Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Albert-Eden Local Board held in the Albert Eden Local Board Office, 135 Dominion Road, Mt Eden and via Skype-for-Business, on Tuesday, 7 July 2020 at 2.02pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Margi Watson
Deputy Chairperson
Lee Corrick
Members
Graeme Easte
Rachel Langton
Ben Lee
Julia Maskill
Christina Robertson
Kendyl Smith

In attendance via Skype-for-Business.

ABSENT

Governing Body Members
Cathy Casey
Christine Fletcher
1 Welcome
Chairperson Watson commenced the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2 Apologies
There were no apologies.

3 Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

4 Leave of Absence
There were no leaves of absence.

5 Acknowledgements
There were no acknowledgements.

6 Petitions
There were no petitions.

7 Deputations
There were no deputations.

8 Public Forum
There was no public forum.

9 Extraordinary Business
There was no extraordinary business.

10 ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD INPUT INTO THE EMERGENCY BUDGET 2020/2021 (COVERING REPORT)
CLAIRE ABBOTT – LOCAL BOARD SERVICES GRADUATE, AND EMMA REED – LOCAL BOARD ADVISOR, WERE IN ATTENDANCE TO SPEAK TO THE ITEM.
A DOCUMENT WAS TABLED FOR THIS ITEM. A COPY HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL MINUTES AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE AUCKLAND COUNCIL WEBSITE AS A MINUTES ATTACHMENT.
NOTE: MEMBER EASTE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 2.05PM DURING ITEM 10.
ADJOURNMENT OF THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD 7 JULY 2020 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

RESOLUTION NUMBER AE/2020/66

MOVED BY CHAIRPERSON M WATSON, SECONDED BY DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON L CORRICK:

THAT THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD:

A) AGREE TO ADJOURN THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TO 3.00PM, THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2020, TO BE HELD AT THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD OFFICE, 135 DOMINION ROAD, MT EDEN, AUCKLAND AND VIA SKYPE-FOR-BUSINESS.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD HELD IN THE ALBERT EDEN LOCAL BOARD OFFICE, 135 DOMINION ROAD, MT EDEN AND VIA SKYPE-FOR-BUSINESS, RECONVENED ON THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2020 AT 3.08PM.

PRESENT

CHAIRPERSON
MARGI WATSON

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON
LEE CORRICK

MEMBERS
GRAEME EASTE
RACHEL LANGTON
BEN LEE

IN ATTENDANCE VIA SKYPE-FOR-BUSINESS

JULIA MASKILL
CHRISTINA
ROBERTSON
KENDYL SMITH

ABSENT

GOVERNING BODY
CATHY CASEY

MEMBERS
CHRISTINE FLETCHER
MOTION – APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

RESOLUTION NUMBER AE/2020/67

MOVED BY CHAIRPERSON M WATSON, SECONDED BY MEMBER J MASKILL:

THAT THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD:

A) NOTE THE APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED FROM GOVERNING BODY MEMBER CATHY CASEY.

CARRIED

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B) THANK THE 3,011 PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS BASED IN THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD AREA WHO PROVIDED A SUBMISSION ON THE EMERGENCY BUDGET 2020/2021 PROPOSALS.ORG

C) REQUEST THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROACHES ARE USED, IN THIS PRIORITY ORDER, TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED SAVINGS TARGETS:

I. AN INCREASE IN BORROWING/DEBT;

II. A REDUCTION IN OPERATIONAL SPENDING (COUNCIL SERVICES);

III. A REDUCTION IN CAPITAL SPENDING;

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D) SUPPORT A 3.5 PER CENT AVERAGE GENERAL RATES INCREASE FOR 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

I. 55.3 PER CENT OF SUBMISSIONS FROM PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS BASED IN THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD AREA WERE IN SUPPORT OF A 3.5 PER CENT AVERAGE GENERAL RATES INCREASE. IN CONTRAST TO 31.1 PER CENT SUPPORT FOR A 2.5 PER CENT AVERAGE GENERAL RATES INCREASE, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1 OF AUCKLAND COUNCIL’S FORMAL EMERGENCY BUDGET 2020/2021 CONSULTATION.

II. THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF ANY AVERAGE GENERAL RATES INCREASE LOWER THAN 3.5 PER CENT WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS, TRANSPORT SAFETY PROJECTS, LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE ABILITY OF
AUCKLAND COUNCIL TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-LED ORGANISATIONS.

