
Albert-Eden Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Albert-Eden Local Board held in the Albert-Eden Local Board Office, 114 Dominion Road, Mt Eden on Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 3.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

**Deputy Chairperson
Members**

Kendyl Smith (Acting chairperson)
Julia Maskill
Christina Robertson
Liv Roe
Rex Smith
Jack Tan

In attendance online via Microsoft Teams.

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

**Chairperson – Albert-
Eden Local Board
Member**

Margi Watson
José Fowler

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Deputy Chairperson K Smith, as acting chairperson, commenced the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number AE/2023/67

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **accept the apologies for absence received from Chairperson M Watson and Member J Fowler.**

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 AE/2023/68

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member C Robertson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting held on Thursday, 27 April 2023, as true and correct.**

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

Emma Reed – Senior Local Board Advisor, was in attendance to speak to the report.

Resolution number AE/2023/69

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Maskill:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **receive consultation feedback on the proposed Albert-Eden 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 Albert-Eden Local Board area.**
- c) **provide local board feedback, outlined in resolutions d) – o), on the 4 key levers in the Proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024.**
- d) **do not support the proposed \$125 million reduction in operating spending; and**
 - i) **note that other reductions in operating spending are occurring through different processes and are not considered in the consultation document, and those will impact on services to the community**
 - ii) **note that 49 per cent of Albert-Eden responses did not support the proposed reductions to operating spending**
 - iii) **note continued support for Maungawhau Precinct development around the new Maungawhau Station**
 - iv) **request that all changes in services and funding that relate to local board programmes and budgets are made by local boards and any savings are attributed to local board savings targets, for example parks and facilities maintenance**
 - v) **request that local boards' decision-making responsibilities on local procurement are able to be exercised and implemented to their fullest extent.**
- e) **do not support selling any shares in Auckland International Airport Limited; and**
 - i) **request that Auckland Council be a pro-active shareholder, influencing and managing Auckland Airport shares investment to benefit Aucklanders.**
- f) **support an increase in rates; and**
 - i) **note that there was mixed feedback on the approach to rates and debt, with 47 per cent of Albert-Eden responses supporting increased rates to some level**

- ii) request that Auckland Council undertake a review on the methodology of striking rates, in preparation for the next Long-term Plan.
- g) support an increase in debt; and
 - i) note this would be used for capital expenditure that was going to be funded by operating expenditure, freeing up operating expenditure to cover budget shortfalls.
- h) support the proposed \$20 million storm response fund; and
 - i) request that this funding be ring-fenced for additional work to improve response and capacity to respond to weather events, and not contribute towards business-as-usual programmes
 - ii) request that local boards are consulted on how this funding is implemented to inform the best localised response is implemented.
- i) support the proposed increase to the base rate and targeted rate charges for non-standard refuse bins, introduction of a fee for swapping bin sizes and extension of the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.
- j) support the proposed re-prioritisation of additional bus service expenditure which was planned to be funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate for the 2023/2024 year; and
 - i) note the local impact of this is that the reinstatement of 15 minutes services to midnight on all city centre routes and the delivery of frequent route 65 on the central Isthmus will be delayed by 6 months from September 2023 to March 2024.
- k) support proposed changes to the Community Occupancy Guidelines; and
 - i) note if the change is approved it will be at the discretion of each local board if and when they implement any increased community lease fees.
- l) support other proposed changes to fees and charges.
- m) support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024; and
 - i) note feedback contained some comments in opposition to the removal of exotic trees on the maunga
 - ii) support continued engagement with the community on future works or amendments to the Integrated Management Plan
 - iii) acknowledge the importance of Maungawhau Mount Eden, Ōwairaka / Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura Mount Albert and Kōpuke / Tītīkōpuke Mount Saint John to the Albert-Eden community and the local board.
- n) support the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy, to pause the Long-Term Differential Strategy for one year.
- o) support the proposed changes to the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.
- p) provide the following advocacy initiatives for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body:
 - i) request that the Governing Body investigate opportunities with central government for adequate resource and funding for Auckland, for example by returning an increased proportion of the Goods and Services Tax collected from Auckland

- ii) request that adequate funding is allocated in the 2023/2024 budget to ensure that the Bylaw and Consent Compliance teams are able to respond to all requests and complaints
- iii) advocate for funding to upgrade our sportsfields to address the current and future shortfall in sports capacity. We need an increase in playing and competition hours for the growing numbers of sports teams
- iv) advocate for funding to realign the Chamberlain Park 18-hole golf course so it is entirely on the eastern side of Waititiko/Meola Creek. This will make space to develop a new park, make walking and cycling connections and undertake stream restoration. This is especially important given the close proximity of the residential development at Carrington Road at the ex-Unitec site
- v) advocate for continued provision and public access to aquatic facilities at the Mt Albert Aquatic Centre
- vi) advocate for a civic square to be funded on a site already acquired, 915-919 New North Road, Mt Albert, to provide a focal point for the town centre and connection to the train station.
- q) acknowledge and thank staff, in particular, Emma Reed – Senior Local Board Advisor, Canela Ferrara – Local Board Advisor, and Cathy McIntosh – Local Board Engagement Advisor, for their excellent advice.
- r) thank Emma Reed – Senior Local Board Advisor, for her advice and attendance.

CARRIED

Note: Member J Tan requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.16pm

The Deputy 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 ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....