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1 Smythe Road
Henderson

Henderson-Massey Local Board

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Te Poari ā-Rohe o Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board

Our proposal for the Henderson-Massey 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	\$29.6 million	\$374,000	\$520,000	\$1.2 million	\$31.7 million*
Planned Capital Spend 2023/2024	\$19.3 million	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19.3 million

*The proposal to reduce local board operating funding would mean an overall reduction of \$959,000 to this planned operating spend for 2023/2024

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

- Focus on supporting community organisations and initiatives that strengthen social and economic resilience and prosperity.
- Support community-led environmental activities and enable community-led climate action through initiatives identified in the Climate Action Plan
- Continue to support the Māori responsiveness plan Waitākere ki Tua and Te Kete Rukuruku project, developing relationships across Māori communities and returning Māori names and narratives to the whenua.
- Continue support for Pasifika and ethnic focused initiatives.
- Continue to support collaboration between key agencies and intercultural activities with minority, migrant and refugee communities to increase inclusion and participation.

We will also continue to provide quality parks, playspaces, libraries, community and recreation facilities.

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 Henderson-Massey Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$959,000. 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
- Community and civic events, including ANZAC events
- Programmes and activations in community facilities
- Library hours
- Funding and grants for arts centres and partners
- Community-led environmental and water quality initiatives and environmental volunteer activities

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.

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

Message from the Chair

I am pleased to present our proposed priorities for the 2023/2024 Henderson-Massey Local Board Agreement, which is part of Auckland Council's Annual Budget.

The New Zealand economy has been impacted, like most counties, by rising energy costs compounded by the ongoing war in Ukraine and the continued impact of the two-year COVID-19 crisis on global supply chains. Auckland Council has a projected \$295 million deficit in its current budget. This debt means that the Henderson-Massey Local Board must plan carefully and work within that constrained budget reality.

Despite these challenges our highest priority will continue to be supporting our community organisations to help manage resilience and recovery in our local communities. We believe that cutting significant Local Board funding across Auckland will have a negative effect on local communities.

In 2023/2024 we will fund, where possible, initiatives and work streams that support community organisations, and local initiatives that strengthen social and economic resilience and equity in our local board area. Climate change is a global challenge facing all of humanity and we have to play our part in helping address this environmental challenge. Recent severe flooding in the Henderson-Massey area highlights the dangers of global climate change. Our Climate action Plan remains a priority. We will also continue with tree planting alongside community-led climate initiatives.

The Māori Responsiveness Plan and the Te Kete Rukuruku Project will continue to provide a framework that recognises the unique status of Māori in our local area. The Pacific community is large and vibrant in west Auckland and we will continue to support initiatives which highlight the rich cultures of the Pacific region and the contribution Pasifika peoples make to the economic, cultural and sporting life of west Auckland.

I look forward to hearing your views on these priorities.

Ngā mihi nui



Chris Carter

Chairperson, Henderson-Massey Local Board

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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 Henderson-Massey Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$959,000. 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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Responding to our budget challenge

As stated in the Mayoral Proposal, to reduce our planned operating spend by \$959,000 we would have to discontinue, reduce spending, or increase fees within some of these activities:

Activity	Detail / Service level and community implications
Grants	<p>Reduce contestable and non-contestable grants funding which fund various community groups and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some community groups that receive grants will need to find funding from elsewhere, and/or reduce or stop their activity.
Events	<p>Stop funding opening events for completed projects for example playgrounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May need to rely on contractors for funding and delivery <p>Reduce funding for key local board events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing key community-delivered local events will require partners to obtain funding elsewhere, reduce the service offered, and/or part charge the community.

	<p>Reduce funding for ANZAC services and ceremonies by exploring options to combine services, deliver alternative lower cost format for services, and moving services off roads reducing traffic management costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSAs that regularly receive grants to deliver events, (including ANZAC services) will be impacted and may need to locate funding from elsewhere. Some events may stop.
Community facilities and programmes	<p>Reduction of programmes, activations and staff presence at council operated community facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced range of activities may impact appeal and participation Economic impact on some independent programme providers <p>Reduce funding for some programmes and activities delivered by community organisations and hubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer programmes and activities provided in community hubs and a reduced service provided by community organisations.
Parks and open spaces	<p>Reduce or stop mowing in specific areas and allow grass and plants to grow to be meadow-like. (This would not be on sports fields, streetscape or where parks are used for recreation).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential improved environmental outcomes Change of look and feel of the area.
Libraries	<p>Reduce the opening hours of Waitakere Central and Ranui Libraires to the minimum service level – 44 hours over 6 days per week. Reduce the opening hours of Te Manawa by 12 hours per week (from 67 hours down to 55 hours over 7 days).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible substantial impact where communities are used to the current 7 days a week service at all three libraries, as libraries are seen as a core council service.
Arts and Culture	<p>Reduce operational funding and grants for arts centres and partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our partners would need to find other sources of funding, reduce their service, and/or part-charge the community.
Environment	<p>Reduce or stop funding for water quality initiatives and ecological volunteer groups across the local board area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on pest control, weeding, beach cleanup work undertaken by volunteer groups. Fewer people and groups involved in active protection of the biodiversity values, potential decrease in community conservation activities, loss of investment of pest control from previous years, a potential increase in pest plants, fewer number of trees planted and a decrease in the number of community events. Climate change mitigation and urban ngahere values may be impacted and community trust in and support for Council may decrease. Loss of mana whenua engagement and mātauranga Māori knowledge supporting sensitive ecological outcomes Reduced support to local rivercare groups

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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?)