
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, and online via Microsoft Teams, on Thursday, 2 May 2024 at 10.01am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

Kendyl Smith
Margi Watson
José Fowler
Julia Maskill
Christina Robertson
Liv Roe
Rex Smith
Jack Tan

In attendance online via Microsoft Teams.

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson K Smith commenced the meeting with a karakia and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

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/2024/48

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Fowler:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the minutes of its ordinary meeting, held on Wednesday, 24 April 2024, 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 Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Albert-Eden Local Board Consultation Feedback and Input

Canela Ferrara – Local Board Advisor, and Sarah Murray – Lead Financial Advisor, were in attendance to speak to the report.

Note: The motion was taken in parts.

Resolution number AE/2024/49

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member R Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **receive consultation feedback on the proposed Albert-Eden Local Board priorities and activities for 2024/2025 and key advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034.**
- b) **receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 from people and organisations based in the Albert-Eden local board area.**

Overall direction

- d) **support the ‘pay more get more’ proposals for the following council services, as top priorities:**
 - i) **transport noting the importance of rail separation to enable the City Rail Link to deliver increased train travel.**
 - ii) **water and request accelerating delivery of the ‘Making Space for Water’ programme and stormwater separation.**
- e) **support the ‘central’ proposals for the following council services:**
 - i) **environment and regulation.**
 - ii) **parks and community, and request priority be given to brown field intensification areas for open space acquisition.**
 - iii) **council support.**
- f) **support the ‘pay less get less’ proposals for the following council services, as lower priorities:**
 - i) **city and local development, noting the importance of investment in Maungawhau Station Precinct around the City Rail Link.**
 - ii) **economic and cultural development.**

Transport Plan

- g) **support investing in rapid transit network actions, such as making it easier to pay, including introducing capped weekly public transport passes, noting:**
 - i) **a focus on active transport, public transport, footpaths and walking and cycling connections.**
- h) **support network optimisation, reducing temporary traffic management requirements and introducing dynamic lanes.**
- i) **note 49 per cent of Albert-Eden community feedback supported most of the Transport Plan proposal.**

Auckland Future Fund

- j) support creating a diversified investment fund for Auckland (the Auckland Future Fund), noting:
 - i) that funds need to be protected in a way which ensures the asset and all revenue derived therefrom shall be protected and be used for infrastructure and intergenerational projects only and not for the day-to-day running operations of council.
 - ii) clear investment criteria need to be developed prior to the establishment of the fund and local board's should be involved in developing the criteria.
- k) support an Auckland Future Fund with Auckland International Airport Limited shares and Port of Auckland Limited dividends (Option 4).
- l) support transferring council's shareholding of just over 11 per cent in Auckland International Airport Limited to the fund to enable the subsequent sale of any or all the shares.

Ports of Auckland

- m) support continuing to operate under the current arrangements and maximising profits and dividends to be invested in the proposed Auckland Future Fund.
- o) support investing the profits and dividends in the proposed Auckland Future Fund if the council group continues to operate the Port of Auckland.

Port land

- p) support Captain Cook and Marsden wharves transferred to council within 2-5 years.
- q) do not support the Bledisloe Terminal site being transferred to council for use in another way within 15 years, noting the port would no longer be viable if this was removed from operation.

Changes to other rates, fees and charges

- r) support resuming the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and extending it to 2034/2035.
- s) support resuming the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) and extending it to 2034/2035.
- t) support 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.
- u) support discontinuing the Long-Term Differential Strategy and raising the share of Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR), Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) paid by businesses to align with their share of the general rate.
- v) support applying the Recycling Targeted Rate to all schools.
- w) support proposed changes to fees and charges, deposits on consenting fees, film permits and venue hire fees and charges, including:
 - i) the proposed increase to Melville Cricket Pavilion to bring it into line with similar venues across Auckland.

Other matters

- x) support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024:
 - i) note public feedback contained some comments in opposition to the removal of exotic trees.

- y) support the proposed changes to the Local Board Funding Policy moving to the fairer funding model.

