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Venue: 7 Hill Road
Manurewa

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**Chairperson Update - Joseph Allan
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Emergency Budget

Today the Finance and Performance Committee has been meeting to discuss the emergency budget and later the decision will go to the Governing Body.

I would like to acknowledge Deputy Chair, Melissa Atama, for presenting our feedback at the Finance and Performance Committee earlier this week. I would also like to acknowledge Local Board Advisor, Rob Boswell, who worked with us both to prepare the presentation in the short timeframe the week earlier. We initially prepared for a 10-minute speaking timeslot which was cut down to 5 minutes. Melissa, by all accounts you did a superb job representing the Board's feedback. Thank you for your dedication and mahi.

We chose to highlight two items of our feedback in the presentation which were, the retention of the Local Board LDI Opex budget and the AT Road Safety Programme.

LDI Opex

Under a 3.5% rate increase the Manurewa Local Board was facing a 12.5% cut in LDI Opex and under a 2.5% rate increase that figure would have been a massive 25%. We advocated that the LDI Opex should not be cut as it is a small part of the overall budget but would result in significant disadvantages to our most vulnerable communities.

I would like to acknowledge Manurewa-Papakura Ward Councillor, Cr Angela Dalton, for being a champion for the local boards and working with Finance and Performance Committee Chair, Cr Desley Simpson, to maintain the LDI Opex budgets for all Local Boards.

Just in the last hour the Governing Body has formally agreed to retain the LDI Opex budgets in full which is fantastic news.

After spending many hours over the past weeks trying to make the sickening decisions of where we were going to make these cuts, on an already stretched budget, the reality is still sinking in.

Of course, as Cr Dalton indicated at the committee, there will be significant cuts to other budgets which are necessary to limit the amount of additional debt Auckland Council will have to take on. Thank you Angela for your dedication and mahi.

Road Safety

We are in the unfortunate position of having the highest level of deaths and serious injuries due to motor vehicles of any urban local board. We have made it a priority to reduce this figure and have worked with AT to implement measures such as the Wordsworth Quadrant residential speed management project, the largest area speed calming treatment in Tamaki Makaurau.

An accident leaving a child critically injured after being hit by a car after school was the trigger for this. Just in the last three weeks we had a 72 year old father of five and grandfather of 12 hit and killed as he crossed the road after visiting with his family, a man went through a windscreen in Weymouth and a child was seriously injured after being hit by a car outside a school.

Indications from the Finance and Performance Committee is that AT Road Safety Programme will no longer be cut as severely as outlined in the Emergency Budget Consultation. We look forward to continuing our work with AT on their Vision Zero Road Safety Goal.

Mana Whenua Rōpū Sharing Priorities Plans and Aspirations with Local Boards

This week we presented our draft Manurewa Local Board Plan to Mana Whenua. New processes to enable joint decision making in the draft were well received. We also touched on potential partnership projects that could be delivered as part of Manurewa Local Board Plan 2020.

Thank you, Melissa for working together with me on the slide presentation and delivering our draft together to Mana Whenua. Thank you, Anne Candy and Rangī McLean for attending and supporting the presentation.

Draft Manurewa Local Board Plan 2020

Our Draft Manurewa Local Board Plan 2020 is out for consultation until the 13th August. Board Members I know you will be using your contacts and networks to gather community feedback.