

WHAU Local Board Workshop Record

Record of the Whau Local Board workshop held 28 June 2017 at Whau Local Board boardroom, 31 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 0600

PRESENT

Chairperson: Tracy Mulholland

Members: Deputy Chair Susan Zhu

Catherine Farmer

Derek Battersby, QSM, JP

David Whitley

Te'eva Matafai

Apologies: Duncan Macdonald

Also present: AC Officers: Antonina Georgetti, Riya Seth; David Rose; Rodica Chelaru; Pepe Sapolu-Reweti

Notes: Meeting opened by Chair at 2.40pm.

Workshop Item	Summary of Discussions
<p>1. Governance Framework Review</p> <p>Governance role: Input to regional decision-making</p> <p>2.40pm – 4.10pm</p>	<p>Presenters: Linda Taylor, Theresa Stratton, Warwick McNaughton, WR LB member Greg Presland</p> <p>Members received an overview of a report on how the Auckland Council governance model is meeting the aim of the 2009 reforms. The 2009 reforms intended to create a current structure that would enable strong regional decision-making, whilst also complimenting the diverse needs of local interests. This review report provided a rare opportunity to council to think about how the council operates.</p> <p>The report was commissioned by Governance Director, Phil Wilson and was undertaken by independent consultant (with wide engagement with elected representatives). Political working party (PWP) was formed to consider and determine final recommendations; Waitakere Ranges LB chair, Greg Presland is one of the members of PWP representing three west local boards. The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members asked that when feedback has been provided by the board to governing body (GB) on any policy, acknowledgement should come back to the board outlining how that feedback was received and/or actioned.• LB keen to retain freedom to seek own advice – i.e. apart from AC staff advice – as per PWP feedback.• Regarding Auckland Transport (AT): some members reiterated frustration with methodology – although also acknowledged good working relationship with some officers in AT.• Questions from members:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Varied views from local boards – How this work? One size does not fit all – <i>it was noted that this is not an easy fix. Important that local views taken into account. The Dog Bylaw, as an example, has proven that there was too much “local” angle, thereby creating a bylaw that may be confusing to the public park user.</i> ○ With three west boards working together – does this have regional impact? – i.e. what is the impact of your decision on other local boards? – <i>Noted that response will be provided to ensure best information available prior to making decisions.</i> ○ Assist LBs to have more meaningful representation of their communities. ○ What is rationale for not including Maori Stat Board? – <i>Noted that staff will be working with Independent Maori Statutory board.</i> ● Naming conventions for GB and LB members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People don’t grasp what a “local board member” is. It appears that they do know what a “councillor” is. ○ Advisor panels – Not performing function set up for. i.e. currently serving purpose of advising GB. They in fact are meant to be giving advice on behalf of the community they represent. They need to be connected to local communications – this need to be conveyed to the advisory Panel. – <i>it was noted that this is outside of the PWP remit but can be conveyed.</i> ○ Noted different geographic areas in Auckland have different philosophies. Need to recognise this. ● The GFR report will be coming to the board seeking formal feedback in July/August. ● Final report with recommendations to the Governing Body is due in August 2017.
<p>2. Whau Plans and Places work programme</p> <p>Governance role: Engagement 4.10pm – 4.50pm</p>	<p>Presenters: Ross Moffatt, Eryn Shields</p> <p>Members received an update from staff on all the existing space based spatial plans for the Whau (a handout was tabled at the workshop). Planners have not identified any planning gaps and recommend continuing and enhancing with existing plan (refresh when necessary).</p> <p>The board requested that a working party be set up to enable delivery across all plans.</p>