

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board held in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Office, Shop 17B, 93 Bader Drive, Māngere on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 5.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Tauanu'u Nick Bakulich	
Deputy Chairperson	Harry Fatu Toleafoa	
Members	Joe Glassie-Rasmussen	
	Makalita Kolo	
	Christine O'Brien	
	Papaliitele Lafulafu Peo	(online)

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member	Togiatolu Walter Togiamua
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TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

HE HUNGA ATU ANŌ I TAE MAI | IN ATTENDANCE

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson Tauanu'u Nick Bakulich welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number MO/2023/43

MOVED by Chairperson N Bakulich, seconded by Member J Glassie-Rasmussen:

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- a) **accept the apology from member Togatolu Walter Togiamua 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 MO/2023/44

MOVED by Chairperson N Bakulich, seconded by Deputy Chairperson H Toleafoa:

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 doesn't 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**
 - iv) **is concerned that the airport shares are at risk of being sold, as the value of the shares have increased since we consulted on the budget (\$1.9B to \$2.3B). Also, the local board highlight the following –**
 - A) **the value of the Auckland Airport company, with its increasing commercial and retail interests, will continue to grow**
 - B) **Auckland Council must protect Tamaki Makaurau's interest in New Zealand's main gateway to the world and avoid using short-term thinking and sell our shares in the Airport company.**

Annual Budget 2023/2024			
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced services do not serve our community Routes might be lost with the reduction An increase in population in the local area must be reflected in our service levels
	Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain Pasifika Festivals like Polyfest and Te Te Matatini support any local economic initiatives to gain equitable support in our under-served area by our CCOs.
	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSI – good outcome in south has been achieved around social procurement and professional development of youth. We want to retain TSI only on the basis of better reporting and accountability measures Support for Citizens Advice Bureau but require sustainable planning for its future Homelessness funding is essential to the local area, however, note that the current work in this area does not address the issues outside the CBD Support Youth Programmes/funding
	Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More focus on equitable allocation of budgets-based on deprivation and social risk factors
	Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million	Do not Support	
	No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are several early childhood education provisions within the local network that meet our local needs
	Amending Auckland International Airport Limited Shareholding Policy	To sell Auckland Council's shares in AIAL	Do not support

Managing rates and debt	To increase rates by 4.66 percent.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board supports a higher general rates increase to at least match inflation.
	To increase debt by \$75 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can borrow more up to a maximum of \$140 million.
	To reduce Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024 	Support	

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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"> protected from being sold out of Māori ownership for the sole use of hapū/iwi (tribe). 	Support	

- c) whakarite / provide the following advocacy comments to the Governing Body:
- i) tono / request that the Council Group urgently undertake analysis on all of council's policies to enable the use of an "equity lens", to ensure at risk communities like Māngere-Ōtāhuhu are adequately prioritised in council budget decisions
 - ii) tautoko / support the allocation of existing regional targeted rates, and the pending storm response general rates rise towards Māngere-Ōtāhuhu local board's projects and programmes to support storm recovery, flood mitigation infrastructure and environmental initiatives to adapt to climate change
 - iii) tautoko / support investigating and implementing actions to further enhance the role of the local boards to ensure they are sufficiently empowered in their governance and place-making function, including through delegations from Auckland Transport
 - iv) tono / request that Auckland Transport are directed to report to local boards monthly and be much more accountable to local boards as the discontinuation of monthly reporting has had a significant detrimental effect in Auckland Transport's accountability to local communities and the current CCO Engagement Plan is a poor substitute for regular reporting and accountability
 - v) note that the John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation receives \$180,000 of funding annually through regional contestable grants. The activities of the foundation benefit 18,000 children across 91 primary schools in south Auckland, and the loss of this funding would have a severely detrimental effect on communities of greatest need
 - vi) the local board would only support the continuation of The Southern Initiative, if it becomes more accountable to the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board, by way of regular reporting and seeking direction, and supporting the local board in its economic and social initiatives.

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description
Increased Local Board decision making	Example, Auckland Transport Projects. Some of the project delegation could be shared with Local Boards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Climate Change • Water Quality Equity lens in design and decision making on funding allocation. The board can identify and communicate local interests and preferences in relation to council strategies, policies, plans and bylaws.
Equity	Example, Climate Action Targeted Rate distribution. What input does the Local Boards have in decision making on funding allocation.
Environment	The board supports the proposed additional investment to respond to climate change challenges. The board wants to see increased regional funding for the restoration of local streams to address the impacts on the coastline due to climate change, sea level rise, and weather-related events.
Community programmes	The local board are better placed to understand the critical needs individual communities are facing therefore advocating for resources and policy decisions on issues relevant to our community.
Infrastructure	The board supports adopting a new approach for community services to enable it to reduce building and asset maintenance-related expenditure.
Local community resilience and well-being	Helping build community networks and relationships that strengthen community cohesion, preparedness for emergencies and participation.

CARRIED

5.22 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed with a prayer from Member Kolo.

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AT A MEETING OF THE MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....