
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 and via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 at 2.00pm. Either a recording or a written summary will be uploaded to the Auckland Council website.

PRESENT

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

1 Welcome

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease o winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease o winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Bring calm breezes over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Bring calm breezes over the sea
E hī ake ana te atakura	And let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio	With a touch of frost
He huka	A sharpened air
He hau hū	And promise of a glorious day.
Thei mauri ora	

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number DT/2022/55

MOVED by Member G Wood, seconded by Member T Deans:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 19 April 2022, as true and correct.

CARRIED

5 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

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.

Adjournment of Meeting

Resolution number DT/2022/56

MOVED by Chairperson R Jackson, seconded by Member T van Tonder:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) **agree to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 2.20pm**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2.06pm and reconvened at 2.22pm
All members of the meeting were present.

11 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board consultation feedback and input into the Annual Budget 2022/2023

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

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Devonport-Takapuna Local Board priorities and activities for 2022/2023
- b) receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual budget from people and organisations based in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area and note that 76% supported all or most of the local board priorities (36% all priorities, 40% most priorities)
- c) thank the 9,464 people and organisations from around Auckland who made submissions on the Annual Budget, including 791 from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area
- d) acknowledge that in the current economic climate there are no palatable or easy answers to mitigate the combined effects of huge revenue losses throughout the Covid pandemic, and increased costs – and that the often very tough decisions proposed in this budget are not made lightly

Climate Action Targeted Rate

- e) support the Climate Action Targeted Rate, noting that 66 per cent of submitters from the Devonport-Takapuna local board area that responded to this question supported the proposal to introduce a Climate Action Targeted Rate, while 28 per cent did not support the proposal.
- f) acknowledge the current financial constraints faced by Auckland Council, noting that the current proposed general rates would not deliver on the outcomes proposed to be delivered by the Climate Action Targeted Rate.
- g) request that public transport be given the highest priority, noting that providing attractive and practical public transport, with frequent services, convenient routes, and affordable fares, is crucial to enticing people away from private and company vehicles. We ask that particular focus be given to local shopping services and feeder buses to bus and train stations
- h) support planting to build our urban tree canopy and request that areas identified as having a “low” canopy cover of 10-15% are prioritised alongside those with “bare” (0-10%) cover for replanting initiatives. We note that around half the Devonport-

Takapuna Local Board area has been identified as having “low” tree canopy coverage, and the remaining half is classed as only “moderate” (15-20%), both of which fall well short of the 30% goal. We note, with alarm, the number of mature trees on private land being felled as intensive housing is developed across our area.

- i) request that council vigorously pursues legislative change to enable councils to re-introduce greater general tree protections to ensure our environmental future and mitigate the effects of climate change
- j) request that local board views are sought at the very earliest stages of any projects being considered and delivered as part of the climate action package in the Devonport-Takapuna local board area
- k) request there be regular reporting to local boards and the general public on the outcomes being delivered with the targeted rate and that the package is reviewed on a regular basis for effectiveness

Budget Pressures

- l) note that 58 percent of submitters from the Devonport-Takapuna local board area that responded to this question supported the proposal to manage Auckland Council’s on-going budget pressures while 20 per cent did not support the proposal
- m) support the proposal to use the Government’s ‘Better Off’ support package funding as a lever to manage the budget pressures.
- n) note that there is insufficient information on the proposal to delay capital investment as a budget lever and request the opportunity to provide local board views on the proposal once further information is available.
- o) note that there is insufficient information on the proposal to implement cost reductions in the form of efficiency savings and potential reduction in services as a budget lever and request the opportunity to provide local board views on the proposal once further information is available.
- p) do not support asset sales as a lever – particularly not the sale of parks, reserves, and open spaces – and re-state the board’s earlier resolved view that the sale of a portion of Auckland Council’s airport shares should be considered as an alternative to selling assets
- q) support the previously agreed general rates increase for 3.5 per cent for 2022/2023.

Operating spending prioritisation

- r) note that 57 per cent of submitters from the Devonport-Takapuna local board area that responded to this question supported the proposal to prioritise operating spending to help manage on-going budget pressures while 14 per cent did not support the proposal and 23 per cent did not know.
- s) note that there is insufficient information on the proposal to prioritise operating spending to help manage on-going budget pressures, and request the opportunity to provide local board views on the proposal once further information is available.

Waste service standardisation – pay-as-you-throw vs rates funded

- t) support retaining a Pay-As-You-Throw general waste system in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area, and other local boards areas who also support PAYT

- u) note that 56 per cent of submitters from the Devonport-Takapuna local board area that responded to this question did not support the proposal to move to a rates funded system and preferred a pay-as-you-throw system.
- v) note that 35 per cent of submitters from the Devonport-Takapuna local board area that responded to this question supported the proposal to move to a rates funded system.
- w) strongly believe that PAYT waste services does encourage people to be aware of, and reduce, the waste they send to landfill
- x) strongly believe that residents and organisations who have already reduced their general waste deserve council encouragement and support to continue these efforts, and not be punished with a target rate for a service they have worked hard not to use
- y) support the implementation of a food scrap service to the entire local board area, but urge that this also be a PAYT service
- z) support the continued rates-funded recycling collections
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Waste service standardisation – other

- cc) support the standardisation of the opt-out rules for residential multi-unit developments.
- dd) support the standardisation of the opt-out rules for residential and lifestyle properties with between two and nine units.
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Local Board Advocacy Initiatives

- gg) request that urgency be given to scoping and funding replacement ferry berthing and terminal facilities at Bayswater Marina, noting that the lease on the current facilities expires in 2031, and noting the critical importance of retaining this public transport facility to cater for exponential housing intensification and population growth on the Devonport Peninsula, and the need to reduce the volume of private vehicles using Lake Road
- hh) request that council consider additional funding to support the “Enhanced Belmont Centre Option”, which is outlined in the Lake Road Improvements Project, but which is not funded within the project’s budget envelope.

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

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

- q) notes that the Annual Budget 2022/2023 consultation material specifically states that Auckland Council is not currently proposing to sell or alter our ownership of any strategic assets such as our investments in Ports of Auckland Limited or Auckland International Airport Limited

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

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

The motion was declared EQUAL.

The chair exercised their casting vote against, so the motion was Lost.

LOST

Resolution number DT/2022/57

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

The Chairperson put the substantive motion.

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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, so the motion was Carried

CARRIED

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CARRIED

12 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.43 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:.....