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Meeting Room: The Leslie Comrie Board Room,
Venue: Level One Franklin: The Centre,
12 Massey Ave,
Pukekohe

Franklin Local Board

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Overall direction for Long-term plan

Topic	support / Do not support			Local board input
	Pay less and get less	Central proposal	Pay more and get more	
Overall direction for Long-term plan		Support		38% supported paying less and doing less and 34% of Franklin communities supported the central proposal. Commentary received by elected members through submissions and in person at consultation events indicates however that improvements (fairer) service delivery, particularly through transport choices, roading design and maintenance and environmental management and enforcement services are also important. As these cannot be delivered to local community expectation under the pay less do less model, the board supports the central proposal overall.
Transport Roads, public transport and safety improvements across the transport network		Support		47% of Franklin submitters supported the 'Do more' option with 36% selected the central proposal. The board supports the central position in the context of wider budget constraints, but supports the measures suggested under the 'Do more' proposal.
Water Managing stormwater to minimise flooding and protect waterways		Support		49% of Franklin submitters support the central proposal. The board notes that stormwater and wastewater management has for a number of years focussed work and investment on addressing failures in old networks in <i>central</i> urban areas. The board requests that other areas be supported e.g. Whitford village where management of wastewater is required. Also rural flood risk areas need to be addressed.
City and local development Delivering urban regeneration and lead development of the city centre		Support		51% of Franklin Submitters supported a 'do-less' approach with 34% supporting the central proposal. The Central proposal will allow the Unlock Pukekohe programme to continue. The board strongly supports this programme as a response to growth pressures and a mechanism for future-proofing the economic and social well-being of Franklin's largest town centre. On this basis the board supports the Central proposal.

Topic	support / Do not support			Local board input
	Pay less and get less	Central proposal	Pay more and get more	
Environment and regulation Protecting and restoring the natural environment		Support		42% Franklin submitters supported a ‘do more’ approach and 30% supported the central proposal. It is important to Franklin Communities that their local environment is safeguarded through enforcement activities and through restoration work. The board suggests enhanced outcomes could be delivered with a more equitable spread of environmental activities across the region, particularly where community partnership opportunities exist e.g. with Mana whenua, local environment groups etc. The board would support an increase in funding for enforcement services to provide equity of service across the region (in particular with reference to dog-control, illegal camping and dumping of rubbish)
Parks and community A wide range of arts, sports, recreation, library and community services including a fair level of funding for local boards		Support		39% of Franklin communities support the central proposal and the board strongly supports the implementation of “Fairer Funding”. The board notes the ongoing challenge of providing fair access to facilities and services, and strongly recommends that local boards have greater input into the acquisition and development model for new parks and open spaces, rather than the staff-led process currently experienced. This would enable local boards to curate according to need in the localised context according to local board budget constraints.
Economic and cultural development Major events funding and economic development		Support		53% of Franklin submitters support a ‘do less’ model, which is a reflection of poor access to regional facilities and lack of support for local economic development. The board however recognises the importance of regional facilities such as the Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland Zoo and Mt Smart (Go Media Stadium). The board suggests that there be a greater emphasis on enabling access to/benefit from major events and regional facilities, noting that this is in the best interests of these facilities long-term. The board also strongly suggests that the Governing body provide direction on how Auckland Council (the organisation) should facilitate local economic development in the absence of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited service provision (noting that economic development is an outcome of the Auckland Plan, upon which most boards base local board plans).

Topic	support / Do not support			Local board input
	Pay less and get less	Central proposal	Pay more and get more	
Council support Supporting the delivery of services, enabling effective governance, emergency management and grants to regional amenities		Support		52% of Franklin submitters supported the central proposal.

Transport Plan

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
Investing in rapid transit network actions, such as making it easier to pay, including introducing capped weekly public transport passes	Support	Note that references to ferry services as premium offerings is not appropriate for all services. Ferry services should only be considered premium where there are multiple and efficient transport alternatives. Pine Harbour ferry services should not be considered or priced as premium services.
Network optimisation, reducing temporary traffic management requirements and introducing dynamic lanes	Support	
Stopping some initiatives previously planned such as some raised pedestrian crossings and cycleways.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend mandating investigation into low cost/innovative solutions at appropriate locations. Recommend prioritising investment of CATTR into activities that are endorsed by or co-funded by local boards or community groups i.e. have existing community endorsement e.g. The Franklin Paths Programme.