Advocacy initiatives

- z) request consideration of the following advocacy initiatives:

Initiative	Description
Pt Chevalier library and community centre	Additional funding to be able to deliver a replacement library and community centre services in Pt Chevalier.
Mt Albert pool	Deliver the new access way into Mt Albert pool, to ensure the pool network is maintained.
Responding to growth	<p>Growth funding to respond to the increase in development and support the future community living in our area and for upgrading or expanding existing parks, sportsfields, building new indoor court facilities and community facilities.</p> <p>Regeneration of Wairaka precinct/Carrington development.</p> <p>Update open space policies to better reflect needs in intensified areas.</p>
Town centre upgrades	Retain and bring forward the funding for town centre upgrades at Sandringham and Greenwoods Corner.
Regional events	Continued funding for regional events such as Matariki, Pasifika, Diwali and Auckland Lantern Festival, and adding Dominion Road Moon Festival to the regional events calendar.
Citizens Advice Bureau	Supporting the Citizens Advice Bureau regional funding which delivers a critical service in our area.
Transport	<p>Reliable and frequent bus and train services.</p> <p>Upgrades in Mt Albert, Kingsland, Sandringham and Greenwoods Corner town centres.</p> <p>Upgrades to Dominion Road town centres, given the changes to the light rail project and lack of investment in the area over the past decade.</p> <p>Upgrades to roads, like New North Road that missed out on upgrades due to Auckland Transport Connected Communities projects being cancelled.</p> <p>Supporting more walking and cycling by advocating for infrastructure which allows people to use alternative travel options easily and safely, and programmes which promote and help people use them.</p> <p>The development of key new walking and cycling paths identified in the Albert-Eden Local Paths (Greenways) Plan, especially key connections such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motu Manawa - Howlett Reserve to Fairlands Reserve and Heron Park (via road reserve and boardwalks) • Western Springs to Greenlane Express – a cycle route on St Lukes Road to Balmoral Road and Greenlane West, connecting the local board area.

- aa) **acknowledge and thank staff for their hard work supporting the local board during the extremely busy engagement period for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Albert-Eden Local Board Consultation Feedback and Input.**
- bb) **thank Canela Ferrara – Local Board Advisor, and Sarah Murray – Lead Financial Advisor, for their advice and attendance.**

CARRIED

Resolution number AE/2024/50

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member R Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- c) **support the ‘central’ proposal for overall direction in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034:**
 - i) **noting individual feedback from the community was split 31 per cent ‘pay less get less’, 30 per cent ‘central’, 31 per cent ‘pay more get more’.**
 - ii) **noting 182 pro-formas wanted ‘pay less get less’ and there was a number of individuals commenting on their concern about pressure of the increased cost of living.**
 - iii) **request Auckland Council continue to advocate to the government for a share of Goods and Services Tax (GST) from rates (an estimated \$317 million, based on Local Government New Zealand 2022 figures) and seek other ways to finance infrastructure projects in particular, thereby decreasing the reliance on the need to continually increase rates.**

CARRIED

Resolution number AE/2024/51

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Watson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- n) **do not support entering into a lease for the port operations for a period of 35 years:**
 - i) **noting there were mixed views on this matter due to the lack of details about this option and with the recent improved performance and returns of Port of Auckland.**

CARRIED

Resolution number AE/2024/52

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member R Smith:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- cc) **request Auckland Council undertake a comprehensive review of the rating system noting that this is currently inequitable across all ratepayers and places an unreasonable emphasis on property owners. Further, council should look at a more equitable way of distributing rates across the region, with a view to ensuring that the focus should be to spend these on essential services only, noting that rates in Albert-Eden have increased by 50 per cent in the past five years and this level of increase is placing an undue burden on ratepayers.**

CARRIED

Note: The motion was put to the vote via voice and was declared EQUAL by 4 votes to 4.

Chairperson K Smith exercised her casting vote for, therefore the motion was CARRIED.

Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7, Member J Maskill, Member C Robertson and Member L Roe voted against the motion and requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.

Resolution number AE/2024/53

MOVED by Chairperson K Smith, seconded by Member J Tan:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

dd) request further investigation be done into the possibility of leasing the port land so community and elected members can have a better understanding of how this deal would work.

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Member J Fowler	Member J Maskill	Member L Roe
Chairperson K Smith	Member C Robertson	
Member R Smith	Deputy Chairperson M	
Member J Tan	Watson	

The motion was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 3.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

10.56am.

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 ALBERT-EDEN LOCAL
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....