

Date: Monday 15 April 2024
Time: 5.00pm
Meeting Room: Room 1, Level 26,
Venue: 135 Albert Street

Youth Advisory Panel

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I Am Auckland

Update on the three-year review and next steps

15 April 2024

In 2022, I Am Auckland was reviewed to determine if it was fit for purpose.

The review combined:

Demographic and contextual information

Research and data on the issues and opportunities facing children and young people

Engagement

What we heard from children and young people, the child and youth sector, and council staff

Achievement of goals

How well the strategy is being implemented across council

Options for the future

Options for how the council can best support children and young people in Tāmaki Makaurau



Key findings

- The context has changed significantly for children and young people.
- While most children and young people in Auckland are thriving, some face persistent disadvantage.
- There is some good practice across council, but I Am Auckland has not been effectively implemented across council whānau.



Key insights from findings

01

Community spaces are critical to children and young people's wellbeing.

02

Children and young people need to get around the region safely and reliably.

03

Children and young people need loving and accepting relationships and communities.

04

We need to involve children and young people in the big decisions about the region.



Opportunities for council

Findings

Some children and young people experience persistent disadvantage and greater hardship. There is a need for a focus on equity of outcomes.

Many of the challenges are complex and interconnected. Long-term commitment and integrated ways of working are required to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Using best-practice, mana enhancing and culturally grounded ways of working, as well as targeting key life stages can deliver more impact.

Tamariki and rangatahi want to have their say on the big regional decisions that affect them.

Opportunities for council

- Council could take a more targeted approach to focus our resources where they are needed most.
- We can apply an equity lens to strategic and investment decisions and enable partnerships to better leverage our resources.

- There is opportunity for council to develop more long-term and integrated responses.
- Council can focus on working in partnership with other organisations to deliver more joined up support.

- There are foundational principles, key life stages and critical success factors recognised for making the greatest impact for children and young people. Council can apply these to its investment decisions and programme design and delivery.

- Creating quality and culturally appropriate opportunities to hear from children and young people more frequently should be prioritised.

Decision

- The key findings of the review align closely with an existing council strategy Ngā Hapori Momoho.
- Ngā Hapori Momoho has a strong focus on equity, on enabling and empowering community-led solutions, and supporting improved outcomes for Māori.
- In October 2023, the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee agreed to a new approach to ‘nest’ the council’s strategic priorities for children and young people under Ngā Hapori Momoho / Thriving Communities.





Next steps

- We are currently developing the council's strategic priorities for children and young people.
- We propose a workshop with the Youth Advisory Panel to outline these strategic priorities and seek input and feedback.
- We are also developing tools to aid council staff in implementing the strategic priorities. We propose a workshop with staff later in the year to test and seek feedback on some of the draft tools.