North Harbour Stadium

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
Keeping the stadium precinct as it is now, and maintaining it at a cost of \$33 million over 10 years	Do not support	The majority of Franklin submitters signalled the need for change.
Redeveloping the stadium precinct funded through the reallocation of \$33 million and the sale of some stadium precinct land while retaining the existing community playing fields and any other external funding available	Support	Supported by the majority of Franklin submitters. Note that this option provides the opportunity for relevant local boards to be involved in the future of the stadium facilities for local benefit.
Change the operational management of the stadium to ensure greater use by the community (noting this option can be considered in addition to either of the options above)	Support	Note that this option provides the opportunity for relevant local boards to be involved in the future of the stadium facilities for local benefit.

Auckland Future Fund and Auckland Airport Limited Shares

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
Creating a diversified investment fund for Auckland (the Auckland Future Fund)	Support	<p>The majority of Franklin submitters and the local board support creating a diversified investment fund. The board supports this with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the revenue targets are unrealistic and could encourage high-risk investments. recommend Council protects the capital growth in the Future Fund by only distributing dividends and inflation adjusted returns from fixed income investments to fund council services. Note people didn't feel there was sufficient detailed information on the proposal. Want robust processes for changing investment policy or utilising capital funds in place so that the Fund is not used for short term/political purposes. Funds for self-insurance should be ring-fenced and investment returns should be reinvested and not be distributed other than for insurance claim purposes.
Transferring council's shareholding of just over 11 per cent in Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) to the fund to enable the subsequent sale of any or all the shares	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the inclusion of AIAL shares in the Investment fund to be managed by qualified and skilled investment professionals. Note that the total return of AIAL shares has compared favourably to the NZX50 over many years and are an asset worth retaining through this mechanism.

Ports of Auckland

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
Keeping underlying ownership of the port land and wharves but entering into a lease for the port operations for a period of 35 years	Do not support	Suggest a 35 year lease of a public asset to be too long and therefore recommend a shorter lease period with an annual lease payment. The asset is too important to take large risks with.
Continuing to operate under the current arrangements and delivering more profits and dividends	Support	Support as a short term solution with stronger KPIs as below. If PoAL do not perform, Auckland Council could investigate a lease with annual payments, which would allow inclusion of a performance element.
If the council group continues to operate the Port of Auckland continuing to use the profits and dividends to fund council services	Support	Suggest stronger KPIs that are more closely monitored with the option to change arrangements in 3 years.

If the council group continues to operate the Port of Auckland, investing the profits and dividends in the proposed Auckland Future Fund	Support	It would be prudent for the council group to invest part of the dividends received from PoAL into the Future Fund and support investment by the Port where needed to support growth.
Any other aspects of the proposal including in relation to self-insurance, and implementation options for the proposed Auckland Future Fund and possible changes to the council's shareholding in Port of Auckland Limited and to the ownership of the Port Land		See above comments. Funds invested in relation to self-insurance should be ring-fenced so that they are protected. Returns from this part of the fund should be reinvested and only be distributed for insurance claims.

Port Land

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
Captain Cook and Marsden wharves transferred to council within 2-5 years	Support	Support one or both returning to Council, however do not consider this should be time-bound i.e. is only needed if Council has the resource to develop for public use. The board suggests that given the current financial climate, planning for new public spaces is a priority for the region in the next 3 years.
The Bledisloe Terminal site transferred to council for use in another way within 15 years	Do not Support	Do not support at this time/in this LTP. Recommend understanding what the Ports needs are first before removing this asset from their control/business model. Suggest an understanding is established for the next LTP

Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Proposal	I	Local board input
Resuming the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and extending it to 2034/2035	Support	Recommend that the organisation provide greater clarity on deliverables/investment areas so that the community can monitor returns.
Resuming the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) and extending it to 2034/2035	Support	Need to see more expenditure in Franklin Local Board urban and rural areas. Acknowledge that urgent projects have needed this investment, however some localised leadership in planning for localised interventions is needed to prevent similar disasters in Greenfield development areas, particularly in non-reticulated areas such as Whitford and Beachlands.
Broadening the description of bus services funded by the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) to reduce the need to consult each year for minor changes to the bus programme	Support	Note earlier recommendation that the CATTR programmes prioritises delivery of electric buses for Pukekohe.

