

Memo

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Subject: Update on replacement of Sugar Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) with healthier alternatives

At the Mangere Otahuhu Local Board Meeting on 23rd November 2016, the board agreed in principle to:

- a) Support the replacement of the sale and supply of Sugar Sweetened Beverages with healthier alternatives in all council community and social facilities (such as leisure centres, libraries and community houses/halls/centres).
- b) replace the sale and supply of Sugar Sweetened Beverages with healthier alternatives in a number of event and locations in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area by December 2018:

This memo provides an update on the progress in replacing SSBs with healthier alternatives in the agreed Mangere Otahuhu Local Board council community and social facilities and events.

Department	SSB update	Access to alternatives
Community Places (Houses/Halls/Centres)	SSB's removed	A water cooler provides free water at Te Whare Koa and is well utilised by users.
Libraries	SSB's not supplied or sold	Programmes focussed on children have a deliberate focus on providing healthy eating and drinking options
Sport & Recreation Leisure Centres	SSB's replaced with healthier alternatives	The Leisure team have committed to creating health promoting environments in each of their council run centres. Moana Nui a Kiwa was the first to roll out the new healthy vending range and have had the highest amount of sales of healthy drinks and snacks across the region.
Arts Arts Centres	SSB's sold at the Community Cafe	Affirming Works, who run the café in the Mangere Arts Centre, are happy to enter into discussions around replacing SSB's with healthier alternatives. Drinking water is available through the kitchen facilities in each centre.

Events

The below events were included in the November report to the Local Board as opportunities to replace the sale and supply of SSBs:

Event	Department Responsible
Volunteer awards 2016/17	Events
Official openings	Events
Public meetings	Events
Citizenship ceremonies	Events

Following the report to the local board, Healthy Families (TSI) and the ACE Events Team met to discuss the wider implications of this initiative. It is important prior to the establishment of policies and guidelines to understand fully the financial and reputational impact on the local board and on event organisers.

It was agreed that a long-term phased approach should be considered and adopted. Initially a focus will be on:

- Developing consistent messaging around healthy events for local board and community
- Considering the implications on event organisers, i.e. how do we support organisers in sourcing alternative options to traditional SSBs provided at community events
- Supporting council vendors to understand the proposed approach and providing appropriate alternatives
- Developing different options based on the feedback from community, event organisers, suppliers and other interested parties

This approach will be trialled and reviewed over the next 18 months.

ACE Events have also been approached by Sport Waitakere who leads the Healthy Families initiative in Waitakere. TSI's and Sport Waitakere's long-term goal is for a holistic approach to be considered when events are being developed, to include; increase in healthy food offerings, increase in physical activity, smokefree lifestyles and a reduction in alcohol consumption. To work towards this long-term outcome ACE Events requested that TSI and Sport Waitakere develop a phased and regional approach that could be further discussed.

Timeline for future discussions and actions to be had between TSI and ACE Events;

1. TSI to meet with ACE Events to explore and develop the phased implementation approach (to begin in early March 2017)
2. TSI to develop a healthy vendor's guideline for South Auckland. The guideline will provide information on alternative healthy food and beverage options for events
3. TSI to offer workshops with existing vendors around alternative and healthier cooking practices
4. Finalise the implementation approach and socialise this to Local Boards. TSI to work with willing event organisers. The aim will be to trial the approach first before broader implementation across the region.

Nb. The steps may change to better reflect the needs of each stakeholder.