Date: Tuesday 20 August 2019  
Time: 9.30am  
Meeting Room: Reception Lounge  
Venue: Auckland Town Hall  

Auckland Town Hall  
301-305 Queen Street  
Auckland

Komiti ā Pūtea, ā Mahi Hoki / Finance and Performance Committee

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PONSONBY PARK
A place for everyone

The opportunity for all 21 wards and the super city to prove the value and effects of public realm on the community.

The rehabilitation, development or preservation of public space is the clearest way for council to communicate its vision and influence to the people.
Item 5.2

2000  Boffa Miskell Open Space Study commissioned by Auckland City Council recommends Ponsonby is in need of a civic space

2006  Auckland purchases the land

2014  Council follows up with a public consultation
77% respondents want “WHOLE OF SITE”
Myers Park had 43 submission
Grey Lynn Park under 70
Ponsonby Park 1,200 submissions from our latest survey alone

An exhibition of the Auckland University School of Architecture student’s work for 254 Ponsonby Park

On Saturday, November 10th we held an exhibition of Auckland University School of Architecture students work. The community was invited to come along and give feedback and to discuss further the development of the site into an urban park for Ponsonby. We had a great day with a large number of people viewing the exhibition and a great deal of feedback. We are feeling encouraged and uplifted by the support and enthusiasm people have given us and the Community-led design process we are undertaking.
A winning design: Concept for future Ponsonby Park chosen

by Papelby / 17 March, 2017

The people have spoken. LandLab's vision for the future Ponsonby Park has been selected by the public.

Its team of urban designers and landscape architects imagined a green space, with gardens, a plaza, and a pavilion that could support events, a lighthouse and canopy using the existing buildings.

Aucklanders were invited to choose from 11 different concepts.

It’s on the public’s agenda. It’s in the news. It’s time to make it happen.
Local government funding and financing

Submission
Productivity Commission draft report

Andrew Duncan / Ross Tucker
20 August 2019

Overview

1. Review local government funding and financing
2. System sound and affordable but
   • remove differentials and UAGC
3. Key recommendations – new funding tools required
   • infrastructure for growth
   • climate change
Funding the challenges of a Supercity

- **Requests** Commission address Auckland’s scale
- Auckland’s scale unique
  - 33 per cent of NZ’s population, 50 per cent of growth
  - similar to Australian state
- Implementing vision requires coordination with Government
- Multiple agencies - differing priorities and decision making rules
- Suggestions
  - Delegate greater responsibility
  - Devolve other funding sources
  - Return share of GST, or return all or some of GST on rates

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Funding growth infrastructure

- **Support** Special purpose vehicles
  - Enables private sector financing of infrastructure
  - Expands investment beyond capacity of council’s balance sheet
  - SPVs require revenue stream
  - Compulsory levies – may be similar to targeted rates or development contributions
- **Feedback** Vacant land tax, payment for completed building
Adapting to climate change

- **Support** central government's role in addressing climate change
  - National funding with local decisions
  - Legislation to manage at risk land use
  - Integrate adaptation and mitigation

- **Support** centres of knowledge and guidance
  - Suggest national risk thresholds for mandated retreats

- **Support** alignment of existing legislation and policy on climate change

- **Support** extension of role of NZTA to fund local roading

Rating and financial policy

- **Do not support** review of rating systems, removing differentials and UAGCs
  - Rating regime overhauled from 2010 - 2016
  - Removing differentials would raise residential rates by 22%

- **Agree benefits** primary factor in funding decisions

- **Do not support** legislative change to make benefits primary factor
  - Four well beings required in existing legislation
  - Services are public or merit goods
  - Benefits vs affordability should be determined by elected members

- **Support** national rates postponement scheme

- **Do not support** removal of rates rebate scheme