the natural environment targeted rate is the expand work programme. This programme increases support to community-based conservation activities and offers scope for local boards to align projects with regional priorities.

12. The expand programme will support community-led action required to put Auckland on track to be Pest Free by 2050. More specifically, its objectives are to:
- enable community groups, landowners, schools, wi and individuals to protect and restore Auckland’s biodiversity
- amplify the efforts and benefits delivered by the conservation community.
- contribute to the conservation of a range of ecosystems and species and secure them from regional extinction
- support Auckland’s diverse communities to be actively engaged in biodiversity management, protection and restoration
- increase protection and active management of native biodiversity in priority sites on private land
- increase partnerships with external agencies, business and philanthropic organisations to grow the resources available for community conservation.
- deliver social learning, connectivity and increased valuing of the natural environment and biodiversity.

13. A set of regional priorities has been developed to assess potential projects to be supported through the expand programme. Priorities where there is scope to give feedback are outlined in Table 1 below. These are intended to enable local boards to assess potential community-led projects against regional criteria.

Table 1. Regional priorities for expanding community, household and school action

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<td>1. Projects which create new or support existing landscape scale ecological corridors or defined defendable pest free areas, for example isthmus or islands.</td>
<td>Identifying, managing and enhancing landscape-scale ecological connections to provide safe, healthy and linked habitats.</td>
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2. New, emerging conservation initiatives in areas or communities where there are currently limited opportunities for active participation.

Growing and amplifying conservation activity across Auckland’s diverse communities - including those that aren’t currently engaged in conservation action.

3. Projects which foster innovation in conservation management and enable step-change, as we upscale activity to reach our goal of Pest Free Auckland 2050.

Innovative solutions will be needed to reach Pest Free Auckland goal by 2050.

4. Projects which share conservation learning and best-practice knowledge across the region.

Sharing knowledge and best-practice guidance across Auckland’s communities is key to removing barriers, growing participation and supporting effective biodiversity management.

5. Projects which enable commercial involvement in delivering Pest Free Auckland at a sector-wide or regional scale.

We will be working in partnership with business to grow Pest Free Auckland across both community and commercial sectors.

6. Projects with significant positive social and cultural outcomes in addition to ecological outcomes.

Recognising that there are parts of Auckland where residents have very little access to areas of high biodiversity value. In these cases, there could be significant cultural and social benefits arising from restoring currently degraded natural environments.

14. Staff are engaged in planning the effective management of regional priority indigenous ecosystems and species and will update on how this will occur in public land in local board areas in early 2019.

Local board feedback

15. Some local boards have already provided informal feedback on potential community-led conservation projects, as has been summarised earlier in this memo.

16. This memo requests further feedback from local boards on potential projects that could be funded from the natural environment targeted rate. Please use the feedback form attached (Attachment A) to provide your feedback.

17. To assist with your feedback, please find attached the existing known community groups in your local board area (Map A).

Next steps

18. If you have any questions about the regional criteria or the contents of this memorandum, and to return your feedback form, please contact Theresa.pearce@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz no later than Tuesday 5 December 2018.

19. An update on the projects selected for natural environment targeted rate funding will be provided to local boards once the initial shortlist is confirmed in early 2019. Further updates will be provided to local boards after the business cases have been completed, and future work programme planning has concluded. This update will occur no later than mid-2019.

Attachments

Attachment A – Feedback form
Attachment B – Natural environment targeted rate programme of work
Map A – Existing, known community group presence/activity by local board area
Attachment A - Feedback form for potential projects to be considered for natural environment targeted rate funding

Please email all feedback to your relationship advisor Theresa.pearce@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by Tuesday 5 December 2018.

Please list any potential projects in your board area you want to be considered for inclusion as part of the natural environment targeted rate work programme (see Map A showing current community activity).

These projects will be considered for natural environment targeted rate funding against the regional priority criteria. All shortlisted projects will also be subject to a business case process in late 2018-early 2019.

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List of Regional Priorities where there is scope for local board feedback

1. Projects which create new or support existing landscape scale ecological corridors or defined defendable pest free areas, for example isthmus or islands.
2. New, emerging conservation initiatives in areas or communities where there are currently limited opportunities for active participation.
3. Projects which foster innovation in conservation management and enable step-change, as we upscale activity to reach our goal of Pest Free Auckland 2050.
4. Projects which share conservation learning and best-practice knowledge across the region.
5. Projects which enable commercial involvement in delivering Pest Free Auckland at a sector-wide or regional scale.
6. Projects with significant positive social and cultural outcomes in addition to ecological outcomes.
Attachment B. Natural environment targeted rate programme of work

- Protecting our parks
- Pathogen/pest management
- Marine ecological management
- Expand community, household & school action
- Region-wide biodiversity
- Region-wide biosecurity
- Islands biosecurity
- Freshwater biosecurity
- Marine biosecurity
- Enabling tools

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