

Supporting information - Waitematā Local Board priorities

Each year we plan the projects and initiatives we will deliver in your local board area. These are based on our 2017 local board plan, which sets our three-year direction. We are seeking your input on our proposals for the 2018/2019 financial year.

3.1 Waitematā Local Board

Message from the Chair

We have recently consulted with you during the development of our 2017 local board plan. This plan has now been adopted and will guide our priorities for the next three years. We are also taking into consideration the growth we are expecting as more people choose to live, work, visit and study in Waitematā.

We propose to focus on restoring key waterways, maintaining our community facilities and providing cycling and walking greenways.

We will continue to activate and improve our local parks and to advocate for the development of a new civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road. We would also like to know whether you think there is a need to expand the existing arts precinct at Studio One Toi Tū.

You have told us that you would like us to support our vulnerable and rough sleeping communities in the inner city. We would like your input about whether we should be contributing funding towards raising awareness and provision of public facilities for all communities and visitors to the city.

Hearing from you is important as it helps us understand the community's views and ensures that we deliver the projects and initiatives you value the most.

We welcome your involvement as we finalise our proposed budget priorities for 2018/2019.

What we propose in your Local Board Area in 2018/2019

We plan to invest \$41.5 million (\$7.4 million capex and \$34.1 opex) to renew, maintain and operate assets in your local board area as well as provide other local initiatives.

Our priorities for the 2018/2019 budget include:

- Continuing to improve and activate our local parks. New areas of focus include creating a pathway, improving drainage and investigating the need for a playground at Basque Park. At Heard Park in Parnell we plan to upgrade onsite facilities to provide a more usable space for recreation and events.
- Develop a strategy to guide our investment for new and upgraded play spaces for all ages to meet our communities' growing and changing needs.
- Restoring our key waterways including Waiparuru, Waipapa and Newmarket Streams in collaboration with residents, community groups and iwi and partner with Albert-Eden and Puketāpapa local boards. We also plan to develop a protection and restoration strategy for the Waitītiko, Waiateao (Meola and Motions Creek catchments) and the Three Kings to Western Springs Aquifer Initiative.

- Delivering safe walking and cycling options as set out in the Waitematā Greenways Plan 2013. Our priority is to open the greenways route from The Strand through the old Parnell tunnel to Newmarket.
- Work towards the elimination of agrichemical spraying at our local parks. Given financial constraints we will target specific parks in 2018/2019, based on your feedback including xxx and xxx.

Our key advocacy project

A full site civic and green space at 254 Ponsonby Road will provide a much-needed area for the community's growing population.

We are seeking the Governing Body to include \$5.5m in the 10-year budget for stage 1 of this project. The first stage includes the delivery of a civic and green space, the repurposing of the existing canopy structure for markets and events and the development of public toilet facilities. Stage 2 will repurpose the existing building and improve the adjoining streetscape. Potential funding options for stage 2 include our Auckland Transport capex fund, optimising other council sites and philanthropic fundraising.

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What do you think?

Have we got our priorities right? Please provide feedback.

- Do you support the 10-year Budget including staged funding to create a full site civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road?
- Do you support expanding the community arts precinct at Studio One Toi Tū to include the villa at 3 Ponsonby Road? This would provide a cluster of spaces where the community can create, collaborate, engage and display.
- How do you think we should prioritise our Auckland Transport capex fund over the next three years? Options include:
 - improved walking and cycling infrastructure through an additional greenways route, such as the connection from Newmarket to Parnell through the old Parnell rail tunnel
 - streetscape improvement such as a Kent Street upgrade – as set out in the Newmarket Laneways Plan
 - implement slow traffic speed zones in residential areas
- Do you support allocating funding towards raising awareness and provision of city centre public facilities? If so, what kind of facilities should we prioritise? Examples include toilets, showers, lockers, drinking fountains and device charging stations.
- It is estimated that it would cost \$700,000 to make all Waitematā local parks free of agrichemical use. Do you support the local board allocating x funding to undertake agrichemical free weed control methods at x and x parks in 2018/2019 over other priorities?