

Ōrākei Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Ōrākei Local Board held in the Ōrākei Local Board office, 25 St Johns Road, Meadowbank, on Thursday, 9 July 2020 at 5.00pm. A written summary will be uploaded on the Auckland Council website.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr Scott Milne, JP
Deputy Chairman	Sarah Powrie
Members	Troy Churton
	Colin Davis, JP
	Troy Elliott
	David Wong, JP

ABSENT

Member	Margaret Voyce
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1 Welcome

Chairman Scott Milne opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2 Apologies

Resolution number OR/2020/75

MOVED by Chairman S Milne, seconded by Member C Davis:

That the Ōrākei Local Board accept the apology from Member M Voyce for absence.

CARRIED

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Ōrākei Local Board input into the Emergency Budget 2020/2021

Suzanne Weld, Senior Local Board Advisor, Nick Palmisano, Local Board Advisor and Ollin Perez Raynaud, Local Board Engagement Advisor (via Skype for Business) were in attendance to speak to this item.

Resolution number OR/2020/76

MOVED by Chairman S Milne, seconded by Deputy Chairman S Powrie:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **receive consultation feedback on regional proposals in the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 from people or organisations based in the Ōrākei Local Board area.**
- b) **after consideration of its formal and informal consultation feedback from community groups, and residents and business associations on the Emergency Budget 2020/2021, support a 3.5 per cent general rates increase for 2020/2021, noting that:**
 - i) **in order to support the social and economic well-being of our community, anything less will have long-term disproportionate implications for our local board area**
 - ii) **the current fiscal position that Auckland Council is in has been unavoidable due to COVID-19 and good governance requires the responsible maintenance of essential service and valuable community assets**
 - iii) **the Board has previously submitted to the Governing Body that there should be no reduction in all local boards' discretionary operational budgets and restates this position**
 - iv) **even with a 3.5 per cent rates increase, the Board has been asked by the Governing Body to reduce the Board's operating budget (LDI opex) by 10 per cent and to identify long-term deferrals in its LDI capex**
 - v) **local residents have informed the Board that they want to maintain current levels of service across Auckland Council's operations, community services and facilities**

- vi) the Board is aware of the financial effects that COVID-19 is having on our community and supports mechanisms that offer financial relief around rate payments, and
- vii) for the average general household rates assessment (for any property with capital value of \$1.9 million in the Ōrākei Local Board area), the difference between a 2.5 per cent and a 3.5 per cent rates increase is less than one dollar per week.
- c) after consideration of its formal and informal consultation, support the proposed rates postponement for ratepayers impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.
- d) after consideration of its formal and informal consultation, support the suspension of the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (APTR).

Capital Investment Proposal Feedback

- e) does not support the reduction in its Local Board Transport Capital Fund and requests that the delivery of the Board’s One Local Initiative (North-South connection to Section Two of the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive shared pathway) is not deferred and is delivered in conjunction with the construction of Section Two.
- f) does not support any deferral of any water quality improvement projects or stormwater and wastewater separation projects, for example Hobson Bay.
- g) support long-term improvement to potable water supply for the region.
- h) does not support delaying planned Natural Environment Targeted Rate work.

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

For
Member T Churton
Member C Davis
Member T Elliott
Chairman S Milne
Deputy Chairman S Powrie
Member D Wong

Against

The motion was declared UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED by 6 votes to 0.

CARRIED

5.45 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRMAN:.....