

**Date:** Tuesday 7 February 2023  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Meeting Room:** The Leslie Comrie Board Room  
**Venue:** Level One Franklin: The Centre  
12 Massey Ave  
Pukekohe

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## Franklin Local Board

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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## Local Board consultation document (CD) content

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Franklin

### Franklin Local Board

Our proposal for the Franklin Local Board's operating and capital spend in 2023/2024

| Key areas of spend   | Community Services | Environmental Services | Planning Services | Governance    | Total           |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Planned Operating Spend 2023/2024  | \$15.3 million     | \$216,000              | \$904,000         | \$1.3 million | \$17.8 million* |
| Planned Capital Spend 2023/2024  | \$9.6 million      | 0                      | 0                 | 0             | \$9.6 million   |
| *The proposal to reduce local board operating funding would mean an overall reduction of \$796,000 to this planned operating spend for 2023/2024 |                    |                        |                   |               |                 |

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### Our key priorities in your Local Board Area in 2023/2024

Each year we deliver activities and services in your local board area. These are based on our Local Board Plan, which sets our three-year direction for the local board.

Our key priorities for 2023/2024 include:

- Fund the Local Economic Development broker-led Kai Franklin and Pukekohe Skills Hub projects, the Te Ara Rangatahi led Mahi Gains (skills development) programme and the Clevedon Community and Business Association led business development initiatives
- A place-based approach to youth engagement and empowerment across Franklin's geographically and culturally diverse communities
- Continued contribution to the restoration of Papakura Stream and Manukau Harbour in partnership with others
- Honour year 3 Community Partnership funding commitments
- Fund Local Coastal Rescue Services and Coastal (seasonal) safety messaging campaigns

Pending your feedback, we will prioritise these activities when we are responding to our budget challenge.

### Responding to our budget challenge

The council's proposed response to mitigate the budget pressures for 2023/2024 includes a proposed reduction of \$16 million to local board operational funding. This would require the Franklin Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$796,000. To do this, we would need to make tough decisions, prioritising what we do and where we invest. To meet this reduction, we would have to discontinue, reduce spending, or increase fees within some of these activities:

- Discretionary community grants, school pool grants, (legacy) rates remissions grants. Operational grants e.g. to rural halls
- Waterway Protection funding and community-led environmental initiatives e.g. Pest Free Franklin, Environmental Volunteers activities and mangrove removal
- Community programmes such as the Community Gardens programme, the Franklin Local Māori Outcomes programme, Community Hub (library) programmes
- Implementation of the Franklin Recreational Facilities Plan (reduced funding toward development of facilities) and free organised recreational activities at our parks
- Facility maintenance e.g. mowing heights on reserves or on-charging maintenance costs to community leaseholders.

To help us make these decisions, we would like to hear from you on your priorities, for more information see [page/section x](#) of supporting information.

## Section X: Local Board Supporting Information

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Franklin

### X.1 Franklin Local Board

#### He kōrero mai i te Heamana

##### Message from the Chair

As we plan for delivery on the final year of the Franklin Local Board plan 2020, Council faces significant budget challenges. If the final annual budget is adopted with the \$16 million reduction in local board operational budgets currently proposed, the board will need to find \$796,000 in savings on what we had planned at the local level. Just like balancing the household budget, we will have to prioritise what is locally essential as we plan the local board investment approach in 2023/24.

Your local board is seeking your help with prioritisation. This draft budget outlines the board's initial thinking on what must continue (key priorities) and signals the sorts of activities and programmes that may be affected by local board budget cuts. Your views on what must stay (priorities) and what could go (possible areas of reduction) will help us to make decisions once final annual budget allocations are confirmed by the governing body of Council.

Our proposed priorities continue to have future Franklin firmly in mind and have a strong emphasis on enabling community leadership.

We plan to continue to facilitate the development of business activity and skills development opportunities to enable new local employment opportunities for our existing and many new residents.

We will continue our shift toward solid community partnerships that deliver on local strategic priorities. We plan to honour the commitments we have made to Coastal Rescue Services, and to the Community Strategic Partnership grants we signalled back in 2021-2022. We may however offer fewer discretionary grants for the smaller things in 2023-2024 and discontinue legacy rates remissions grants. We are no longer convinced that school pools grants are delivering sufficient community return on board investment and are considering discontinuing this programme.

We propose to continue progressing year 3 of the multi-partner Papakura Stream restoration project but may need to reduce, pause or discontinue investment in others. It is likely that Council investment in projects will need to shift to some degree and we encourage those leading these initiatives or developing proposals to anticipate reduced funding when planning for the coming years.

We want to prioritise a review of how we can authentically and meaningfully engage with and support our young people across the Franklin Local Board area so that in the longer term we are investing and lead in a way that reflects future needs and aspirations.

Finally, the development and delivery of a network of pathways across Franklin is an example of a transformative project that has been consistently popular amongst our communities. Auckland Council cannot lead delivery on such a network without a new funding stream. We want to test your appetite for a targeted rate, for every Franklin household, that would be used to fund the development and delivery of a network of pathways across Franklin Local Board area. Such a network could create connections between our many and varied communities and make it easier for our people of all ages to access services and facilities without having to drive. If the community signals in principle support, a business case with further detail will be developed, including specific figures on what this would mean for each household, for further community consideration.

