
Manurewa Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Manurewa Local Board held in the Manurewa Local Board Office, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa and via video conference (Microsoft Teams) on Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 1.56pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Glenn Murphy
Deputy Chairperson	Matt Winiata
Members	Joseph Allan
	Heather Andrew
	Anne Candy
	Angela Cunningham-Marino
	Andrew Lesa

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member	Rangi McLean
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

Board member Anne Candy led the meeting in prayer.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number MR/2023/60

MOVED by Chairperson G Murphy, seconded by Member A Lesa:

That the Manurewa Local Board:

- a) **accept the apology from Member Rangī McLean for lateness.**

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 MR/2023/61

MOVED by Chairperson G Murphy, seconded by Member A Candy:

That the Manurewa Local Board:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 20 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 Manurewa Local Board consultation feedback and input into the Annual Budget 2023/2024

Resolution number MR/2023/62

MOVED by Chairperson G Murphy, seconded by Member A Cunningham-Marino:

That the Manurewa Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Manurewa 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 Manurewa 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:
 - i) Operating spending reductions

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board notes that bus services in Manurewa are not directly affected by maintaining these reductions. The areas that are affected have a higher provision of alternative transport options available than Manurewa. • Maintaining reduced services should not affect the ability to cope with increased bus usage due to the upcoming rail line closures.
Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board does not support changes to entry fees for regional facilities such as the zoo, MOTAT and Auckland Museum that will have the effect of making it more expensive for families, especially those on lower incomes, to access them.
Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events,	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board cannot support reductions in regional services such as arts programmes, regional events, community programmes and social services that are applied across the entire of Auckland without any regard to equity. Communities of greatest need such as Manurewa will be

<p>economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million</p>		<p>disproportionately affected by such reductions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing or ending the funding currently provided to The Southern Initiative (TSI) would represent a significant loss of investment in communities of greatest need. We support retaining funding for TSI and reviewing their role to ensure that the work they are doing remains relevant, and that they are accountable to the local boards in whose areas they operate. • Funding for regional events that celebrate diverse cultures, such as Te Matatini and the Pasifika Festival, should be maintained. • The board does not support the proposed budget cuts to Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). It is a vital service for vulnerable communities.
<p>Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million</p>	<p>Do not support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manurewa has a high population of vulnerable groups, and many of the community organisations that support them are reliant on funding from the board. It has been acknowledged through the Governance Framework Review that Manurewa has been historically underfunded by Auckland Council. In fact, the degree of underfunding of this board is twice that of the next most underfunded board. This is in spite of the fact that our community experiences some of the highest levels of deprivation in Auckland. To now expect them to suffer from a further reduction in funding is unjust and inequitable. We believe that any good achieved through these savings would be disproportionate to the harm caused by the reduction in funding. • If reductions in local board funding are made, this should be done with an equity lens, looking at which areas will be most affected by such reductions, and lessening the effects on communities of greatest need.
<p>Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million</p>	<p>Do not support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our general view is that regional contestable grants have historically been poorly targeted and difficult for communities of greatest need to access. However, in considering this proposal, the board has taken into account groups in their area who will be adversely affected by these reductions.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board supports discontinuing provision of early childhood education (ECE) services by Auckland Council. When these services were first established, there was a lack of available ECE services for families. Private provision of these services is now widespread, and Government funding of 20 free hours of ECE means that it is no longer necessary for the council to provide them.

ii) Amending Auckland International Airport Limited Shareholding Policy

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
To sell Auckland Council's shares in AIAL	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shares in Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) now held by Auckland Council were held by the former Manukau City Council and Auckland City Council at amalgamation. We believe that if the shares are ever sold, the funds realised from the sale should be used to directly benefit the communities in those former council areas. Other councils that held shares and sold them before amalgamation were able to use the proceeds to pay for assets that to benefit their residents. It would be unfair if the former Manukau City Council and Auckland City Council areas are not able to realise a similar direct benefit. We do not consider that paying down debt that was not accrued by the residents of those areas is a similar direct benefit. Selling the shares at a time when council's financial position is weaker essentially means that the proceeds are being used to maintain the status quo. We believe that any decision to sell the shares should be based on using the proceeds to improve the situation of residents, not to fill a budget hole. The Governance Framework Review has identified several local boards that have been historically underfunded,

		<p>including Manurewa. If the shares were sold at a time when the proceeds are not needed to maintain the status quo, some of the funds could be used to address these historical inequity issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We acknowledge the budget gap has increased from \$270M to \$295M to \$375M. • Ideally, the board would like to retain all assets, reduce the debt burden, and have no rate increase noting the appalling cost of living crisis that now grips many of our constituents. That is not practical and it will require a mix of levers to be pulled. • The budget gap is the product of a structural imbalance in the budget, a failure to account for the cost of depreciating existing assets, unprecedented inflation, COVID-19, climate change and storm damage, and unfunded mandates (particularly in the transport space) which are soon going to bite the regional budget. The board's strong advice to the Governing Body is to firstly review and adjust its forward capex and operating work programmes to reflect immediate need and asset maintenance, sustain local services and activities, and direct the CCOs to do the same.
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iii) Managing rates and debt