E) SUPPORT THE COVID-19 RATES POSTPONEMENT SCHEME, NOTING THAT 71.6 PER CENT OF SUBMISSIONS FROM PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS BASED IN THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD AREA WERE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL, BUT REQUEST THAT:

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II. THE INTEREST AND ADMINISTRATION FEES CHARGED OVER THE POSTPONEMENT TIME PERIOD ARE RECONSIDERED AND MINIMISED, TO ENSURE THE INTENTION OF THE SCHEME TO PROVIDE COMPASSION FOR RATEPAYERS IS ACHIEVED.

F) SUPPORT SUSPENDING THE ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER TARGETED RATE (APTR) UNTIL 31 MARCH 2021, NOTING THAT 69.8 PER CENT OF SUBMISSIONS FROM PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS BASED IN THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD AREA WERE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL.

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III. NOTE THE STRONG SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, CYCLEWAY INITIATIVES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT RECEIVED THROUGH ALBERT-EDEN SUBMISSIONS (98 PER CENT, 89 PER CENT AND 80 PER CENT POSITIVE SENTIMENT, RESPECTIVELY, FROM THOSE SUBMITTERS WHO PROVIDED COMMENTS ON THESE TOPICS).

IV. DO NOT SUPPORT THE SALE OF 2 WIREMU STREET, BALMORAL AS PART OF THE ASSET RECYCLING PROPOSAL, AND NOTE:

I) THE LOCAL BOARD’S DESIRE TO USE THIS PROPERTY FOR A FUTURE COMMUNITY CENTRE/HUB OR FOR A FUTURE CIVIC SQUARE TO CATER FOR THE INTENSIFICATION PLANNED FOR THE BALMORAL AREA GIVEN THE LACK OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

II) THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD (AE/2015/58 AND AE/2016/71) IN SUPPORT OF RETENTION OF THIS PROPERTY AND REQUESTING ITS TRANSFERAL TO THE LOCAL BOARD FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY FACILITY.

III) THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (FIN/2016/89 AND FIN/2016/90) REQUESTING TO INITIATE A REVIEW TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR AND POSSIBLE LOCATION OF A SUITABLE COMMUNITY HUB FOR SENIOR AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND THAT THE
DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF 2 WIREMU STREET, Balmoral
be deferred until the end of 2016.

IV) No review has been completed and no further decisions have been made.

H) Given the unique circumstances, request that the remaining $591,088 of external funding allocated to the Albert-Eden Local Board via the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency’s SH16/S20 Waterview project as mitigation, lease and sale payments be ring-fenced and retained in full for unrestricted and immediate use by the Albert-Eden Local Board without impact on the availability of funds to the Local Board from Auckland Council budgets.

I) Note the feedback provided to Auckland Council by Mana Whenua and request due consideration is given to their comments to reflect their unique and significant kaitiaki and leadership role in Tāmaki Makaurau.

MOVED BY MEMBER R LANGTON, SECONDED BY DEPUTY L CORRICK AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

D) Support a 2.5% average general rates increase for 2020/2021 financial year, for the following reason:

I. 51 per cent of submissions from people or organisations based in the Albert-Eden Local Board area were in support of a 2.5 per cent or lower average general rates increase, in contrast to 44 per cent support for a 3.5 per cent or higher average general rates increase, in response to question 1 of Auckland Council’s formal emergency budget 2020/2021 consultation.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

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The motion was declared equal. The Chairperson exercised her casting vote against, so the motion was lost.

MOVED BY MEMBER K SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER B LEE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

E) Support the Covid-19 rates postponement scheme, noting that 71.6 per cent of submissions from people or organisations based in the Albert-Eden Local Board area were in support of the proposal, but request that:
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THE MOTION WAS DECLARED EQUAL.
THE CHAIRPERSON EXERCISED HER CASTING VOTE AGAINST, SO THE MOTION WAS LOST.

THE MOTION WAS PUT IN PARTS.

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IMPACT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO THE LOCAL BOARD FROM AUCKLAND COUNCIL BUDGETS.

I) NOTE THE FEEDBACK PROVIDED TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL BY MANA WHENUA AND REQUEST DUE CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO THEIR COMMENTS TO REFLECT THEIR UNIQUE AND SIGNIFICANT KAITIAKI AND LEADERSHIP ROLE IN TĀMAKI MAKAURAU.

CARRIED

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CHAIRPERSON M MEMBER B LEE
WATSON MEMBER K SMITH

THE MOTION WAS DECLARED EQUAL.
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ATTACHMENTS

A 7 JULY 2020, ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD MEETING - ITEM 10: ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD INPUT INTO THE EMERGENCY BUDGET 2020/2021 (COVERING REPORT)

11 CONSIDERATION OF EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.
4.16 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

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