

Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Whau Local Board held in the Whau Local Board Office, 31 Totara Avenue, New Lynn on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 1.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Kay Thomas | |
| Deputy Chairperson | Fasitua Amosa | via electronic link |
| Members | Ross Clow | |
| | Catherine Farmer | |
| | Sarah Paterson-Hamlin | via electronic link |
| | Warren Piper | |
| | Susan Zhu | via electronic link |

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson Kay Thomas opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Specifically, members are asked to identify any new interests they have not previously disclosed, an interest that might be considered as a conflict of interest with a matter on the agenda.

The following are declared interests of elected members of the Whau Local Board:

| Member | Organisation | Position |
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| Kay Thomas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau Western Quilters Citizens Advice Bureau Waitākere Board Literacy Waitākere West Auckland Heritage Conference | Volunteer Member Chair Board member Committee member |
| Fasitua Amosa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity NZ Massive Theatre Company Avondale Business Association | Vice President Board member A family member is the Chair |
| Ross Clow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portage Licensing Trust Te Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust Bay Olympic Sports Club Forest and Bird Society Waitākere Ranges Protection Society New Lynn Heritage Protection Society Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club Libraries | Trustee Patron Life Member Member Member Member Member A family member is a Librarian |

| Member | Organisation | Position |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
| Catherine Farmer | • Avondale-Waterview Historical Society | Member |
| | • Blockhouse Bay Historical Society | Member |
| | • Blockhouse Bay Bowls | Patron |
| | • Forest and Bird organisation | Member |
| | • Grey Power | Member |
| Sarah Paterson-Hamlin | • New Zealand Down Syndrome Association | Employee |
| Warren Piper | • New Lynn RSA | Associate member |
| | • New Lynn Business Association | Member |
| Susan Zhu | • Chinese Women Association of New Zealand | Member / Legal Advisor |
| | • Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand | Member / Deputy Chair |

Note: The meeting adjourned at 1.05pm and reconvened at 1.20pm.

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

The motion was put and voted on in parts.

Resolution number WH/2023/37

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Whau 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) **whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies from people and organisations based in the Whau local board area.**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/38

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
 - i. **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its concerns with the difficulty Auckland Transport has with maintaining services at its current promised levels (as of December 2022) so do not have a clear sense as to whether the proposed service level to save \$21 million can meet community need**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/39

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- ii. **tautoko / support the proposal to reduce funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/40

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- iii. **oppose the proposal to reduce regional services to save \$20 million**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/41

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- iv. **oppose the proposal to reduce local board funded activities across all local boards to save \$16 million and note that other areas of savings in Whau may be available that have not yet been considered, such as the renegotiation of the Avondale Racecourse sports field lease**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/42

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- v. **oppose the proposal to reduce regional contestable grants to save \$3 million and note its concerns that community groups who provide arts and cultural activities will be disproportionately affected while funding increases have been given to larger entities, (e.g. Auckland Museum, ARAFA organisations)**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/43

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- vi. **tautoko / support the proposal to no longer directly provide early childhood education services to save \$1 million**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/44

MOVED by Member W Piper, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- vii. **tautoko / support a partial sale of Auckland's Council shares in Auckland International Airport Limited and request that funding from the sale is used to complete the Te Hono project without staging**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstained</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Deputy Chairperson F | Member C Farmer | |
| Amosa | Member S Paterson-Hamlin | |
| Member R Clow | Member S Zhu | |
| Member W Piper | | |
| Chairperson K Thomas | | |

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/45

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- viii. **tautoko / support the proposal to increase rates but request that a greater rates increase be used as a lever to offset funding to areas where reductions are opposed by the Whau Local Board**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/46

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- ix. **tautoko / support the proposal to increase debt but request that a greater amount of debt be used as a lever to offset funding to areas where reductions are opposed by the Whau Local Board**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/47

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- x. **oppose the proposal to reduce the Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates as reinstatement at a later time will have a significant impact on future rates**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/48

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Zhu:

That the Whau Local Board:

- c) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body, specifically that the Whau Local Board:**
- xi. **tautoko / support the proposal to increase rates by an additional 1 per cent to fund a storm response fund.**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/49

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- d) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that with respect to the Avondale racecourse sports field lease mentioned in resolution c) (iv):**
- I. **tono / request that the \$335,00 per annum lease funded by the Whau Local Board be renegotiated so the savings can be returned to the local board to reduce the impact of funding cuts in the annual budget**
- II. **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that Whau Local Board has been unaware of its financial contribution to this lease for at least a term, (if not longer) and request that greater transparency and clarity around such financial items be provided to assist in the discussion around potential budget reductions.**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/50

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

- e) **whiwhi / request adequate funding is secured in the 2023/2024 budgets to ensure the bylaw and consent compliance teams are able to respond to all requests and complaints.**

CARRIED

Resolution number WH/2023/51

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member W Piper:

That the Whau Local Board:

- f) **whakarite / provide advocacy on any local initiatives for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body, namely that the Whau Local Board:**
 - i. **tono / request that the required additional funding be provided to deliver a complete Te Hono, (the Avondale Community Centre and Library) project without staging**
 - ii. **tono / request that the Whau Pool and Recreation Centre be retained in the long-term plan**
 - iii. **tautoko / support the continuing Auckland Council partnership with Government on progressing Te Whau Pathway.**

CARRIED

The motion was taken separately in parts a), b), d), e) and f), and c) was taken separately in parts i) to xi).

1.31 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 WHAU LOCAL BOARD HELD
ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....