

## **Albert-Eden Local Board OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Albert-Eden Local Board held in the Albert Eden Local Board Office, 135 Dominion Road, Mt Eden on Tuesday, 4 May 2021 at 2.08pm.

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### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Margi Watson	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Lee Corrick	
<b>Members</b>	Graeme Easte	
	Rachel Langton	
	Julia Maskill	via Skype-for-Business
	Christina Robertson	via Skype-for-Business
	Kendyl Smith	

### **ALSO PRESENT**

<b>Councillor</b>	Cathy Casey	via Skype-for-Business
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## 1 Welcome

Chairperson Watson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

## 2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Endorsing the expansion of the Dominion Road Business Improvement District (BID) programme 2021/2022

Claire Siddens - Principal Advisor, Business Improvement District Programme (BIDs), was in attendance via Skype-for-Business to speak to this report.

Documents were tabled for this item. A copy of each have been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as part of the Minutes Attachment.

Resolution number AE/2021/47

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson L Corrick:

**That the Albert-Eden Local Board:**

- a) **approve the expansion of the Dominion Road Business Association (Business Improvement District) programme and boundary as shown in the map Attachment A.**
- b) **congratulate the Dominion Road Business Improvement District and Balmoral Chinese Business Association on the successful BID expansion.**
- c) **thank Claire Siddens - Principal Advisor, Business Improvement District Programme (BIDs), for her attendance.**

**CARRIED**

### **Attachments**

- A 4 May 2021 - Albert Eden Local Board Business Meeting - Item 4: Endorsing the expansion of the Dominion Road Business Improvement District (BID) programme 2021/2022 - The Dominion Road Business Association Special General Meeting Minutes
- B 4 May 2021 - Albert Eden Local Board Business Meeting - Item 4: Endorsing the expansion of the Dominion Road Business Improvement District (BID) programme 2021/2022 - Balmoral Chinese Business Association Special General Meeting Minutes

## 5 Local board consultation feedback and input into the 10-year Budget 2021-2031

Emma Reed - Local Board Advisor, and Canela Ferrara - Engagement Advisor, were in attendance to speak to this report.

Documents were tabled for this item. A copy of each have been placed on the official

minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as part of the Minutes Attachment.

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Albert-Eden Local Board priorities and activities for 2021/2022 and key advocacy initiatives for 2021-2031.
- b) receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 from people and organisations based in the Albert-Eden Local Board area.
- c) recommend an increase to the Business Improvement District targeted rate grant from \$180,000 to \$255,000 as of 1 July 2021 for the Dominion Road Business Association, following the successful expansion of the Dominion Road Business Improvement District programme and boundary map, which results in Business Improvement District membership increase.
- d) note that the Dominion Road Business Improvement District targeted rate will be set as at a percentage against capital value, as at 1 July 2021.
- e) approve the following advocacy initiatives for inclusion (as an appendix) to the 2021/2022 Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement:
  - i) advocate to the Governing Body for funding to implement our top priority advocacy project (One Local Initiative). This requires funding to:
    - A) upgrade our sportsfields to address the current and future shortfall in sports capacity. We need an increase in playing and competition hours for the growing numbers of sports teams.
    - B) realign the Chamberlain Park 18-hole golf course so it is entirely on the eastern side of Waititiko / Meola Creek. This will make space for us to develop a new park, make walking and cycling connections and undertake stream restoration, all of which are either already funded or will be funded by the local board.
  - ii) advocate to the Governing Body for funding to continue provision of aquatic facilities in the Mt Albert area.
  - iii) advocate to the Governing Body for a civic square to be funded on a site already acquired 915-919 New North Road, Mt Albert, to provide a focal point for the town centre and connection to the train station.
- f) provide the following feedback on Te Tahua Pūtea Tau 2021-2031, Puka Whakawhiti Kōrero - Te Tahua Pūtea Whakarauora: 10-year Budget 2021-2031, Long-term Plan Consultation Document - Our Recovery Budget:

**Key issue 1: Proposed investment package**

- i) Support a one-off 5 per cent increase in average general rates for 2021/2022, returning to 3.5 per cent thereafter noting that:
  - A) it will ensure that core services, facility and asset renewals, Community Safety projects, Local Discretionary Capex Initiatives and the Local Board Transport Capital Fund can be delivered in Year One of the Long-term Plan.
  - B) the impact of the Year One 5 per cent general rates increase and the 5 per cent Water Quality Targeted Rate increase on the average Albert-Eden Urban Residential rates is \$193 in Year One.
  - C) that a rates increase at 3.5 per cent in year one would reduce renewal funding increasing degradation and risk of failure of our assets, a \$400M reduction in Auckland Transport's capital programme over the next 3

years, the loss of the Community Safety Fund, significant restraint on the Local board Transport Capital Fund, postponement of sports field redevelopment, and rephrasing of outer years of the Long-term Plan.

