

URGENT DECISION OF THE

Waitematā Local Board

Approve feedback to LGNZ – Reinvigorating local democracy: The case for localising power and decision-making to councils and communities

AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS URGENT DECISION

Urgent Decision Process WTM/2019/259

- a) That the Waitematā Local Board:
 - i) adopt the urgent decision-making process for matters that require a decision where it is not practical to call the full board together and meet the requirements of a quorum
 - b) delegate authority to the chair and deputy chair, or any person acting in these roles, to make urgent decisions on behalf of the local board
 - c) agree that the relationship manager, chair and deputy chair (or any person/s acting in these roles) will authorise the urgent decision-making process by signing off an authorisation memo
 - d) note that all urgent decisions will be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the local board
 - e) agree that every effort will be made to ascertain the views of all board members prior to approving an urgent decision.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. In 2019, LGNZ released its discussion paper “Reinvigorating local democracy: The case for localizing power and decision-making to councils and communities”.
2. The discussion paper seeks to refine LGNZ’s advocacy position on ‘localism’ and calls for an active programme of devolution and decentralization of services. The paper argues that decentralization will be more efficient and effective in meeting community needs, be more relevant and able to respond to growing diversity, increase voter interest and participation and spur innovation.
3. There is no official Auckland Council position on this proposal and local boards interested in giving their views on the discussion have been encouraged to submit directly to LGNZ.
4. LGNZ is seeking feedback from individuals and organisations and have extended the deadline to the end of January 2020.
5. An urgent decision is being sought from the local board to agree the board’s feedback to be included in council’s submission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) approve the Waitematā Local Board feedback to LGNZ – Reinvigorating local democracy: The case for localising power and decision-making to councils and communities.

REASON FOR URGENCY

6. Local boards who are interested in giving their views on this discussion can submit directly to LGNZ by the end of January 2020.
7. The Waitematā Local Board's next business meeting is not scheduled until the 18 February 2020 meaning the local board cannot wait until then to resolve.
8. The urgent decision will be reported to the local board at their 18 February 2020 meeting.

GENERAL

9. The recommendation contained in this report falls within the local board's delegated authority.

DECISION

AUTHORISED FOR RELEASE



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SIGNATORIES



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