

Date: Tuesday 10 May 2022
Time: 4.30pm
Meeting Room: This will be a hybrid meeting held at [this link](#) over
Venue: Microsoft Teams, and at limited capacity in the
Waitematā Local Board Office at 52 Swanson Street
under strict Covid-19 guidelines.

Waitematā Local Board

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Waitematā Local Board feedback on regional topics and advocacy items

Topic	Proposal	Support / Do not support	Waitematā Local Board Input
Climate Action	To introduce a climate action targeted rate	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A strong majority (three-quarters) of Waitematā submissions support (74% support/ 18% do not support) Majority of submission comments say this is the most important issue and council must act now Aligns to local board priority for addressing climate change Aligns to local board plan outcome for being resilient to climate change
Budget Pressures	To manage on-going budget pressures	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large percentage of Waitematā submissions support (43% support/ 16% do not support) Services and staff are already cut back to the minimum Levels of service should not be cut, based on the figures presented Asset sales should not exceed \$50 million annually as pocket parks and the like should often be retained Sale of pocket parks generates a lot of contention as needed for intensifying suburbs Support further utilising the rates lever in this 2022/2023 year to increase rates by 5%, acknowledging that this would require further consultation Support in future financial years to increase rates by 5% per annum for at least 3 years to overcome impacts of COVID and inflation and provide a stronger base without relying on one-off payments Fees and charges should also generally increase by about 5% to allow for inflation Actively investigate increasing revenue opportunities through raising fees for commercial event permits to cover all costs plus a small margin
Operating Spending Prioritisation	On how council will choose which services to reduce, stop or change	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large proportion of Waitematā submissions support (40% support, 11% do not support) The criteria for “must dos” and “should dos” are right, but see next point Although addressing climate change is not a legal obligation, the board feels strongly it should be regarded as such Do not cut net levels of service at all The board supports an additional budget priority towards compliance and complaints response so not just top tier issues are addressed. There is concern over rise in non-compliance.
Waste	To move from a planned region-wide pay-as-you-throw system to a region-wide rates-funded refuse collection system To standardise the opt-out rules for residential multi-unit developments (10 or more units)	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of Waitematā submissions support (57% support, 18% do not support) We would prefer refuse services to be paid from the general rate because the uniform refuse rate is regressive in its impact, and we would prefer to add less to the rates on those who have the most difficulty affording making payments.
		Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of Waitematā submissions support (45% support, 22% do not support)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urge developing and offering bespoke council refuse services to apartments where practicable to achieve consistency, better services and safer traffic while recognising some will still need to opt out Note that we support proposed changes to Unitary Plan requirements for waste rooms and access to them which will also make collections, including composting/food waste, practical in the future Note that we support separate food waste collection including for multi-use developments Majority of Waitematā submissions support (41% support, 23% do not support) Urge developing and offering bespoke Council refuse services for such properties where practicable to achieve consistency, better services and safer traffic while recognising a few will still need to opt out
	To standardise the opt-out rules for residential and lifestyle properties with between two and nine units	Support	
	To standardise the opt-out rules for non-residential properties	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of Waitematā submissions support (40% support, 25% do not support) Urge developing and offering bespoke Council refuse services for such properties while recognising some will still need to opt out
	To apply a minimum base charge to every separately used or inhabited part of a property	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small majority of Waitematā submissions support (29% support, 15% do not support)
Other Issues			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support increase in fees and charges but should be increased by 5% or the level of inflation Strongly support the proposed greater local board decision-making over local community services

Waitematā Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description
Restore and reopen the Leys institute and complete the delivery of Ponsoby Park	<p>Advocate for sufficient funding to implement the Leys Institute detailed design for the restoration, upgrading and seismic strengthening of the heritage facility in order to restore and provide updated library and community use.</p> <p>We also advocate for the retention of \$5.5m already secured to complete stage one of Ponsoby Park as a priority and not considered for delay as part of capex budget deferrals and also advocate for the remaining \$6m funding required to deliver on stage 2 as soon as possible.</p>
Facilitating well-designed affordable housing	Advocate for Governing Body to actively build and more readily support and enable others to provide well-designed affordable housing as this is a compelling Auckland issue Council needs to make a major contribution to.
Grey Lynn joint community facility and library	Advocate for funding to undertake the design and delivery of a multi-purpose library and community facility for Grey Lynn to replace the existing separate community facilities which are no longer fit-for-purpose and require significant investment in seismic strengthening and renewals.

Initiative	Description
Improved placemaking to deliver community cohesion	Advocate to Governing Body, Auckland Transport and Eke Panuku to increase funding to address the increase in anti-social behaviour and homelessness and improve the economic vibrancy of the City Centre.
Maintain Local Board Transport Capital Fund	Advocate to Governing Body and Auckland Transport to maintain this transport funding which will allow us to improve road safety, streetscaping and support walking, micromobility and cycle lane programmes that contribute positively to the environment, combatting climate change and to community wellbeing.