
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board held in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Office, Shop 17B, 93 Bader Drive, Māngere on Wednesday, 8 July 2020 at 4.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Lemauga Lydia Sosene
Deputy Chairperson	Togiatolu Walter Togiamua
Members	Tauanu'u Nanai Nick Bakulich (<i>via skype</i>)
	Makalita Kolo
	Anae Dr Neru Leavasa
	Christine O'Brien
	Harry Fatu Toleafoa

1 **Welcome**

2 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Note: Apologies were received from Councillor Filipaina and Councillor Collins.

3 **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

Adjournment of Meeting

Resolution number MO/2020/91

MOVED by Chairperson L Sosene, seconded by Deputy Chairperson W Togiamua:

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- a) **agree to adjourn the meeting until Thursday 9 July at 5pm.**

The meeting adjourned at 4.04pm and reconvened on Thursday 9 July 2020 at 5pm.

CARRIED

Reconvened meeting of the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board held in the in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Office, Shop 17B, 93 Bader Drive, Māngere, on Thursday 9 July 2020, at 5pm and via skype for business.

Either a recording or written summary will be uploaded on the Auckland Council website.

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Note: Deputy Chair Togiatolu Walter Togiama led the meeting in prayer.

4 Local board input into the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 (Covering report)

A copy of the Local Board input into the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 report was tabled at the meeting.

A copy will be placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minute attachment.

Note the item was taken in parts as follows b), c), a) and d).

Resolution number MO/2020/92

MOVED by Chairperson L Sosene, seconded by Deputy Chairperson W Togiama:

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

b) endorse a general rates increase of 3.5 per cent for 2020/2021. The board is of the view that wellbeing and community health must be at the forefront in managing the financial deficit; that provision of facilities and services is key to contributing to community health and wellbeing.

- **A general rates increase of 3.5% will better achieve the principles outlined in the Emergency Budget:**

- ensuring long-term financial prudence and sustainability
- protecting public health and safety
- preserving asset integrity
- statutory obligations Maori outcomes
- jobs and employment
- ease of implementation
- protecting the most vulnerable
- supporting our communities

CARRIED

Resolution number MO/2020/93

MOVED by Chairperson L Sosene, seconded by Deputy Chairperson W Togiama:

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

c) provide further detailed feedback to the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 as follows:

Proposal in Emergency Budget	Feedback
<p>General rates increase preference (3.5%, 2.5% or other)</p>	<p>i) Prefer that the general rates increase is at a rate of 3.5 per cent for the financial year 2020/2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local board area must maintain community wellbeing and services are essential to keep clean and tidy neighbourhoods. Families with young children need to access services from community facilities. A healthy local environment, ability to access local parks and playgrounds, libraries and community centres are essential. All three are equally essential council services for the people. Any further reduction in service will have an adverse effect on assets and services that are currently not of high standards. The board does not

	<p>want further disadvantages placed on vulnerable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any broad brush reduction will have variable effect in different areas of the city. Keeping an equity lens central to financial modelling and decision making is a must as the community in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu area will be worse-off given conditions of vulnerability and deprivation and if there are service reductions at this time.
Introduction of Rates Postponement Scheme (support, don't support, other)	<p>ii) Support the proposal and request that the scheme is affordable.</p>
Suspending APTR	<p>iii) Support the proposal to suspend the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rates as an interim measure in light of the impact on tourism and international travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting local opportunities for local enterprise, employment, art and culture in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu remains a priority.

Capital investment proposal

Proposal in emergency budget	Local board feedback
Transport network Overall reduction to 700m	<p>iv) note that at a 3.5 per cent general rates increase there is still a significant loss in transport investment relating to the key criteria and principles to guide the emergency budget proposals, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> protecting public health and safety preserving asset integrity protecting the most vulnerable supporting our communities climate change <p>v) The board has serious concerns on the proposal to reduce the Local board Transport capital Fund (LTCF) to \$5million. The board and community have invested in consulting with the public, planning and advocating to gain traction over the past years on these important local projects that have a bearing on the regional transport network too.</p> <p>The board would not want to see key projects sliding back at a critical time, when these also generate employment and help the local economy.</p>

	<p>Key projects in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu are completing the Ōtāhuhu town centre and streetscapes, Walter Massey Park - Pathway and Totoia – Ōtāhuhu Portage route.</p> <p>vi) Safety is a high priority within Auckland Transport, the local board and Central Government as clearly stated in the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2020. For this reason the board is disappointed that even with the reduction of the transport budget to \$700million, the proposal is to cut the local board component of that budget from the current \$30 million (\$20m of LBTCF and \$10m of Community safety Fund) to a net \$5million, an almost 85 per cent reduction.</p> <p>vii) recommend using an equity approach when determining transport projects that will be deferred or reduced, to support vulnerable communities that will be disproportionately affected by the correlating impacts of reduced transport investment.</p> <p>viii) endorse in principle an interim reduction to the Local Board Transport Capital Fund, with the understanding that the entire funding (including deferred entitlements) will continue to be available to local boards in the remainder of the triennium.</p>
<p>Deferral of large range of stormwater initiatives</p>	<p>ix) The board prefers a staged approach as there is need for infrastructure in the area with significant housing development underway.</p>
<p>Delay to planned Natural Environment Targeted Rate work including 35% of planned track upgrades.</p>	<p>x) This will be a loss to the local area and community as there are many untapped tracks that can benefit from this targeted rate. The board would prefer to support the local area and spread resources to local projects that includes the Ōtāhuhu Portage project, Watercare walkways extensions, and the gateway networks around Ihumātao.</p>
<p>Community investment – a reduction of \$162m.</p>	<p>xi) The board understands the challenge for the council organisation to manage the budget deficit. The key concern is that condition of play grounds and sportsfield in areas of the city that have so far had less investment should not be further compromised at this time. The board requests that a fair and equitable assessment is applied to make the savings across the region.</p> <p>xii) The local board area Play area network analysis has shown the needs in the area. The condition of community facility and assets are in need of improvements and further delays are not ideal.</p>

