

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Advocacy Initiatives

Advocacy initiatives		
Initiative	Description	Advocate to
Discontinue paying interest on borrowing for Colin Dale Park	Review the ongoing liability of \$280k pa for debt servicing because it is an unfair burden on the board (16% LDI), reducing place making opportunities and community programme funding. The whole of Auckland will benefit.	Governing Body
Fit for purpose sports fields and community facilities that serve our local people	Seek opportunities to upgrade our local sports (sand-carpet, artificial or hybrid) fields and lights, in particular Papatoetoe Recreational Reserve, Rongomai Reserve and Ngati Otara Park. Also the development, renewals and/or refurbishment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ngati Otara Multi Sport Complex ○ Papatoetoe Town Hall and Chambers ○ East Tāmaki Community Centre ○ Te Puke o Tara Sports Park new changing room/toilet block, ○ Roof renewals- , Tui room, Fresh Gallery Otara Library and Tupu Library ○ Hayman Park – new playground (Stage 2), ○ Acquire and redevelop Sutton Crescent land for public open space and Kolmar use, ○ Manukau Sports Bowl – redevelop in accordance with new master plan ○ Cooper Park (Cooper Crescent) ○ Museum and Art facility (new facility) 	Governing Body
Reduce alcohol harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for the local alcohol policy to be made operative as soon as possible • Advocate to make Otara-Papatoetoe a ‘Dry Area’ around local schools and dairies • Support community groups build their capacity to participate in DLC hearings • Advocate to reduce the barriers community participation in DLC hearings, including DLC hearing procedures • DLC membership should reflect the diversity and values of community it serves. • Continue to advocate to strengthen the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Bill 	Governing Body, Central Government, community
Reducing gambling outlets	Continued support of the ‘sinking lid policy and building capacity of community groups that support gambling addiction initiatives	Governing Body
Target 2025 to be Smokefree	Continue to implement Smokefree conditions on all events and grants from the board. Support community groups and programmes that encourage a Smokefree environment.	Governing Body
Manage the impact of street prostitution	On-going advocacy. No funding required at this stage, as this policy needs to be reviewed after the Local Bill was rejected. On-going advocacy to social service to support vulnerable people.	Governing Body, Police Central Government
Improve water quality of the harbours and waterways	Prioritise remediation of the Ōtara Lake, and streams flowing into the lakes. Improve water quality of the Puhinui Stream, Tamaki Estuary and the Manukau Harbour through the Water Quality targeted rate.	Governing Body, Central Government, Panuku

Improve regional Waste Management	Higher waste disposal levy, a concentration on commercial waste streams construction and demolition waste, organic waste and plastic waste which contribute 80% of Auckland waste. More resources put towards Illegal dumping. Advocate for product stewardship as well as elimination of single use plastics. Progress Resource Recovery Centre in the south and explore alternative methods of rubbish disposal-clean burning	Governing Body, Central Government
Support the inclusion of social, affordable and well insulated housing in the local area	Work with potential developers, council, central government and Mana Whenua with a focus on achieving a better urban design, as well as providing affordable, well insulated housing within the development mix. Advocate for solutions to homelessness including overnight shelters and emergency housing.	Governing Body, Central Government
Improve development, employment and training opportunities for young people and encourage entrepreneurship	Seek/ leverage opportunities for youth especially those classified as NEET. TSI and other council departments to work together to look for innovative funding opportunities within council as well as externally. Work closely with other education providers in the area (MIT, AUT, and PTE's). Support Youth Connections. Encourage youth leadership development opportunities through groups like TOPS (The Otago-Papatoetoe Squad)	Governing Body, Central Government
Safer roads and connectivity within our local area	Prioritise route protection, design and construction of: Light rail from Auckland Airport to Puhinui Station through State Highway 20b to Manukau and then through to Botany before considering any other corridors. Redevelopment of Puhinui Station Development of the Southern Spur rail line Intersection upgrade – Ormiston Rd/Preston Rd/East Tamaki Rd Realignment – Portage Road/ Gray Ave/ Station Road Realignment – St. George/Kolmar Rd/Wallace Rd. Continued implementation of Greenways plan (better cycling and walking tracks) Ensuring our local transport network is accessible and safe for people of all communities especially disabled and school students in high risk area (Papatoetoe North)	Auckland Transport, Governing Body, Central Government
Promote Transform Manukau and other potential unlock locations	Promote the Transform Manukau project to create an exciting and vibrant lifestyle and business. Continue to advocate for Te Papa Manukau in Hayman Park. Funds generated within the transform area should stay within the local board area in which it resides. Consideration for Otago Town Centre to become an Unlock location.	Panuku, Auckland Transport, Governing Body