Howick Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment A

Tāmaki Estuary Environment Forum (TEEF)

A Local Board supported initiative
Attachment A

Item 8.1
Tāmaki Estuary Environment Forum
Four Pillars

**Community Outreach**
Foster community engagement throughout our activities

**Plastic Reduction**
Transition from the ‘ambulance at the bottom of the cliff’ to stopping plastics and other pollution at the source

**Innovation / Partners**
Building partnerships

**Healthy Ecosystems**
Support native species and restore natural ecosystems by working with communities and local government
Pre-covid19 Work Programme for 2020

**Water Quality:**
- Tāmaki Clean Streams Project – open source water quality testing.
- Advocacy for proper stormwater management.
- Education in schools & during Seaweed.
- Attending conferences & events to advocate for the Tāmaki Estuary.
- Participation in sedimentation mitigation initiatives

**Plastics / Pollution:**
- Continued collaboration with CVNZ to run a series of beach / coastal clean ups
- Continue ‘Nurdle Hunt’ Project.
- Continue to support our entrepreneurial and academic partners; enabling them to innovate to solve issues.
- Targeted Litter Trap programme development.

**Biodiversity:**
- Commission more research into the local bird ecology (participate in data collection).
- Continue strong citizen science initiatives.
- Build relationships and initiate projects with tertiary education institutes and with Enviroschools
- Continue to work alongside Auckland Council Biodiversity Team.
- Host more speakers at Forum meetings.
- Support TEEF participants/organisations working in pest control.
Success - together...

Local Boards and TEEF

- Identify issues affecting the Tāmaki Estuary, so we can raise them at Forum meetings and provide you with feedback.

- Support TEEF’s delivery of best practice community-led projects that are aligned with Local Board priorities and Auckland Council objectives.

- Link TEEF with groups active in your Local Board area.

- Continue working together in achieving improvements in local environmental issues. Ngā mihi.
tēnā koutou – uiuinga / questions?
# Summary of Howick Local Board Feedback on the Emergency Budget 2020/2021

## 1. Consultation questions

### Proposal in emergency budget

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#### General rates increase preference (3.5%, 2.5% or other)
- **Q1: General Rates increase for 2020/2021**
  - 3.5 per cent: 398 responses, 26.7% support
  - 2.5 per cent: 767 responses, 51.4% support
  - I don’t know: 327 responses, 21.9% support
  - Total: 1492 responses, 100% support

#### Colmar Brunton survey Howick Local Board
- Base: 364
  - 2.5% general rates increase: 60 responses, 16.5% support
  - 3.5% general rates increase: 28 responses, 7.7% support
  - Don’t know: 12 responses, 3.3% support

#### Introduction of Rates Postponement Scheme (support, don’t support, other)
- **Q2: Rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19**
  - I support the proposal: 968 responses, 64.8% support
  - I don’t support the proposal: 392 responses, 26.2% support
  - I don’t know: 134 responses, 9.0% support
  - Total: 1494 responses, 100% support

- **support the introduction of a rates postponement scheme to off-set anticipated impact from post-COVID-19 economic hardship ensuring people are fully informed of the financial implications**
- **note the Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.**

#### Suspending APTR (support, don’t support, other)
- **Q3: Suspending the targeted rate paid by accommodation providers**
  - I support the proposal: 1073 responses, 71.7% support
  - I don’t support the proposal: 256 responses, 17.1% support
  - I don’t know: 168 responses, 11.2% support
  - Total: 1497 responses, 100% support

- **support suspension of the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (APTR) in principle to off-set anticipated impact from international travel restrictions generated by the global COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **request further information on how the impact on ATEED budgets is to be mitigated and consequential effects on local economic recovery initiatives.**
## Capital investment proposal

### Proposal in emergency budget

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### Draft feedback

- do not support pausing or cancelling any Community Safety Fund projects under any rat increase scenario.
- Based on the retention of the retention of the Community Safety Fund, the board supports a deferment of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund under a 3.5% scenario.
- request any implications from the reduction to funding are informed by local priorities as represented by local boards and are not determined by Auckland Transport in isolation.
- do not support a deferment of all Local Board Transport Capital Funded projects under a 2.5% scenario.
- do not support the deferral of stormwater initiatives that are addressing public health and safety issues or an immediate risk to private property.
- do not support a delay to planned Natural Environment Targeted Rate work that could impact on the communities’ health and safety, including planned track upgrades.
- request that in identifying projects for deferral staff consider availability of and enable local volunteer workforces that could facilitate access to third party funding and a project to continue at a lesser cost to Auckland Council.