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We thank you in advance for your time in providing insights that help us to make choices that reflect preferences of our communities for what is likely to be our most constrained budget since the Franklin Local Board was formed.

Ngā mihi nui

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Angela Fulljames

Chairperson, Franklin Local Board

### Introduction

Each year we plan the activities we will deliver in your local board area. These are based on our 2020 Local Board Plan, which sets our three-year direction.

This year, the council’s proposed response to mitigate the budget pressures for 2023/2024 includes a proposed reduction of \$16 million to local board operational funding – this would require the Franklin Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$796,000. To do this we would need to make tough decisions, prioritising what we do and where we invest.

We are seeking your input on our proposed priorities for spending for the 2023/2024 financial year.

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### Our key priorities in your Local Board Area in 2023/2024

- Continue to empower locally relevant economic development activity so that our local people can access employment in the places they live. We will do this by funding the Local Economic Development broker-led Kai Franklin and Pukekohe Skills Hub projects, the Te Ara Rangatahi led Mahi Gains (skills development) programme and the Clevedon Community and Business Association led business development initiatives (including development, promotion, and leverage of the Hunua Traverse).
- We need a new way to engage with and empower our youth so that they can participate in community activity and development. We need a place-based approach to youth empowerment across Franklin’s geographically and culturally diverse communities so that our young people can have their say, influence Council services in the future and participate in communities of today.
- We intend to focus our investment into waterway protection and enhancement investment into the restoration of Papakura Stream in 2023-2023. This project is delivered in partnership with the community, Papakura Local Board and Manurewa Local Board. We will also continue our contribution to the Manukau Harbour Forum programme but will pause Waterway protection funding while we investigate and consider new project opportunities for 2024 and beyond.
- We will continue the shift toward empowering and enabling community organisations to deliver services and events that are aligned with board priorities by honouring year 3 Community Partnership funding commitments, and commencing planning for new and enhanced partnership from 2024.
- We will address the challenges of our dual coastlines by continuing to fund Local Coastal Rescue Services and Coastal (seasonal) safety messaging campaigns.

### Responding to our budget challenge

To reduce our planned operating spend by \$796,000, we would have to discontinue, reduce spending, or increase fees within some of these activities:

| Activity | Detail / Service level and community implications |
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| Community climate action and sustainability        | Fewer events and hub days. Reduced support to local groups  |
| Environmental education                            | Fewer community events / workshops and reduced support of local groups and any youth programmes. E.g. Manukau Harbour forum-led Wānanga   |
| Environmental restoration and pest control         | Reduced pest control locations and areas. Reduced hours for coordinators and agents e.g. Pest Free Franklin hub days, CREST programme contribution  |
| Water quality                                      | Paused Waterway protection partner grant funding for planting and fencing and reduced support to local groups.  |
| Waste minimisation                                 | Reduced support to local groups like Zero-waste Waiuku. Fewer pro-active local face to face interactions on waste minimisation.   |
| Grants   | Discontinue or reduce some grants programmes e.g. school pool grants, discretionary community grants, (legacy) rates remissions grants.   |
| Events   | Reduced or focussed support for ANZAC day public events. Discontinuation of civic events such as park openings.   |
| Investigations, plans / policy development         | Deferred planning for local board parks and reserves.   |
| Community Delivery Programmes                      | Reduced or discontinued programmes e.g. Franklin Māori outcomes programme, placemaking activities like the Pukekohe and Waiuku school holiday programmes, partnership programmes like the Counties Manukau Sport active youth events and the community gardens programme. |
| Environment - volunteers                           | Reduced support for and investment in Council supported community planting and clean-up days and programmes like the Mudlarks Mangrove removal.   |
| Arts and Culture                                   | Reduced or discontinued support for community-led and place-based arts projects and programmes and Franklin-focussed Arts Broker.   |
| Youth  | Refined support for the Mahi Gains skills development programme and paused funding (for 2023-2024) for Youth empowerment (while the board consider a new approach to youth engagement from 2024).   |
| Active Recreation                                  | Reduced or discontinued free Council-delivered recreational activities in parks. Reduced funding for the implementation of the Franklin Recreational Facilities Investment plan (investment in priority local recreational facilities)                                    |
| Facility-based programmes and grants               | Possible changes to the scale and type of library programmes. Changes to operating grants e.g. rural hall operational grants and programmes.  |
| Parks, reserves and community facility maintenance | Changes to asset-based service levels and programmes including maintenance activities like mowing. Staged review of community leases to enable recovery maintenance costs from leaseholders/facility users.   |

We would like to hear from you on your priorities before we decide on how to reduce our spend.

**What do you think?**

- It is proposed to reduce funding by \$16 million across all local boards which will impact the activities and services delivered by local boards. Given this possible reduction in funding, what do you think of our proposed priorities for services and activities in this local board in 2023/2024?
- If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)



*(note that the above generic questions may still vary pending governing body feedback)*

Our communities have told us that providing a network of pathways (walkways and cycleways) between and within our local villages and town centres will help locals access services and facilities, and live healthy active lifestyles.

Our budgets cannot deliver a network of this scale without additional funding such as via a targeted rate. To implement a new rate, we would have to investigate further and consult with you again in a future Annual Budget process.

- Do you think we should investigate a local targeted rate to fund a network of pathways across the Franklin Local Board area?

Yes / No / Comment