	<p>xiii) The board is open to take a staggered approach and deferring investment in new assets. There is however a need to keep pace with renewals. Once again the wellbeing of local vulnerable communities are closely tied to parks and open spaces, that too in an area where there is rapid housing development underway.</p> <p>xiv) Retain projects that have renewals on track and projects that have secured funding through third party (e.g. David Lange Park), Walter Massey Park Pathways, Ōtāhuhu Portage route and other projects that have long-term growth funding.</p> <p>xv) The board does not support a reduction in library services in the local area. These services are at the core of our community and critical for people of all age groups to access a range of services, including access to internet. They are a focal point in the community for seniors, young people, mothers with children. It is through libraries local people access information for services, seek employment or even banking. The board has funded (LDI budget) additional hours and programmes such as language week for local libraries and does not want reduction in library services in the area.</p>
<p>Panuku</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> revise \$130m to \$100m capital programme (for specific project locations, details will be discussed between affected local boards and Panuku) 	<p>xvi) Supportive of disposing small parcels of land, with reinvestment in local area.</p>

Opex: Proposed measures to achieve operational savings

Proposal in emergency budget	Local board feedback
<p>LDI reductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% under a 3.5% rates increase scenario <p><i>Additional savings (under 2.5% scenario)</i></p>	<p>xvii) support a savings from its LDI Opex budget to a maximum of 15% (approximately \$300,000) towards the region’s economic recovery strategy, in the understanding that this does not become a baseline for future years</p> <p>xviii) note that any reduction in LDI reduces local boards ability to invest in and support non-asset based activity in the local area. This funding</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% under a 2.5% rates increase scenario 	<p>enables local boards to support the preferences of their communities and implement their local board plan</p> <p>xix) these current factors must be considered and assessed (which could not happen during the Emergency Budget development) and be part of the development of the 10-year Budget 2021-2031, and that local boards remain a key part of those decisions</p>
<p>Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p>	<p>xx) Any reduction in this area must be taken in a measured way. The potential impact on climate change efforts should not be compromised in the medium term and the revenue be used for the intended purpose</p>
<p>Customer and Community Services</p>	<p>xxi) The board would like a governance oversight on decisions on suspension of services, closure or reduction in hours with detailed staff advice. The board has concerns that in the local area there is a high demand on the limited number of facilities. If variable usage patterns and that these can be managed through service level variations based on needs and trade-offs.</p>
<p>Parks, Sports and Reserves</p>	<p>xxii) The board can consider support any reduction in a staged manner, and for it to be based on evidence and usage trends.</p> <p>xxiii) The area has high youth population and families rely on affordable programmes and a reduction in these programmes risks adverse wider social issues.</p>
<p>Arts, Community and Events (ACE)</p>	<p>xxiv) The board is open to consider staggering and reducing some events. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu board's view is that arts and culture also contributes to building local pride, sense of identity, attracting visitors and supporting enterprise and tourism. Continued investment will contribute in building resilience and help in recovery in the community.</p>
<p>Libraries</p>	<p>xxv) The board does not support reduction in library services and it is a non-negotiable. These services and programmes are critical to the needs of the local community. (Also noted earlier in the feedback). The board have funded through LDI budget additional opening hours and also for programmes to serve Pacific community in particular.</p>
<p>Transport network</p>	

	<p>xxvi) The board do not support a compromise to public transport network. The board advocated for public transport network efficiency and it would be a major loss if the small gains in increase in usage in recent years are lost at this time. Large parts of the local community, young people, mothers with children and older people rely on public transport – and it would be a backward step to reduce service levels in public transport. The shift in public mind-set in the uptake for public transport takes time and the gains made will be lost at a tipping point.</p> <p>xxvii) Notes that Kiwi Rail network development and projects around Middlemore are coming up and any changes to service levels will have a negative impact on the transport network in the south of Auckland.</p>
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and procurement savings (Panuku) • Major events funding reduction • Elected member remuneration reduction 	<p>xxviii) The board support the proposal on Panuku’s planning and procurement savings and would like to see the results and gains at a local level from the efficiencies.</p> <p>xxix) Note that elected members are making personal donations to contribute to the community facing hardships.</p> <p>xxx) The board do not support reductions to ATEED economic recovery package under the 2.5 per cent scenario.</p> <p>xxxii) The board does not support deferring initiatives intended to improve Maori outcomes.</p>

Other revenue generation

Proposal in emergency budget	Local board feedback
Panuku	<p>xxxii) Support in principle the divestment of assets, with the understanding that it with timely information to the board with a collaboration approach</p> <p>xxxiii) note the local board are informed of the five sites in the local and has a positive sentiment towards the planned approach.</p>

CARRIED

Resolution number MO/2020/94

MOVED by Chairperson L Sosene, seconded by Member C O'Brien:

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on regional proposals in the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 from people or organisations based in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu local board area.

CARRIED

Resolution number MO/2020/95

MOVED by Chairperson L Sosene, seconded by Member H Toleafoa:

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- d) authorise Chairperson Lemauga Lydia Sosene and/or deputy chairperson Togatolu Walter Togramua to communicate the views preferences of the local board to the Governing Body and committees.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 8 July 2020: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board - Item 4 Local Board input into the Emergency Budget 2020/2021, report

5.40 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....