

Chair's report: Waiheke Local Board

5 Dec 2018 – 21 Feb 2019

Ngā mihi Waiheke

The summer period has meant a good break for the board and for council staff, and for so many Waiheke people it has meant increased workloads because of the summer visitor explosion and the need to provide goods and services for the much larger numbers. I hope those whose trade is dependent on summer have benefited from the long spell of fine weather. For many, having to make urgent changes to their freight arrangements right on Christmas, after Fullers' carried through its planned intention to downscale their freight service between downtown Auckland and Waiheke, added to the stress of the season, and to increases in the local cost of goods and services. At no stage did Fullers respond in writing to the final formal request from the board to delay their changes, and none of the questions the board asked of Fullers in that request were answered.

Water

Following a prolonged dry spell that led to a water supply backlog of approx. three weeks, the cyclone season has now begun. Immediately prior to the predicted heavy rains at the end of last week (w/c 18 Feb) Healthy Waters led a 50-site inspection of known potential flooding hotspots, followed by immediate clearance works where there were problems. Whilst two of the largest of the new stormwater projects (Tawaipereira and Moa), designed specifically to mitigate flooding after the 2017 floods and slips, are finally in the consenting phase with works projected to begin this year, there will still be anxious times for those who have suffered previous losses in these and other catchments still waiting for remedial works.

Mayoral visit

Mayor Phil Goff met the board on Wed 30 Jan at the local board offices for a general discussion on relevant matters and for the board to update the mayor on Waiheke issues. Among other issues the board raised the APTR (Accommodation Targeted rate) that has led to a reduction in available accommodation choices on the island. The board advised that it would be taking the issue to a forthcoming meeting of the council's Finance and Performance Committee.

Transport Forum

The first Transport Forum meeting (a sub-committee of the local board) was held in December with a number of recommendations being made to the board, including appointing a community mobility representative to the Transport Forum. The second planned meeting of the Transport Forum has been cancelled because Christmas/New Year has created a quiet spell which has meant insufficient subject matter in the pipeline for the forum.

The board worked with Auckland Transport and some members of the transport forum on the detailed Waiheke 10-year transport project plan in January.

AT Ferry Terminal consent

The board's feedback on Auckland Transport's stage one proposal for the redevelopment of the Auckland ferry wharf was submitted and we have now received an invitation to attend and to speak to our feedback. As a consequence of the board's feedback in the consenting process Auckland Transport's project team leadership met with the board in January to discuss AT's plans and the board's objections. Whilst no concrete examples were given of making changes to accommodate Waiheke concerns, there were assurances that we had been heard and that AT would follow up on our hospital access services and other connectivity including to the airport. It is gratifying that the hearing's panel has listed mobility

access issues as one of the subjects of the hearing, as this is the most pressing of the issues the board has highlighted.

Board views on resource consent applications (with triggers)

The Local Board completes comment forms for council planners on lodged resource consent applications that require the boards' consideration (when an application sets off a board-nominated trigger). The primary purpose of the feedback forms is for the board to use its local knowledge to recommend whether a resource consent application should be publicly notified, notified on a limited basis or not notified. The board is encouraged by Planning to offer reasons for the option selected and if possible mitigations for any issues or problems created by the development.

The role of the board member nominated as resource consent lead in the current local board term has been to sign off the board's view on the resource consent application. A single composite approach representing the majority view has been provided.

At its business meeting on 24 November 2016 the board appointed member Meeuwsen as the resource consent lead and myself as alternate. In October 2017 the board agreed member Upchurch would be lead and I would be alternate due to member Meeuwsen's other responsibilities. Due to my recent increased workload, member Meeuwsen has agreed to be the alternate for member Upchurch.

I wish to formally resolve the updated appointment and propose the following resolution:

That the Waiheke Local Board

- a) *appoint board member B Upchurch as resource consent lead, and board member J Meeuwsen as alternate.*

The process for **notified resource consents** is as per the board's 26 April 2018 resolution:

21 *Delegation for formal local board views on notified resource consents, plan changes and notices of requirement*

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) *in accordance with current process and on the basis of receiving low numbers of applications, provide formal local board views by separate and specific delegation for each application for which the local board wishes to provide their view.*

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