- ii) support the ongoing savings target of \$90 million but request it is reviewed and slowed if possible conditional on council's financial position improving.
- iii) do not support the sale of assets but consider that there are opportunities for leasing of non-service buildings.
- iv) support the increase in borrowing of up to 290 per cent debt-to-revenue ratio in the first three years then 270 per cent thereafter.
- v) support the 3 rates relief schemes; rates rebate, rates remission and rates postponement, implemented by Auckland Council which support people who are under financial hardship to pay their rates and note that rates postponement provides deferred payment provision up to 2023 up to the value of \$25,000.
- vi) note the community feedback from the local board area on Key Issue 1: Proposed investment package was 42 per cent support, 42 per cent do not support or with the pro formas excluded was 50 per cent support, 34 per cent do not support.

**Key issue 2: Responding to climate change**

- vii) support the proposal to fund \$150 million of additional investment to accelerate our climate change actions.
- viii) request that additional advice and support be provided to local boards to enable informed decision making to reframe work programmes to deliver climate actions as business as usual (BAU) through Locally-driven Initiatives (LDI) and Asset-based Services (ABS) at a local level.
- ix) note the community feedback from the local board area on Key issue 2: Responding to climate change was 67 per cent support, 21 per cent do not support or with pro formas excluded was 69 per cent support, 21 per cent do not support.

**Key issue 3: Responding to housing and growth**

- x) acknowledge that the Long-term Plan is not likely to deliver funding to meet the infrastructure funding gap across Auckland to meet development demand.
- xi) support a focused approach to infrastructure funding with the Long-term Plan clearly signaling priority development/investment areas.
- xii) request that the priority areas should focus on the current urban areas released for density in the Auckland Unitary Plan and areas of large-scale development funded by the Crown, including Carrington Road development (facilitated by Ministry of Housing and Urban Development) and developments led by Kāinga Ora.
- xiii) support the Crown contributing funding for infrastructure for government-led development.

**Key issue 4: Community investment**

- xiv) acknowledge that the Long-term Plan is not going to deliver the funding needed to completely meet the gap in community investment and asset servicing/development.
- xv) have concerns about the proposal to consolidate community facilities and services, increase leasing, partnerships or shared facility arrangements, and request that work to deliver this approach is undertaken in close collaboration with local boards.

- xvi) support an increased focus on providing multi-use facilities and online services in the future, provided there are alternatives available if required for people.
- xvii) oppose the sale of community service assets, particularly on the isthmus, as these assets provide surety and continuity of service at a local level.
- xviii) request additional support and quality advice for local boards on optimisation of assets to enable funding to be re-invested in cost-effective, integrated and sustainable assets which focus on achieving social equity and addressing the four wellbeings: social, cultural, environmental and economic.
- xix) do not support relying on non-contracted external parties to deliver community services, they are under pressure too e.g. schools or sports clubs.
- xx) support delivering tailored services to different communities.
- xxi) acknowledge that council may no longer deliver, or may need to significantly reduce, some services. Request that public expectations are managed as early as possible where changes are required.
- xxii) request funds from development contributions are reinvested back into the area they are collected from to enable asset development in areas of brownfield development, particularly the isthmus area which has ageing infrastructure and assets.
- xxiii) note that community feedback from the local board area on Key Issue 4: Community investment was 57 per cent support, 28 per cent do not support, but note that the impacts of this proposal may be severe and the community may not have a detailed understanding of the outcomes which may result from the change in investment focus.

**Key issue 5: Protecting and enhancing the environment - Water quality**

- xxiv) support the extension of the Water Quality Targeted Rate from 2028 to 2031.
- xxv) support the increase of the Water Quality Targeted Rate in line with the projected average increase in general rates 5 per cent in 2021/2022 and 3.5 per cent each year thereafter.
- xxvi) note the community feedback from the local board area on the extension and increase of the Water Quality Targeted Rate was 54 per cent support extension and increase, 25 per cent support extension only, 13 per cent do not support and if pro formas are excluded was 52 per cent support extension and increase, 25 per cent support extension only, 14 per cent do not support.

**Key issue 5: Protecting and enhancing the environment - Natural Environment**

- xxvii) support the extension of the Natural Environment Target Rate from 2028 to 2031.
- xxviii) note the community feedback from the local board area on the extension of the natural Environment Targeted Rate was 67 per cent, 21 per cent do not support.

**Rating policy**

- xxix) support introducing the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate, noting that community feedback from the local board area was 39 per cent support, 35 per cent do not support and request Governing Body advocacy for an extensive undergrounding programme to undertaken across the isthmus to future proof the network.
- xxx) request the Governing Body undertake further work on the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate, noting that community feedback from the local board area on the reinstatement options proposal was 59 per cent do not support.
- xxxi) support the proposed new fees and fee increases.

xxxii) support removing library late return fines.

**Other priorities**

xxxiii) support the Māori Outcomes fund and social investment proposals.

**Other matters for feedback**

xxxiv) support the retention of strategic assets.

xxxv) support the direction outlined in the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan.

**Other local board specific topics**

xxxvi) request that the Albert-Eden Local Board State Highway 20 mitigation funding should remain ring-fenced as initially intended and not be considered part of the total budget for the local board.

