

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

# OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 9 May 2023 at 2.00pm

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Gary Brown
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Julia Parfitt, JP
<b>Members</b>	Jake Law
	Sam Mills
	Alexis Poppelbaum, JP
	Victoria Short
	Leanne Willis

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Gregg Walden

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**1 Nau mai | Welcome**

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Member V Short led the meeting in karakia timatanga.

**2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies**

Resolution number HB/2023/42

**MOVED by Chairperson G Brown, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J Parfitt:**

**That the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board:**

- a) accept the apology from G Walden due to flooding in Auckland.

**CARRIED**

**3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number HB/2023/43

**MOVED by Member S Mills, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J Parfitt:**

**That the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board:**

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday 18 April 2023, as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

**6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements**

There were no acknowledgements.

**7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions**

There were no petitions.

**8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations**

There were no deputations.

**9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum**

There was no public forum.

**10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

**11 Hibiscus and Bays Local board consultation feedback and input into the Annual Budget 2023/2024**

Resolution number HB/2023/44

**MOVED** by Deputy Chairperson J Parfitt, seconded by Member L Willis:

**That the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board:**

- a) **receive consultation feedback on the proposed Hibiscus and Bays Local Board priorities and activities for 2023/2024 including proposed local activities to discontinue, reduce spending on, or increase fees, to meet the reduction in local board funding proposed by the Governing Body**
- b) **receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies from people and organisations based in the Hibiscus and Bays local board area**
- c) **provide the following input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body**

**Operating spending reductions – public transport**

- i) **do not support maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 Annual Budget to save \$21 million, as our communities' have told us they value efficient public transport systems**
- ii) **express concern that public transport services in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area were substantially cut in December 2022 and the community trust in public transport is eroding as frequency remains low and cancellations are on-going**
- iii) **note the impacts of infrequent and unreliable public transport has resulted in community reports of children not arriving at school on time and leaving children in unsafe environments due to infrequent and cancelled services**
- iv) **note concern of the climate impact that reduced investment in public transport, will reduce patronage, and increase reliance on private vehicle usage, thereby not enabling Auckland to meet its emissions reduction targets**
- v) **note mana whenua feedback aligns with the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board, in stating the importance of public transport as a vital service for low-income groups in our local board area**

**Operating spending reductions – Tātaki Auckland Unlimited**

- vi) **support a smaller reduction of funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited than the proposed \$27.5 million and request all ongoing activities focus on**

maximising return-on-investment as well as ensuring that the benefit of spend is equitable across the region, as currently much activity is focussed in the central or southern regions of Auckland

- vii) note a preference for Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to prioritise the role in and investment for bidding on major events to come from overseas and support the continuation of promoting Auckland as a tourism destination to stimulate Auckland's economy and liveability
- viii) request Tātaki Auckland Unlimited promote their services to ensure greater public understanding of their role on a regional and local level, noting that Hibiscus and Bays Local Board submitters demonstrated a lack of understanding of this council-controlled organisations services
- ix) request future investment from Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to include north of the bridge and in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area in particular
- x) express concern over the lack of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited funded events and economic development programmes north of the bridge and note the lack of funding reduces the value of this entity to our local communities

**Operating spending reductions – other regional services**

- xi) do not support reducing regional services funding for education services and request the Youth Leaders programme be scheduled in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area in the future
- xii) request regional services continue to fund COMET to meet immediate objectives and seek Auckland Council staff to work with alongside this organisation to assist them to move towards a more sustainable funding model, and reduce future reliance on council funding
- xiii) do not support reducing regional services funding for services that address homelessness and advocate for additional funding from central government to assist with cost of co-ordination in this service area
- xiv) acknowledge the importance of locally coordinated homelessness services to address specific issues and needs in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area
- xv) do not support reducing regional services funding for Citizens Advice Bureau as they provide essential services to our residents
- xvi) request that Auckland Council advocate for greater local funding of Citizens Advice Bureau services by central government
- xvii) support the continuation of regional services funding for youth and environmental initiatives that have local benefits and as a priority address greatest need areas
- xviii) continue to support youth services and the Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre as a valuable asset in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board and the wider area
- xix) support a reduction in regional services funding for regional events and note our local board currently funds and delivers local events to ensure a connection to our communities
- xx) request further information showing how many of the regionally funded services are delivered or cater for the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area