Discontinuing the Long-Term Differential Strategy and raising the share of NETR, WQTR and CATTR paid by businesses to align with their share of the general rate	Do not support	Local business is critical to local and social economic well-being. On this basis the Franklin Local Board believe that the Long Term Differential should continue as planned.
Changing the Rodney Drainage Districts Targeted Rate	Support	
Increasing the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Targeted Rate from \$296.75 to \$336.80 (per year)	Support	
Applying the Recycling Targeted Rate to all schools	Do not support	The majority of Franklin submitters do not support this proposal
Continuing the planned roll out of rates funded refuse collections to the North Shore, Waitākere and Papakura in 2024/2025, and Franklin and Rodney in 2025/2026	Support	The majority of Franklin submitters support this proposal
New fees to recover the cost of processing new requirements under the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022	Support	Note that the government has changed regulations, which will need to be taken into account.
Increased deposit levels for a number of consenting fees	Support	
Increased film-permitting fees to adjust for cumulative inflation since 2015	Support	Note that the board expects that film permit fees generated from the use of local reserves and facilities will continue to be made available to local boards for re-investment into local initiatives, noting that it is local budgets that enable the use of these locations and local communities that experience inconvenience as a result of filming activity.
Adjusted fees for all services provided from pool and leisure centres to ensure an appropriate level of cost recovery	Support	
Baseline fees across similar venue hire and bookable spaces so that they are charged appropriately	Support	

Other matters

Proposal	Support/Do not support	Local board input
Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024	Support	Support on the basis that this approach aligns with the principles of Franklin Local Boards Māori Outcomes commitments; however note that the Tūpuna Maunga Authority does not make decisions on Maunga in the Franklin Local Board area.
Fairer funding - Local Board Funding Policy moving to the fairer funding model (include whether there is support for 'pay more get more' and 'pay less get less' options)	Support	Strongly support on the basis that too many boards have been underfunded for too long and the time has come for overfunded boards to adjust expenditure in line with equitable funding. While the board supports the 'payless, get less" approach it also acknowledged the need to stage this over time i.e. supports a 50/50 approach.

Overall principle	Support	
Total funding now	Do not support	The board does not have adequate funding to achieve community priorities as quickly or thoroughly as sought by the community.
Model	Support	The local board generally supports population, deprivation and land area being a modal for funding; however continues to advocate for stronger consideration of access to facilities and services as a marker of deprivation i.e. deprivation through isolation. The board would welcome a review of definitions and applied percentages in due course to address this issue.
Move to the central proposal	Support	

Franklin Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Topic	Description
Fairer Funding	The board supports a move to Fairer Funding as a priority.
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstatement of Local Board Transport Capital funding to pre-pandemic level Investment in walking and cycling in local areas e.g. the footpaths programme to retrospectively address footpath deficiencies, address access issues and encourage modal shift. Request innovation and partnerships with local communities and local boards eg trail building, use of local contractors, use of alternative products Investing in planning in response to Supporting Growth programme and Plan Change 88. Note that rural growth settlements submitted on the need for long term planning for public transport.
Paths Targeted rate	Seeking support from the governing body to implement the Franklin Paths Targeted Rate and to direct Council departments and CCOs to partner and invest.
Water Management Infrastructure	Issues with new developments in areas without reticulated water management systems. Seeking support to help communities to plan and manage, including retrospective issues such as the Whitford Village issue and coastal settlements.
Economic Development	Request leadership in achieving Auckland Plan Economic Development aspirations, which includes local economic development.