### Additional sentiments

- Overall reduction of 700m
- LB transport capital fund (LBTCF) reduced to 55m
- community safety fund—projects to be paused or cancelled
- Pausing/deferring walking and cycling projects not in construction
- Deferral of large range of stormwater initiatives
- Delay to planned Natural Environment Targeted Rate work including 35% of planned track upgrades.
- Community investment – a reduction of $162m. Examples of major impacts include:
  - Capital budget below previous levels of delivery (27% less than last year)

### Community Centre

- request the development of Flatbush Library at Community Centre is reviewed as a priority.
- 65% reduction in land acquisition meaning only land acquisitions already signed and settling next year could be purchased
- delay to all One Local Initiatives and to the growth/development programme unless the works are already contractually committed
- a minimum reduction of 80-90% of planned 2020/2021 renewals for buildings, playgrounds and open space
- deferral of all unallocated locally-driven initiatives (LDI) capex and uncommitted LDI projects (noting trade-offs with Renewals may be available – discuss this in local board workshops)
- 28% reduction in library budgets
- 70% reduction in public art spend meaning most projects will be delayed to 2021/2022 unless committed

Panuku

- revise $130m to $100m capital programme (for specific project locations, details will be discussed between affected local boards and Panuku)

- request any decisions on reduced local community investment be informed by local priorities and according to the direction of local boards who are best placed to understand and reflect local priorities.
- support in principle a reduction of 80 per cent; 90 per cent in planned renewals provided it do not have a long-term impact on the asset, with an exception for not supporting reductions of planned renewals for playgrounds.
- support minimal reduction in library budgets.
- support an increased reduction in public art.
3. **Opex: Proposed measures to achieve operational savings**

Savings require (temporary) service level reductions. Information about service level reductions will be provided in local board workshops.

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| **LDI reductions** | Uxbridge and the Howick Historical Village submitted in support of maintaining their operational grants. | • do not support a 10 per cent reduction of Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) operational budgets as set out under a 3.5% rates increase scenario and 20 per cent under a 2.5% rates scenario.  
• note the overall LDI budget on a regional comparison is minor and any reduction will impact the board’s ability to respond to the community’s needs. |
| • 10% under a 3.5% rates increase scenario |  | |
| • Additional savings (under 2.5% scenario) |  | |
| • 20% under a 2.5% rates increase scenario |  | |
| Note: flexibility will be provided for local boards to identify some reductions in ABS spending if that is preferred to finding all savings from LDI funding. |  | |
| **Infrastructure and Environmental Services** |  | |
| • reduction in preventative maintenance and pest eradication |  | |
| • Grants: stop Water Protection Fund grants for a year, reduce regional Natural Environment Heritage Grant reduction by 14% |  | |
| • reduced Kauri dieback compliance monitoring |  | |
| Additional savings (under 2.5% scenario) |  | |
| • suspend inorganic waste collection until 1 July 2021 |  | |
| **Theme** | **Positive sentiment** | **Neutral sentiment** | **Negative sentiment** | **Total mentions** |
| **Addressing climate change** | 84% | 5% | 11% | 19 |
| **Opinion on inorganic collection service** | 0% | 50% | 50% | 6 |
| **Customer and Community Services** |  | |
| • facility opening hours review - direct facility costs savings achievable by reducing opening hours |  | |
| Additional savings (under 2.5% scenario) |  | |
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- Permanently close and vacate a proportion of under-utilised community facilities

Parks, Sports and Reserves
- Gyms move to in-house developed fitness programme, replacing Les Mills license costs
- Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund deferral of unallocated grant funding ($3m savings)

Additional savings (under 2.5% scenario)
- Reduced maintenance spend – reduced open space standards, closing public toilets, removing litter bins, public spaces

- support the short-term deferral of unallocated Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment funding into sport and recreational facilities suggested under a 3.5% rates scenario.
- do not support a regional approach to identifying reductions in maintenance spend suggested under a 2.5% scenario i.e. removing litter bins and closing public toilets without consideration for local perspectives.
- request the source of additional savings from reduction in maintenance spend under a 2.5% scenario are determined at the local level.

