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Councillors’ Office

Councillor Dalton Local Board Update May 2020

COVID 19
Council is in the recovery phase of COVID19. We are still waiting on direction from Government on their expectations of Council in our response. Calls to the 0800 number have dropped to 150 a week and staff are slowly being redeployed to business as usual.

As we traverse level 2 Council is taking a phased approach to re-opening our facilities based on physical distancing requirements and to some extent the costs involved in re-opening.

We are now 5 days with 0 COVID cases despite 5000- 6000 tests a day – what an incredible little country we are, and how very lucky we are to live here.

Outcomes for Māori Portfolio
I have quite a bit of work happening in this space, mostly gathering information to ensure I can contribute from an informed position to the emergency budget and COVID recovery phase. I have participated in two skypes at the invitation of the Mayor, one with Ngāti Whatua and another with Iwi chairs led by the kaitiaki forum of Te Waka Angamua.

This week there was the first governance meeting of the Independent Maori Statutory Board and the Governing Body. CEO Nick Hill from ATTED presented his CCOs contribution to economic development and employment workstreams between ATEED and TSI to deliver on outcomes for māori.

I hold considerable concerns on the impact of job losses for the South from COVID. There is little doubt in my mind the jobs losses from AirNZ, Sky City and other large employers in Auckland will directly impact māori, pāsifika and low incomes earners in the South and West more than anywhere else in Auckland.

Value for Money Committee This committee is in abeyance until normal committee meetings resume post COVID, however, the operational arm is working extremely hard to find savings as we move into our emergency budget decision making.

CCO Review
Councillors have received an interim update which simply advises of the consultation and discussions that too place in terms of the numbers of interviews. The full report will be available within the next 5- 6 weeks. I consider this important information for decision making towards the annual budget but it looks like it will the report will meet it’s agreed deadline it will miss the timeframe for decision on the emergency budget.

Rate Increase 20/21
Councillors and Local Board Chairs have been working together towards finding savings within existing budget to address the multi million dollar funding gap as a result of COVID19. Thank you for all of the efforts you have made to consider your own budgets and working through your annual plan with the uncertainty of a confirmed budget envelope.

Nga mihi nui
Angela
Report to the Manurewa Local Board by Cr Daniel Newman
21 May 2020

Auckland Council will shortly commence a bespoke consultation with the community on a revised draft annual plan. That draft plan reflects the Council’s revised budget, which seeks to respond to the financial impact of Covid-19.

I am not able to address the detail of the draft budget at this time. However, I do wish to provide board members with my best analysis of the draft budget, including the implications of the budget on Auckland Council’s ability to fund its capital programme and operating activities. This analysis will be presented in partnership with Cr Dalton.

I have never been involved in such a difficult exercise in reprioritising the funding and rating strategy for Auckland Council. This will affect both the Council parent as well as its CCOs. I expect that we will see material changes to our capital programme and our operating activities.

I am on record as to how I view things:

1. Prudent asset management starts with managing and renewing assets. This means understanding that doing good business as usual is both essential and non-negotiable. Before we can do transformation across the activities of the Council family, we need to maintain assets and utilities as a key business driver.

2. If we do not manage and renew assets in the short-term, we face higher costs in the medium to long term. Frankly, this is the case we currently face because of the legacy of short-changing renewals in days past. We have more cars on the road; more demand for water and wastewater services as our region’s population continues to grow; and there greater pressure on our community services and our natural environment. We need to respond to this demand, starting with the renewal of assets.

3. We need to be candid with our community – Auckland Council’s revenue position has been significantly and unfavourably affected by Covid-19. Rates is only one revenue source. Dividend income, fuel tax revenue, revenue from fees and revenue from subsidies from public transport patronage.

We will all need to be in this together for the discussion to come. Just as we faced challenges during the lockdown, we will face challenges in the future. Be assured, we will front our community on these challenges and we will bat hard for the best outcome on behalf of every resident and ratepayer.

Water levels

As you know, Auckland is now in the midst of a drought. We need rain and we need significant and sustained savings in water consumption.

Had the Hays Creek Dam had been online from October 2018 to the present day, the combined network water levels for Auckland would be up to three per cent higher. The water treatment plant for the Hays Creek Dam was decommissioned in 2005. The construction of a new plant with a capacity of 10,000 cubic metres per day could provide additional drinking water for around 50,000 people
within the immediate Papakura area, and help address the region’s water challenge during drought conditions.

It is crucial that Watercare progresses planning and design, consent and the construction of plant infrastructure to tap all water sources, as well as seek consent to increase to its water take from the Waikato River.
Chairperson Update - Joseph Allan
May 2020

At our last business meeting we were in Level-4 lockdown. We are now in Level-2 and have seen the reopening of many of our facilities with the remainder to be opened for business following Queen’s Birthday weekend. Thank you to all council staff who have worked hard to get us back up and running providing much needed essential services to our people.

As we start getting back to the “new normal”, now is the time to support local businesses, to help them recover. Over the years many businesses have supported our community groups, sports clubs and school raffles. It is our opportunity to support them in their time of need and to shop local.

As reported by our councillors there are challenges ahead and Local Boards have been working with the Governing Body on a revised budget.

We have also been working on the Draft Manurewa Local Board Plan 2020, making changes to support community resilience for the future. The draft plan will go out for consultation in June.

Throughout the past month the workload in the Virtual Board Office has been forever increasing. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our Local Board Services staff who have risen above and beyond, so we can continue to deliver positive outcomes for the community at this time.