

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board held in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office, 1 The Strand, Takapuna on Tuesday, 4 May 2021 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Ruth Jackson
Deputy Chairperson	Jan O'Connor, QSM
Members	Aidan Bennett, QSM
	Trish Deans
	Toni van Tonder
	George Wood, CNZM

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

1 Welcome

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number DT/2021/50

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J O'Connor:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 20 April 2021, as true and correct.**

CARRIED

5 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Acknowledgements

6.1 Ron Child

Resolution number DT/2021/51

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Member T Deans:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **wish Ron Child of Devonport a happy one hundredth birthday.**

CARRIED

7 Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Deputations

There were no deputations.

9 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Decision-making responsibilities policy

Resolution number DT/2021/52

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Member T Deans:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) supports the recommendations of the Joint Governance Working Party (JGWP) that local boards be delegated approval for developing and approving area plans, provided the Governing Body can make its views known on such plans.
- b) supports the Joint Governance Working Party (JGWP) recommendation that local boards should hold decision-making responsibility over local purpose drainage reserves, provided such decisions are constrained to those that will not negatively affect the drainage functions within the reserve and stormwater network operations.
- c) supports the Joint Governance Working Party (JGWP) recommendation that the Decision-making Responsibilities of Auckland Council's Governing Body and Local Boards Policy be amended to provide for the ability of local boards to tailor locally delivered projects within regional environmental programmes, subject to advice from staff on the types of projects that can be tailored.
- d) supports health and safety considerations being made explicit within the Decision-making Responsibilities of Auckland Council's Governing Body and Local Boards Policy, which will help protect the council from liability and minimise risk.
- e) supports the Joint Governance Working Party (JGWP) recommendation that local boards can object to special liquor licence applications, enabled by an appropriate administrative process, and request that local boards be sent appropriate and timely notification of such applications.
- f) supports the expansion of the Waiheke pilot to include trialing additional matters that will help identify practical issues that should be considered when providing these delegations to all local boards, namely:
 - i. trialing delegations from Auckland Transport on decision-making relating to street trading on roads and beaches, placemaking and urban design decisions
 - ii. identifying opportunities and non-regulatory decision-making elements in relation to town centers that the Governing Body can consider when making allocations
- g) supports the proposed disputes process and recommends that indicative timelines be included.
- h) request that the local board be provided with more detail on how the disputes process works and request an additional opportunity for input during the development of the disputes process.

CARRIED

Note: Member T van Tonder requested her abestention from voting on clause c) above be recorded.

12 **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board consultation feedback and input into the 10-year Budget 2021-2031**

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J O'Connor:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Devonport-Takapuna Local Board priorities and activities for 2021/22 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 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.
- c) thank iwi and community members and organisations for taking the time to submit their feedback on regional and local topics as part of the consultation on the 10-Year Budget 2021-2031.
- d) provide the following local board feedback on **regional topics** in the proposed 10-Year Budget 2021-2031 (Recovery Budget) to the Governing Body:
 - i. generally supports the investment package proposal, noting that the community feedback was mixed, with more residents opposed (48%) than supporting it (38%). The board recognises that a lower investment package would be detrimental to our community, affecting the levels of service we can provide, and jeopardising major projects such as the Lake Road Upgrade, and our ability to maintain and where necessary replace amenities and facilities. However, while the local board supports the proposed 5% rates rise, increased borrowing, and ongoing operational savings, it opposes extensive asset sales and recommends that the sale of Council's airport or port company shares (but not port land) be considered as an alternative revenue mechanism.
 - ii. supports the proposed investment to respond to the initiatives proposed in Auckland's Climate Plan Te Taruke-a-Tawhiri, noting that 60% of local submitters supported this.
 - iii. requests that the Governing Body includes funding in year one of the 10 Year Budget 2021-2031 to progress a Plan Change to review Schedule 10 of the Unitary Plan to increase tree protection across Auckland, process the backlog of notable tree applications, and support the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy and tree coverage across the Auckland region.
 - iv. supports the proposed increase and extension of the Water Quality Targeted Rate until 2031, noting that 49% of local submitters supported both the increase and the extension, and a further 26% supported the extension only.
 - v. requests that the Water Quality Targeted Rate funding is allocated to improving water quality and preventing pollution in the Wairau Catchment and ensure beaches in our area are safe for swimming.
 - vi. note that the Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Boards are working with Healthy Waters, SafeSwim, and WaterCare Services to improve water quality in the Wairau Catchment, but that it is difficult to progress within existing local board budgets.
 - vii. cautiously supports the Community Investment proposal, noting that 58% of local submitters support it, with 27% opposed. However, the local board supports an increase in capex renewal funding to ensure assets can be repaired or replaced in a timely manner and does not support a reduction in the number of libraries, community centres and houses, leisure centres, or parks/open spaces/sports fields in the area, noting that demand for these will only increase with intensification.
 - viii. supports the extension of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, which was supported by 58% of local submitters.
 - ix. supports the introduction of the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector, to fund the council's legal obligation to undertake tree management around overhead power lines. The board notes that submissions from local residents were evenly split, with 33% in support and 37% opposed.