Arts, Community and Events (ACE)
- Cancellation or scope change of some regional events (Matariki and SUSO changed delivery, Music in Parks and Movies in Parks, Waitangi Ki Manukau and heritage festival reduced; citizenship ceremonies digital delivery to end December
- Reduction in Arts and culture programmes delivered through community centres and arts facilities

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- support the deferral of face to face citizenship ceremonies until the end of December 2020.
- do not support the cancellation or long-term scope change of in-person citizenship ceremonies due to the importance and symbolism of these.
- support a reduction of arts and culture programmes in principle.

Libraries
- Reduction in library programmes across the region based on experience of low attendance (poor value for money) – to be discussed in local board workshops

- support a reduction in library programmes across the region based on experience of low attendance through appropriate consultation.
- request that the decision-making process to reduce library programmes is not entirely based on poor attendance and other factors need to be considered.
## Transport network

- Reduction in public transport service levels – optimizing timetables on lower patronized routes at the periphery of network, use of on-demand services where possible, no new public transport services
- Income from increased traffic enforcement

### Additional savings (under 2.5% scenario)

- Review differentiated fare structure, remove some concessions (potential 4m)
- Consider locations where Park and ride charging can be implemented (potential 9m)

### Further savings (under low-nil % scenario)

- Maintenance reductions

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## Other

- Planning and procurement savings (Panuku)
- Major events funding reduction
- Elected member remuneration reduction

### Additional savings (under 2.5% scenario)

- Reduction in ATEED economic recovery budget
- Defer Mayoral proposal on Living Wage
- Not continue Mayoral proposal for Homelessness coordination

- Support a review of public transport service levels and request that public transport must remain as an option for growing communities
- Do not support increased income from traffic enforcement.
- Do not support a reduction in road maintenance under any scenario on the basis that poor maintenance creates unacceptable safety issues for the community.

- Do not support a reduction to the elected member remuneration.
- Support a deferred annual increase to the elected member remuneration.
4 Other revenue generation

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| **Panuku** - Potential to increase target from asset recycling - 3 asset recycling opportunities identified, potential to raise 200-350m (current target is 24m) | Sentiment on Asset Recycling – Total mentions 3  
- 6 positive  
- 3 negative | Feedback on Howick assets which are not currently ‘in service’ and are proposed for sale in the Emergency Budget:  
(a) The local board should be engaged with in a meaningful way on each property prior to sale  
(b) The local board is concerned that properties won’t achieve appropriate sale value at this time, and that a rapid sale approach is short-sighted  
(c) The local board would like more information on the properties, along with quality advice on the potential to take a strategic approach to meet future community need  
(d) In terms of specific properties, the feedback is as follows:  
- 16 Fencible Drive, Howick – the board support the sale of this property and have been working with Panuku for a number of years to do so.  
- 34 Moore Street, Howick – the local board continues to maintain its position of retaining this property. The local board has requested that an expressio of interest process take place to seek potential community users, as stated in resolution number HW/2020/77. In addition, the local board’s preference would be to support the sale of 16 Fencible Drive in lieu of the sale of 34 Moore Street.  
- 80 Vincent Street, Howick – the local board supports retention of this property  
- 2R Ti Rakau Drive, Pakuranga – the local board requires further information and meaningful engagement on this property  
- 20 (part) Uxbridge Road, Howick – the local board has been engaged on this property, and there is general support in principle to sell this property to enable the developer to complete a planned building |
- consider reducing the scale of investment in certain activities e.g. provision of golf courses
- Optimisation/rationalisation of community facilities, includes:
  d. consolidation into community hubs
  e. land which is part of a community facility but is not currently used or needed to provide council services
  f. low use, poorly positioned assets (buildings and/or land)
  g. alternative service delivery model which includes a non-asset owning response to achieving outcomes
  h. sale of assets to community groups.

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