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xxxviii) request the Governing Body include \$2.54 million in Year One of the 10-Year Budget 2021-2031 to progress a Plan Change to review Schedule 10 of the Auckland Unitary Plan to increase tree protection across Auckland, support the Ngahere Strategy and tree cover across the region.

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson L Corrick, seconded by Member R Langton:

Deputy Chairperson L Corrick moved an amendment by way of a replacement to clause f) as follows:

f) provide the following feedback on the Te Taha Pūtea Tau 2021-2031, Puka Whakawhiti Kōrero – Te Tahua Pūtea Whakarauora: 10 year Budget 2021-2031, Long Term Plan Consultation Document – Our Recovery Budget:

**Key issue 1: Proposed investment package**

ii. support the ongoing savings target of \$90 million.

The amendment was declared LOST by voices.

The substantive motion was voted on in parts.

Resolution number AE/2021/48

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Member J Maskill:

**That the Albert-Eden Local Board:**

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**CARRIED**

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**CARRIED**

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.97, Deputy Chairperson Corrick and Members Langton and Smith requested that their dissenting votes against resolution f) i); f) ii); and f) xxx) be recorded.

**Attachments**

- A 4 May 2021 - Albert-Eden Local Board Meeting - Item 5: Local board consultation feedback and input into the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 - Auckland Ratepayers Alliance Pro-forma (Attachment C)
- B 4 May 2021 - Albert-Eden Local Board Meeting - Item 5: Local board consultation feedback and input into the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 - Generation Zero Pro-forma (Attachment D)
- C 4 May 2021 - Albert-Eden Local Board Meeting - Item 5: Local board consultation feedback and input into the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 - Albert-Eden Local Board Mana Whenua Submissions (Attachment E)
- D 4 May 2021 - Albert-Eden Local Board Meeting - Item 5: Local board consultation feedback and input into the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 - Albert-Eden Local Board - Mataawaka Submissions (Attachment F)

Note: Chairperson Watson adjourned the meeting at 2.45pm and reconvened the meeting at 2.55pm.

**6 Auckland Transport – Regional Land Transport Programme 2021**

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 part of the Minutes Attachment.

Resolution number AE/2021/50

MOVED by Chairperson M Watson, seconded by Member G Easte:

**That the Albert-Eden Local Board:**

- a) receive the Auckland Transport – Regional Land Transport Programme report
- b) approve its feedback on the Regional Land Transport Programme as per the tabled document.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 4 May 2021 - Albert Eden Local Board - Item 6: Auckland Transport - Regional Land Transport Programme 2021 - Local Board Feedback

**7 Proposal to vary the Regional Fuel Tax scheme**

Resolution number AE/2021/51

MOVED by Member G Easte, seconded by Member C Robertson:

**That the Albert-Eden Local Board:**

- a) receive the report on proposed variations to the 2018 Regional Fuel Tax scheme.
- b) provide feedback on the proposed variation to the 2018 Regional Fuel Tax scheme.
  - i) support additional funding towards road safety projects.
  - ii) support additional funding towards to bus improvements projects.
  - iii) note that walking and cycling funding has been moved from active transport to other projects, and request similar outcomes are achieved for the community within those projects.
  - iv) support focus on brownfield developments within the growth-related transport infrastructure.
  - v) request funding be allocated to provide for a second entrance to the new Mt Eden Rail Station.

**CARRIED**

**8 Decision-making responsibilities policy**

Resolution number AE/2021/52

MOVED by Member G Easte, seconded by Chairperson M Watson:

**That the Albert-Eden Local Board:**

- a) receive the draft Decision-making Responsibilities of Auckland Council's Governing Body and local boards policy
- b) request that prior to adopting the policy, the Governing Body reconsider the Albert Eden Local Board's requests to include the following points in the policy as outlined in resolution (AE2020/157).
  - i) endorse the Joint Governance Working Party to undertake a review of the allocations and delegations before the adoption of the long-term plan and requests that the findings are reported back to local boards for consideration and feedback before going to the Governing Body for final decision.
  - ii) recommend that the review includes consideration of delegating decision-making to local boards for naming parks and open spaces

which are currently owned and managed by Council-controlled Organisations.

- iii) recommend that the review includes consideration of decision-making to local boards for the governance of road reserves and drainage reserves.
  - iv) recommend that decision-making for transferring a service facility to a non-service facility is delegated to local boards.
  - v) recommend that decision-making for permits to film on parks are allocated to local boards.
  - vi) seek further clarity on the respective roles and responsibilities of local boards, Auckland Transport and Panuku Development Auckland regarding placemaking activities.
  - vii) seek further support and empowerment on optimisation of service properties.
  - viii) seek more support for local economic development.
  - ix) recommend social housing, such as housing for the elderly, is allocated to local boards.
  - x) recommend that prioritisation of major upgrades to existing parks (including sports fields) is allocated to local boards.
  - xi) recommend that local boards are delegated decision-making on area plans.
  - xii) recommend that further guidance and explanation is developed to assist with interpretation and understanding of decision-making for non-regulatory activities.
- c) request that these resolutions are circulated to other local boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

3.05pm

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

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**CHAIRPERSON:**.....