

**Date:** Tuesday 7 February 2023  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Meeting Room:** Council Chamber  
**Venue:** Orewa Service Centre  
50 Centreway Road  
Orewa

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## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Te Poari ā-Rohe o Hibiscus and Bays

### Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

Our proposal for the Hibiscus and Bays 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*	\$20.8 million	\$412,000	\$533,000	\$1.1 million	\$22.8 million*
Planned Capital Spend 2023/2024	\$10.4 million	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10.4 million

\*The proposal to reduce local board operating funding would mean an overall reduction of \$838,000, 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:

- Providing assistance to those local groups that assist youth by encouraging connections, collaborations, and resilience amongst these organisations; a luxury that many of these groups individually cannot afford but results in an integrated set of services for local young people
- Continuing to provide funding to ANZAC day events in the local board area
- Renewing the Ōrewa Library, to ensure one of the most valuable public assets in Ōrewa is fit for purpose, and continues to be able to offer free recreational reading and learning
- Continuing to fund pest plant and animal control, and the coordination of environmental volunteers, without which our native bush would be quickly degraded
- East Coast Bays Community Centre refurbishment, to upgrade and extend the lifetime of this Browns Bay community asset

We will keep these in mind 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 Hibiscus and Bays Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$838,000. 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:

- Arts and Culture
- Community Climate action and sustainability
- Community delivery / programmes
- Environmental Education
- Events
- Grants
- Open space low mow and no mow areas
- Opening hours, and services of libraries
- Waste management
- Water quality

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 Hibiscus and Bays

### X.1 Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

#### He kōrero mai i te Heamana

##### Message from the Chairperson

The catastrophic flooding at the beginning of the year has left us with heartache, loss and damage; damage which is going to take some time to fix.

On top of that, times are tough at present and Auckland Council is faced with a difficult financial position. For this next financial year, we cannot continue doing all that we have in the past. The Mayor's proposal has asked that the local board assist by finding savings from our budgets, as well as the other proposals that will also affect every Aucklanders.

These proposed budget cuts, if adopted, will affect many activities that are delivered in our local board area. In this document we have outlined what we as a local board want to prioritise. That means that we want some of our activities to be safe from budget cuts. We have concentrated on those activities that, if not funded, will set us back years – such as pest eradication.

We also have big renewal projects that are for two of our most loved facilities: Ōrewa Library and the East Coast Bays Community Building. These renovations are well overdue, and we are keen to progress them.

But to meet the targets asked of us, we've put everything else on the table as a possible reduction. Not everything will be cut, of course, so we need to know: what activities do you value most? Your feedback is vital, and these proposals could have radical effects, we need to know what you want.

We also are strongly advocating for work to continue on the Ōrewa Beach Seawall, the Glenvar Road Re-alignment and safety improvements. Plus, we are advocating for funding of a bus station at the Whangaparāoa end of O Mahurangi/Penlink, continuing to advocate for better compliance and enforcement of our bylaws, and lastly there is an opportunity to advocate for the purchase of land at Piripiri Point next to Long Bay Regional Park.

I strongly urge you to give us your feedback by using one of the official channels.

Ngā mihi nui



Gary Brown

Chairperson, Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

Section X: Local board supporting information  
X.1 Hibiscus and Bays 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 Hibiscus and Bays Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$838,000. 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.

Key areas of spend	Community Services	Environmental Services	Planning Services	Governance	Total
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To reduce our planned operating spend by \$838,000, we would have to discontinue, reduce spending, or increase fees within some of these activities:

Activity	Detail / Service level and community implications
Arts and Culture	Reduce grants and operational funding for arts centres and partners. Will impact Estuary Arts Centre, Centrestage Theatre and Mairangi Arts Centre
Community Climate action and sustainability	Climate action groups may cease operation / reduce in scale Reduced support to local groups / loss of local employment Fewer community climate events
Community delivery / programmes	Reduce funding to deliver community connections and vibrant local spaces across the rohe Fewer children / schools supported
Environmental Education	Fewer community events / workshops (less collaboration opportunities)

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	Stop funding Civic Events (openings)
Events	Reduce or stop funding for volunteer recognition events, parks activations, community led movies, and community run events: Browns Bay Christmas Parade, East Coast Bays Community Project, Mairangi Christmas Parade, Mairangi Bay Food & Wine Festival, Ōkura Forrest Festival, Ōrewa Christmas Parade, Ōrewa Signature Events - primarily the Sandcastle Competition, Boulevard Arts Fiesta & Surf Sounds, Rodders Beach Festival, Sir Peter Blake Regatta, Torbay Christmas Parade, Hibiscus and Bays Arts Awards
Grants	Reduce contestable and non-contestable grants funding which fund various community groups and activities. This includes stopping the economic development fund entirely and the Legacy rates Grants.
Open space low mow and no mow areas.	Community groups that regularly receive grants to deliver activities, events, or other services will need to get funding from elsewhere, and/or reduce or stop their activity. Implement an integrated and sustainable approach to park mowing that provides cost savings while retaining amenity value
Opening hours, and services of libraries	Reduce opening hours for East Coast Bays, Ōrewa and Whangaparāoa Libraries. All libraries to operate over 6 days per week and possibly not operate late nights.
Waste management	Stop the top up and room hire subsidy in libraries. Reduced support to local groups / loss of local employment Lost progress on waste minimisation with communities and schools
Water quality	Increased incidents of illegal dumping and litter Reduced local water quality outcomes Reduced community environmental action Reduced support to local groups / loss of local employment

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?)