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# Papakura Local Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Papakura Local Board held in the Local Board Chambers, 35 Coles Crescent, Papakura, Auckland and via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 4:00pm.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Brent Catchpole
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Jan Robinson
<b>Members</b>	Felicity Auva'a
	George Hawkins
	Kelvin Hieatt
	Andrew Webster

### 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

Member George Hawkins led the meeting in prayer.

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

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

**Note:** Member Hieatt declared an interest in Item 5 clauses (d) (i) and (d) (iii), and will take no part in the discussion and voting on those clauses.

## 4 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

### 4.1 Councillor Daniel Newman - Annual Budget

Resolution number PPK/2023/55

MOVED by Chairperson B Catchpole, seconded by Deputy Chairperson J Robinson:

**That the Papakura Local Board:**

- a) thank Councillor Daniel Newman for his update on Annual Budget matters.

**CARRIED**

## 5 Papakura Local Board consultation feedback and input into the Annual Budget 2023/2024

Resolution number PPK/2023/56

MOVED by Chairperson B Catchpole, seconded by Member G Hawkins:

**That the Papakura Local Board:**

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Papakura 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 Papakura 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:

Topic	Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
Operating spending reductions	Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services	Do not support in part	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Papakura Local Board does not support in part the continuation of reduced public transport services (as</li></ul>

	<p>(as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million</p>		<p>at December 2022) as this encourages more private vehicles on the road and increases congestion and emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The local board would like to see services reinstated particularly during peak times to pre-Covid levels to encourage public transport usage.</li> <li>• Request analysis of under-utilised bus routes to investigate the possibility of more AT Local on demand ride share services.</li> <li>• The board supports more public transport on the Frequent Transport Network routes.</li> </ul>
	<p>Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million,</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board believes that Tātaki Auckland Unlimited has an important role to play in bringing the bigger festivals to Auckland and the economic benefit that brings to the whole region.</li> <li>• If council continues to fund economic development at the local level, the board would like to see more meaningful local economic development support.</li> </ul>
	<p>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</p>	<p>Do not support in part</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board does not support the reduction to any community programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development, community empowerment and funding for youth as these build a thriving community and social cohesion.</li> <li>• The board believes that homelessness initiatives should be funded by central government.</li> <li>• The board does not support the proposed budget cuts to the CAB. It is a vital service to vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Support the reduction in funding to COMET.</li> </ul>

	Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board does not support the proposed reduction in local board funding as local boards deliver at a local level and any reduction in funding will impact the community significantly.</li> <li>The board has a general position of keeping rates to the lowest level possible, however if faced with a reduction in local board funding or a one percent rates increase, the board would be comfortable with a rates increase for this purpose.</li> </ul>
	Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board does not support reducing the regional contestable grants and requests that these grants be continued including the operational grant to Pulman Park.</li> </ul>
	No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board supports council no longer directly providing early childhood education services.</li> </ul>
Amending Auckland International Airport Limited Shareholding Policy	To sell Auckland Council's shares in AIAL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board could not come to a consensus on the question of the sale of all the airport shares.</li> <li>The board agrees that not all airport shares should be sold. Some members are open to a partial sale of the shares.</li> <li>The board is open to the sale of other assets such as 135 Albert Street.</li> </ul>
Managing rates and debt	To increase rates by 4.66 percent.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board is comfortable with rates being increased up to the level of the rate of inflation.</li> <li>The board has a general position of keeping rates to the lowest level possible, however, if faced with a reduction in local board funding or an additional one percent rates increase, the board would be comfortable</li> </ul>

			with the additional one percent rates increase above the rate of inflation for this purpose.	
	To increase debt by \$75 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board supports increasing the debt by \$75 million.</li> </ul>	
	To reduce Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support</li> </ul>	
Storm response	To increase rates by an additional 1 per cent to fund a storm response fund	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support up to one percent</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and look forward to receiving benefit in the Papakura area at some point</li> </ul>	
	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		
	Other rates and charges fees:			
	Animal management	Support		

	Some building and resource consenting fees	Do not support	Do not support as the fees are already too high and potentially will impact on people wanting to develop
	Other regulatory fees such as food licensing registration and micro-mobility operator fees	Support	
	Cemetery fees	Do not support	
	Establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) and BID targeted rate for Silverdale	The board believes this is outside the Papakura Local Board area and defers to the relevant local board's viewpoint.	
	Changes to the boundary for the Rodney Drainage District Targeted Rate	The board believes this is outside the Papakura Local Board area and defers to the relevant local board's viewpoint.	
Other issues	Any other issues, including:  Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024		
<b>Papakura Local Board feedback on related policies</b>			
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 for the sole use of hapū/iwi (tribe).</li> </ul>	Support	

- d) provide advocacy on local initiatives for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body as follows:
- i) release the legacy parking fund (\$900,000) to the local board for carparks at Pulman Park as additional funds to the local board's capex budget.
  - ii) release the Opāheke encumbrance fund (\$1.75m) to the local board to fund the water and waste water connections for the toilet block and changing rooms as additional funds to the local board's capex budget.
  - iii) retain the current operational grant funding of \$150,000 for Bruce Pulman Pulman Park as the park offers services and facilities to the wider community and region.
  - iv) request clarity on the impact of funding and resource cuts on The Southern Initiative (TSI). Investment in the south through TSI is intended to unlock the potential of south Auckland. Local boards across south Auckland are already underserved and under-resourced and loss of dedicated investment will perpetuate and exacerbate inequity and ultimately undermine the potential of Auckland.
  - v) consider applying local board operational budget cuts in a manner that reflects current funding inequity i.e: boards which are already underfunded have their budgets cut by less; and/or boards that are experiencing significant current transformational growth have their budgets cut less.
  - vi) retain Local Board Transport Capital Fund of \$10 million per year across all local boards.
  - vii) Governing Body to take a leadership role, and be responsible for the health of the Manukau Harbour, as it does for the Hauraki Gulf and Kaipara Harbour.

**CARRIED**

4.45 pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....