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## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board held in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board meeting room,, Shop 17, Māngere Town Centre, 93 Bader Drive, on Tuesday, 9 May 2023 at 1.30pm.

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#### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Apulu Reece Autagavaia
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Dr Ofa Dewes
<b>Members</b>	Dr Ashraf Choudhary, QSO, JP
	Topou Folau
	Vi Hausia
	Albert Lim

#### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

#### TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

#### HE HUNGA ATU ANŌ I TAE MAI | IN ATTENDANCE

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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chair Apulu Reece Autagavaia welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number OP/2023/61

MOVED by Chairperson AR Autagavaia, seconded by Member A Choudhary:

**That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:**

- a) **accept the apology from member Albert Lim for absence.**

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Local board consultation feedback and input into the Annual Budget 2023/2024

Resolution number OP/2023/62

MOVED by Chairperson AR Autagavaia, seconded by Member A Choudhary:

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the feedback from the community on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and thank the community for engaging in the consultation and providing the highest number of submissions both regionally and from within the local board area**
- b) **whakarite / provide the following feedback to the Governing Body on the proposed Annual Budget:**
  - i) **is concerned that the proposed budget will significantly and irreparably affect the social, economic and environmental future of the city and destroy the community groups and volunteers that have time and again through economic, health and natural crisis shown their value to this city**
  - ii) **is concerned that the budget fails to make adequate use of council's debt headroom and rates increases that do not even cover the cost of inflation. These levers can and should be used more than what is proposed especially at this time which qualifies as an emergency period in the city's history**
  - iii) **is concerned that the council continues to fail to learn the lessons of the past that continued underinvestment in infrastructure, economic development, social infrastructure and our natural environment will inevitably saddle future generations with higher costs and a run-down city**

Annual Budget 2023/2024

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board feedback on regional topics

Topic	Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
Operating spending reductions	Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million	Support	The board supports the move to maintain reduced number of public transport services, but only for 2023/2024 and would not want this to be a permanent reduction.
	Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million,	Partial support	Retain funding of programmes and events through Tātaki Auckland Unlimited work programme that are important for local economic development and for major events in South. These are vital for local providers, smaller businesses, cultural integration and greater youth participation e.g. Poly Fest, Pasifika Festival and the Lantern Festival that was to be delivered from the Manukau Sports Bowl.
	Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million	Do not Support	This will irreparably damage the city's social infrastructure and culture.
	Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million	Do not Support	This will mean the discontinuation of social, economic, cultural and environmental programmes and the support to local organisations and volunteers, many of whom won't survive the reduction in funding.
	Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million	Do not Support	This will affect infrastructure and service provision for sports, arts and the environment, including partnership funding.
	No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million	Support	Agree that council should exit from the direct provision of early childhood education, but request a managed and progressive exit that ensures deprived communities and families have sufficient time to find alternative and affordable providers.

Amending Auckland International Airport Limited Shareholding Policy	To sell Auckland Council's shares in AIAL	Do not Support	Believes this is a short-sighted proposal that does not cost the ratepayer any money in holding the asset and does nothing more than create further debt headroom to replace an income generating asset with a non-income generating one. If the Governing Body goes ahead with the decision to amend the AAIL Shareholding policy, the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board would support only a partial sale.
Managing rates and debt	To increase rates by 4.66 percent.	Support	The board supports a higher general rates increase to at least match inflation.
	To increase debt by \$75 million	Support	The community and the board favours greater use of debt.
	To reduce Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates.	Support	Reluctantly support the suspension for a year but note that the board and community are in strong support of more investment by council in environment and climate change outcomes.
Storm response	To increase rates by an additional 1 per cent to fund a storm response fund	Support	Ensure the use of the budget is transparent and support for less resilient communities first.
Other rates, fees and charges	To introduce a one-off fee for residents wishing to change bin sizes	Support	
	To extend the food scraps targeted rate to new areas	Support	
	To change which bus service are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	Support	
	To increase fee for swimming pool/spa pool fencing compliance targeted rate	Support	
	To amend the Community Occupancy Guidelines	Support	
	To review fees for bookable spaces in council managed pool and leisure facilities.	Support	
	Any other rates, fees and charges	Support	
Other Issues	Any other issues, including:	Support	

• Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024	
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**Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board feedback on related policies**

Policy	Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
Revenue and Financing Policy	Pause the Long-Term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for one year.	Support	
Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy	Amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to provide a partial remission of rates to general title papakāinga, where that land is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protected from being sold out of Māori ownership</li> <li>• for the sole use of hapū/iwi (tribe).</li> </ul>	Support	

**c) whakarite / provide the following advocacy comments to the Governing Body:**

- i) the board is not advocating for additional funding for large projects at this time due to council’s financial situation, although many projects such as the Manukau Sports Bowl, the Ōtara Town Centre development and Papatoetoe community facilities have been in the planning stages for years and are desperately needed
- ii) request that council specifically and urgently undertake policy analysis on the use of an “equity lens” in all of council’s policies and investment decisions as the term is currently poorly defined and elected officials and senior staff are not sufficiently accountable to the public to ensure disadvantaged communities are adequately prioritised in council decisions
- iii) that the support of disadvantaged communities be a key and specific factor in the allocation of regional funding collected through targeted rates, and the allocation decisions and projects supported as a result seek local board input
- iv) welcomes the Mayor and Governing Body’s work to address the historic inequity in community service provision and supports plans to significantly bring forward the commencement of funding re-allocation
- v) support the Mayor’s comments of empowering local boards and requests urgent work commence on council’s current delegations to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose and local boards are sufficiently empowered in their governance and place-making function, including through delegations from Auckland Transport
- vi) request that Auckland Transport be specifically directed to report to local boards on a monthly basis and be much more accountable to local boards as the discontinuation of monthly reporting has had a significant and detrimental effect in Auckland Transport’s accountability to local communities and the current Council Controlled Organisations Engagement Plan is a poor substitute for regular reporting and accountability.

**CARRIED**

1.38 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed in karakia.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE ŌTARA-PAPATOETOE  
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....