**Operating spending reductions – local boards**

- xxi) do not support reducing local board funded activities across all local boards to save \$16 million and acknowledge more than 75 per cent of Hibiscus and Bays submitters support all or most of the local board priorities we have consulted upon

**Operating spending reductions – regional contestable grants**

- xxii) do not support reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million as this will place increasing demand on local board contestable grants, and
- xxiii) request the prioritisation of youth, sports and environmental grants if there are reductions for regional contestable grants funding
- xxiv) note the benefit for recipients to utilise grants as a leveraging mechanism to seek funding from external organisations

**Operating spending reductions – early childhood education centres**

- xxv) do not support cutting early childhood education services from the council portfolio as Hibiscus and Bays submitters value these as affordable and flexible services within our communities
- xxvi) note financial information for our local early education centres has been requested numerous times and is yet to be provided to the local board, and request this data to be shared with the local board as soon as possible
- xxvii) request consideration be given to reviewing the financial model of early childcare centres and seek staff support to move these centres towards a financially self-sustainable model

**Amending Auckland International Airport Limited Shareholding Policy**

- xxviii) express mixed views as submissions from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area provided no clear mandate to support the sale of Auckland Council's shares in Auckland International Airport Limited

**Managing rates and debt**

- xxix) support an increase in rates by 4.66 per cent to ensure council maintains reasonable service levels across the region and note the majority (53 per cent) of Hibiscus and Bays Local Board submitters are in favour of a rates increase, with only 25 per cent against
- xxx) acknowledge mana whenua feedback does not support rates increase and note the negative implication for low-income households
- xxxi) support the pausing of the long-term differential strategy for one year
- xxxii) support the prudent ability to use debt (that is, increasing) as a tool only as needed
- xxxiii) do not support a reduction of the Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates as Hibiscus and Bays Local Board submitters consider these as essential areas to fund
- xxxiv) support increasing rates by an additional one per cent for a storm response fund and note the high level of local support (67 per cent) for this proposed increase
- xxxv) request the storm response fund become a targeted rate to ensure funding goes towards proactive and preventative infrastructure and

request funding is equitably distributed across the region and that reporting back is a priority

**Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

- xxxvi) support the re-prioritisation of the additional bus service expenditure, specifically the allocation of funding to the north/west bus services and note the north has been significantly impacted by cuts to public transport since December 2022 and continues to be adversely affected more than other areas
  - xxxvii) do not support the higher fee charges to be passed onto community providers proposed under the Community Occupancy Guidelines and seek for local board discretion to set suitable fees within the local board area
  - xxxviii) support waste management rates changes and request a council service for waste management on the Hibiscus Coast with urgency
  - xxxix) support the establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) in Silverdale and request the striking of a BID targeted rate for Silverdale
- d) advocate for the following local initiatives for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body:
- i) advocate to the Governing Body for Auckland Transport to receive sufficient funding to continue with the Local Board Transport Capital Fund
  - ii) advocate to the Governing Body for Auckland Transport to receive an increase in funding to go towards footpath improvements in support of active modes of transport
  - iii) advocate to the Governing Body for Auckland Transport to receive sufficient funding for the Whangaparāoa Bus Station Interchange in the next Regional Land Transport Plan
  - iv) advocate to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for sufficient funding in the Regional Land Transport Plan for the Glenvar Road and East Coast Road Improvements project to be delivered as soon as possible
  - v) advocate for funding to be provided to Auckland Transport for better conditions, including safety, for bus drivers to make the job more attractive to address recruitment issues and seek Auckland Transport to prioritise bus driver safety
  - vi) advocate to Auckland Council and council-controlled organisations to strongly work with central government to ensure funding sources, such as the regional fuel tax, are retained and spent in order to reduce the impact upon rate-payers and broaden the funding pool
  - vii) request that Healthy Waters and Watercare investigate presenting an annual scope of proposed work or work programme, to local boards, similar to that currently done by Auckland Transport, to enable visibility of future infrastructure work, and local views to be included
  - viii) continue to advocate to the Governing Body for improved compliance and enforcement of Auckland Council bylaws and legislative responsibilities under the Resource Management Act (1991).

**CARRIED**

**12 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

2.09pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE HIBISCUS AND BAYS  
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....