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
To increase rates by 4.66 percent.	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports implementing a budget package combining a higher rates increase and increased borrowing, where needed to build and maintain necessary infrastructure, in order to balance the budget without the sale of AIAL shares or undertaking the operating spending reductions opposed by the board above.
To increase debt by \$75 million	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports implementing a budget package combining a higher rates increase and increased borrowing, where needed to build and maintain necessary infrastructure, in order to balance the budget without the sale of AIAL shares or undertaking the operating spending reductions opposed by the board above.
To reduce Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted

		Rate (WQTR) by two thirds in the 2023/2024 financial year.
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iv) Storm response

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
To increase rates by an additional 1 per cent to fund a storm response fund	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports an additional 1 per cent rates increase to fund a storm response fund, subject to the following feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current service levels needed to avoid flooding effects, such as ensuring that on-street drains are being regularly cleared of litter, need to be consistently carried out. ○ Civil Defence facilities sufficient to support the community during a natural disaster need to be established and maintained throughout the city. These facilities should be equipped to be self-sufficient in the event of a disaster, including provision of solar power. ○ Council should review whether central Government funding for disaster response is adequate and advocate for increased funding if not. ○ Local Boards should have oversight on any use of the storm response fund in their local board area. ○ There is a need to resource more frequent emergency management drills to ensure community preparedness for natural disasters.

v) Other rates, fees and charges

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
To introduce a one-off fee for residents wishing to change bin sizes	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports introducing a \$40 fee for swapping between bin sizes.
To extend the food scraps targeted rate to new areas	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports extending the Food Scrap Service and targeted rate to Manurewa.
To change which bus service are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports partially reprioritising \$10.5 million of additional bus service expenditure that was planned to be funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate (CATR) for the

		<p>2023/2024 year, noting that this proposal does not impact on the level of the CATR charged in 2023/2024 or the plans for CATR funded services beyond 2023/2024.</p>
<p>To increase fee for swimming pool/spa pool fencing compliance targeted rate</p>	<p>Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board supports increasing the inspection fee and annual targeted rate to reflect actual costs.
<p>To amend the Community Occupancy Guidelines</p>	<p>Do not support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our board will not increase maintenance and administration costs for community groups and sports clubs who hold community leases in Manurewa. However, we acknowledge granting local boards greater discretion over such charges in line with the principles of the Governance Framework Review, and we support amending the guidelines to allow any other boards who may wish to implement such changes to do so.
<p>To review fees for bookable spaces in council managed pool and leisure facilities.</p>	<p>Do not support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board does not support the establishment of standardised baseline fees for services in the Active Communities – Bookable Spaces portfolio across Auckland. We question whether standardising fees is a desirable outcome. Standardising fees will disproportionately impact low-income communities such as Manurewa. We would prefer that local boards are able to set fees that are appropriate for the needs of their local community. We believe that making the standardisation of fees a Governing Body decision is not in keeping with the principles of the Governance Framework Review. Given the historical underfunding of Manurewa by Auckland Council, we question the implementation of a policy that raises fees on this community. We believe that the setting of fees for services should be done with an equity lens, and that fees should be lowered for communities of greatest need. If fees need to be standardised, this should be done gradually over several years to minimise the impacts on users. We would prefer that higher fees be charged to users of Manurewa facilities who do not reside in the Manurewa local board area and that the fees for Manurewa residents are kept at a lower level.

vi) Revenue and Financing Policy

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
Pause the Long-Term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for one year.	Support	The board supports pausing the LTDS for one year.

vii) Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
<p>Amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to provide a partial remission of rates to general title papakāinga, where that land is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> protected from being sold out of Māori ownership. for the sole use of hapū/iwi (tribe). 	Support	<p>The board supports a partial discount of up to 10% of the rateable land value for papakāinga in general title if land is protected from alienation and papakāinga for the sole use of hapū.</p> <p>The board requests that this policy is extended to papakāinga owned by urban marae.</p>

d) provide the following advocacy on any local initiatives for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body:

Initiative	Description
Equitable funding for Manurewa	<p>The Governance Framework Review identified that there are several local boards that have been historically underfunded by Auckland Council, and that Manurewa has had by far the greatest funding shortfall of these boards. The level of underfunding experienced by our community is twice that of the next most underfunded board, even though Manurewa is clearly a community of greatest need, has the highest number of Māori residents of any local board area, and has some of the highest levels of deprivation in Auckland.</p> <p>We are asking that these historical funding inequities are redressed so that the residents in Manurewa can have the same quality of facilities, levels of service and funding that residents in other parts of the city have had for the last decade.</p> <p>In the previous term, Governing Body committed in principle to achieving funding equity for local boards in the 10-year Budget 2024-2034 (GB/2021/138). We ask that Governing Body confirm its commitment to this goal and look at ways to achieve funding equity for the most underfunded boards in the shortest timeframe possible.</p>
Local Board Transport Capital Fund	Maintain funding of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund and consider increases to this funding to maintain spending power.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

Member Anne Candy closed the meeting with a prayer.

2.40 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 MANUREWA LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....