

Supporting information – Rodney Local Board

Each year we deliver activities and services in your local board area. These are based on our 2017 Local Board Plan, which sets our three-year direction for the local board.

3.1 Rodney Local Board

Message from the chairperson

I am pleased to present our key priorities for our 2019/2020 local board agreement, for your consideration.

We have started work on the priorities you identified in our 2017 Local Board Plan. We successfully advocated for an indoor sports facility in Kumeu/Huapai to be included in the 10-year Budget. A business case is now underway and we will push for construction to start as soon as possible. A grant of \$150,000 has been given to the community to contribute to the design of a multisport facility at Warkworth Showgrounds, local halls in Coatesville and Pt Wells have been returned to community management, and the Wellsford skate park has been completely revitalised and expanded.

The Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate projects are making good progress. New bus routes between Wellsford and Warkworth, and Helensville to Silverdale (Hibiscus Coast Station) via Kaukapakapa, will be launching in February 2019. A bus from Westgate to Albany via Riverhead and Coatesville is due in April 2019. Planning for park-and-rides in Warkworth and Kumeu/Huapai are underway. To make walking safer, the local board has prioritised footpaths in Warkworth, Riverhead and Parakai for construction.

We are not proposing any major changes in direction in 2019/2020 and will focus on delivering projects already started, including:





- planning the new reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat, and completing the open space management plan for Rodney reserves which will guide how all reserves are developed and used in the future
- delivering town centre improvements, starting with Helensville and Warkworth where community-led planning is underway
- continuing the Healthy Harbours Fund, which provides match funding for landowners who want to look after our waterways with riparian planting and stock proof fencing, in partnership with local iwi (Te Uri o Hau).

Our rural roads are taking a beating, having to carry an increased load from heavy trucking that they weren't designed for. Changes to NZTA subsidies mean that Auckland Transport has lost approximately \$5 million annually from its rural road maintenance budget. You have told us that improved road maintenance is a priority and to achieve this we need to fill the funding gap. One way to do this is to charge the industries that are our heaviest road users; forestry, quarries and cleanfills, managed-fills and landfills, a targeted rate. Similar targeted rates are being investigated or have been struck by other councils, so we want to know if you think this is something we should investigate for our area for a future year (subject to the investigation and further consultation).

Now is the time to tell us your feedback on the priorities we propose for Rodney in 2019/2020 and beyond.

What we propose in your local board area in 2019/2020

In 2019/2020 we plan to invest \$7.2 million to renew and develop assets and \$13.8 million to maintain and operate assets as well as provide local programmes and initiatives. The budget in the local area is allocated as follows:

Key areas of spend	Capital spend 2019/2020	Operating spend 2019/2020	Projects
 Community Services	\$7.2m	\$12.4m	Renewals Parks maintenance
 Environmental Services	-	\$0.4m	
 Planning	-	-	
 Governance	-	\$1m	

Note: the final budgets are subject to change as the council reviews the detailed costs and timing of delivering planned services and investment.

What do you think?

Do you have any feedback?

In principle, do you support the Rodney Local Board investigating a targeted rate just for forestry, quarries and cleanfills, managed-fills and landfills to contribute to the maintenance of our rural roads?