- x. does not support the proposal to sell the council-owned buildings at 2 The Strand, Takapuna, and 3 Victoria Rd, Devonport, which are both scheduled heritage buildings in the Unitary Plan. The board notes that this was raised by a number of submitters, despite there being no specific question related to this in the feedback form.
- e) Provide the following local board feedback on **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and regional advocacy initiatives** to the Governing Body:
 - i. expresses concern that the renewal of the Bayswater Ferry Terminal is not included in the Long Term Plan (LTP), Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) or Auckland Transport Alignment Plan (ATAP), noting that the lease on the existing facilities expires in 2031 and we must secure the future of this vital public transport link.
 - ii. advocates for the full reinstatement of the Auckland-wide Local Board Transport Capital Fund to the \$20 million which was in place prior to the 2020 Emergency Budget, which will enable the board to progress vital projects such as the shared walking and cycling connection between Francis Street and Esmonde Road.

MOVED by Member T van Tonder, seconded by Member A Bennett:

Member T van Tonder moved an amendment by replacement to the original recommendation d) as follows:

- d) provide the following local board feedback on regional topics in the proposed 10-Year Budget 2021-2031 (Recovery Budget) to the Governing Body:
 - i. supports the investment package proposed noting that in spite of the mixed community feedback relating to the one-off 5% rate increase, there was a clear steer from the community that they wish to see an increased investment in the environmental space, funding for the Lake Road/Esmonde Road upgrade, and a desire to see our facilities maintained and improved. Any lesser increase will prohibit Council's ability to deliver upon this expectation.
 - ii. supports the proposed investment to respond to the initiatives proposed in Auckland's Climate Plan Te Taruke-a-Tawhiri, noting that 60% of local submitters supported this.
 - iii. requests that the Governing Body includes funding in year one of the 10 Year Budget 2021-2031 to progress a Plan Change to review Schedule 10 of the Unitary Plan to increase tree protection across Auckland, process the backlog of notable tree applications, and support the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy and tree coverage across the Auckland region.
 - iv. supports the proposed increase and extension of the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) until 2031, noting that 49% of local submitters supported both the increase and the extension, and a further 26% supported the extension only and requests that the North Shore and the Wairau Catchment are explicitly included in list of projects being funded by the WQTR.
 - v. requests that The Water Quality Targeted Rate funding is allocated to improving water quality and preventing pollution in the Wairau Catchment and ensure beaches in our area are safe for swimming.
 - vi. note that the Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Boards are working with Healthy Waters, SafeSwim, and WaterCare Services to improve water quality in the Wairau Catchment, but that it is difficult to progress within existing local board budgets.
 - vii. supports the community investment programme noting there was overwhelming support for the consolidation of community services and facilities to better meet the changing needs of society, so that less Council money is wasted maintaining underutilized and poorly-performing buildings and facilities.
 - viii. supports the extension of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, which was supported by 58% of local submitters.

- ix. supports the introduction of the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector, to fund the council's legal obligation to undertake tree management around overhead power lines. The board notes that submissions from local residents were evenly split, with 33% in support and 37% opposed.
- x. supports the disposal of 3 Victoria Road and 2 The Strand noting that the community consultation showed support for their disposal, with 8 respondents in favour and 6 against selling 3 Victoria Road, and 9 in favour and 4 against selling 2 The Strand.

LOST

Resolution number DT/2021/53

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J O'Connor:

The Chairperson put the substantive motion in parts.

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **receive consultation feedback on the proposed Devonport-Takapuna Local Board priorities and activities for 2021/22 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 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.**
- c) **thank iwi and community members and organisations for taking the time to submit their feedback on regional and local topics as part of the consultation on the 10-Year Budget 2021-2031.**

CARRIED

Resolution number DT/2021/54

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J O'Connor:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- d) **provide the following local board feedback on regional topics in the proposed 10-Year Budget 2021-2031 (Recovery Budget) to the Governing Body:**
 - i. **generally supports the investment package proposal, noting that the community feedback was mixed, with more residents opposed (48%) than supporting it (38%). The board recognises that a lower investment package would be detrimental to our community, affecting the levels of service we can provide, and jeopardising major projects such as the Lake Road Upgrade, and our ability to maintain and where necessary replace amenities and facilities. However, while the local board supports the proposed 5% rates rise, increased borrowing, and ongoing operational savings, it opposes extensive asset sales and recommends that the sale of Council's airport or port company shares (but not port land) be considered as an alternative revenue mechanism.**
 - ii. **supports the proposed investment to respond to the initiatives proposed in Auckland's Climate Plan Te Taruke-a-Tawhiri, noting that 60% of local submitters supported this.**
 - iii. **requests that the Governing Body includes funding in year one of the 10 Year Budget 2021-2031 to progress a Plan Change to review Schedule 10 of the Unitary Plan to increase tree protection across Auckland, process the backlog of notable tree applications, and support the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy and tree coverage across the Auckland region.**
 - iv. **supports the proposed increase and extension of the Water Quality Targeted Rate until 2031, noting that 49% of local submitters supported both the increase and the extension, and a further 26% supported the extension only.**

- v. requests that the Water Quality Targeted Rate funding is allocated to improving water quality and preventing pollution in the Wairau Catchment and ensure beaches in our area are safe for swimming.
- vi. note that the Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Boards are working with Healthy Waters, SafeSwim, and WaterCare Services to improve water quality in the Wairau Catchment, but that it is difficult to progress within existing local board budgets.
- vii. cautiously supports the Community Investment proposal, noting that 58% of local submitters support it, with 27% opposed. However, the local board supports an increase in capex renewal funding to ensure assets can be repaired or replaced in a timely manner and does not support a reduction in the number of libraries, community centres and houses, leisure centres, or parks/open spaces/sports fields in the area, noting that demand for these will only increase with intensification.
- viii. supports the extension of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, which was supported by 58% of local submitters.
- ix. supports the introduction of the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector, to fund the council's legal obligation to undertake tree management around overhead power lines. The board notes that submissions from local residents were evenly split, with 33% in support and 37% opposed.

CARRIED

Resolution number DT/2021/55

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J O'Connor:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- d) provide the following local board feedback on regional topics in the proposed 10-Year Budget 2021-2031 (Recovery Budget) to the Governing Body:
 - x. does not support the proposal to sell the council-owned buildings at 2 The Strand, Takapuna, and 3 Victoria Rd, Devonport, which are both scheduled heritage buildings in the Unitary Plan. The board notes that this was raised by a number of submitters, despite there being no specific question related to this in the feedback form.

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Member T Deans	Member A Bennett	
Chairperson R Jackson	Member T van Tonder	
Deputy Chairperson J O'Connor	Member G Wood	

The motion was declared **EQUAL**.

The chair exercised their casting vote for/against so the motion was Carried

CARRIED

Resolution number DT/2021/56

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J O'Connor:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- e) provide the following local board feedback on Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and regional advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body:
 - i. expresses concern that the renewal of the Bayswater Ferry Terminal is not included in the Long Term Plan (LTP), Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) or Auckland Transport Alignment Plan (ATAP), noting that the lease on the

existing facilities expires in 2031 and we must secure the future of this vital public transport link.

- ii. advocates for the full reinstatement of the Auckland-wide Local Board Transport Capital Fund to the \$20 million which was in place prior to the 2020 Emergency Budget, which will enable the board to progress vital projects such as the shared walking and cycling connection between Francis Street and Esmonde Road.

The substantive motion was declared.

CARRIED

Note: Members T van Tonder and & A Bennet requested that their dissention against clause d) i. and abstention from voting against clause d) viii. above be recorded.

13 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

4.37 pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....