
Henderson-Massey Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Henderson-Massey Local Board held in the Council Chamber, Civic Building L2, 1 Smythe Road, Henderson on Thursday, 2 May 2024 at 10:00 am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

Chris Carter
Dr Will Flavell
Brooke Loader
Brenda Brady
Peter Chan, JP
Dan Collins
Oscar Kightley
Ingrid Papau

via electronic link
via electronic link
From Item 4, via electronic link

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Member D Collins opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number HM/2024/45

MOVED by Chairperson C Carter, seconded by Member O Kightley:

That the Henderson-Massey Local Board:

a) whakaae / accept the apology from Brenda Brady for lateness.

CARRIED

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Member	Organisation	Position
Chris Carter (Chair)	1. St Lazarus Trust 2. Waitākere Badminton Club	Member Member
Peter Chan, JP	1. Cantonese Opera Society of NZ 2. Asian Leaders Forum 3. NZ-Hong Kong Business Association 4. NZ-China Business Association 5. Te Whau Pathway Environmental Trust	Member Member Member Member Trustee
Dan Collins	1. Rānui Action Project	Chair
Dr Will Flavell (Deputy Chair)	1. Asia New Zealand Leadership Network 2. Te Atatū Tennis Club 3. Waitākere Literacy Board 4. Te Kura	Member Board Member Board Member Member
Brooke Loader	1. Waitākere Licensing Trust 2. UDL Energy Complaints Scheme Advisory 3. Neighbourhood Support 4. Te Atatū Glendene Community Patrol 5. Real Estate Authority New Zealand	Member Member Member Volunteer Member
Ingrid Papau	1. Liberty Impact Community Trust 2. #WeLoveTuvalu Community Trust 3. Neighbourhood Support 4. Liberty Church 5. Rutherford Primary Board of Trustees	Board Member Member Street Contact Member Member

Member appointments

Board members are appointed to the following bodies. In these appointments the board members represent Auckland Council:

External organisation	Lead	Alternate
Massey Matters	Will Flavell	Peter Chan
Central Park Henderson Business Association	Chris Carter	Dan Collins
Heart of Te Atatū South	Brooke Loader	Brenda Brady
Ranui Advisory Group	Dan Collins	Brooke Loader
Te Atatū Peninsula Business Association	Ingrid Papau	Brenda Brady
Waitākere Ethnic Board	Peter Chan	Brooke Loader
Waitākere Healthlink	Ingrid Papau	Brenda Brady
Te Whau Pathway Environmental Trust	Chris Carter	Dan Collins

Member B Brady joined the meeting at 10.05am.

4 Review of the allocation table recording the allocation of decision-making responsibility for non-regulatory activities

Resolution number HM/2024/46

MOVED by Member I Papau, seconded by Chairperson C Carter:

That the Henderson-Massey Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the report on the current review of the allocation table, recording the allocation of decision-making responsibility for non-regulatory activities.
- b) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note its concern that the review of the allocation table has not been workshopped with the Local Board and has come to the local board very late.

CARRIED

5 Long-Term Plan 2024-2034: local board consultation feedback and input

Resolution number HM/2024/47

MOVED by Chairperson C Carter, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Loader:

That the Henderson-Massey Local Board:

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

- c) note the concerns expressed by submitters finding it difficult to navigate the complexity and volume of consultation information.
- d) Overall direction
 - i) whakarite / provide the following input on the overall direction for the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034:
 - A) support in principle the Pay More and Get More option for the overall direction for the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034, but recognise the current financial situation may mitigate against significant rate rises.
 - B) support in principle the development of budget responsibility and transparency rules as long as this does not negatively impact or reduce service levels to residents.
 - C) note the potential implications of refreshing various fiscal rules for the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and cannot provide overall support without further information and advice on the implications of these changes.
 - aa) in principal support the Pay More and Get More option for the overall direction for the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034, but notes concern of the impact of significantly higher rates in the current economic climate.
 - D) support the principle of reducing council's debt to revenue ratio limit to 270 per cent but note concern that the timeline may not be feasible given storm damage and recovery challenges.
 - E) do not support fully funded depreciation by 2028.
 - F) support a general rates increase over 1.5 per cent above inflation.
 - G) note its concerns that efforts to reduce operating costs may result in reduced service levels and lead to another round of restructuring that is neither strategic nor evaluated for its success and has minimal positive outcomes apart from budget savings.
 - H) note its concerns with closer control of year-on-year spending increases - moving to fixed nominal baselines. This means that as a starting point, operating expenditure budgets are not automatically increased each year by the rate of inflation and council-controlled organisations and council departments are therefore further encouraged to seek out savings to offset the inflationary cost pressures they are facing.
- e) Transport
 - i) support in principle the Do More option in the Transport Area for the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
 - ii) support investing in rapid transit network actions, such as making it easier to pay, including introducing capped weekly public transport passes, noting the importance of half price fare initiatives and affordable fares to encourage usage.
 - iii) support a focus on maintenance and renewal of existing assets to improve standards, and a focus on smaller scale projects that will have immediate benefits is a better approach.
 - iv) do not support reducing cutting funding for cycleways. The proposal seems to go against climate mitigation statements. Developing quality

cycleway infrastructure reduces pressure on congestion, emissions, vehicle infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. It further undermines the congestion measures being proposed.

- v) note a key advocacy for the board is the completion of Te Whau Pathway.
 - vi) support the proposal for Auckland Transport to progress work on a permanent Northwest busway and improvements.
 - vii) support reducing transport emissions in line with the target to reach net zero by 2050 and note that this will be difficult to achieve if cycleways are not funded.
 - viii) support some of the cost savings measures proposed in principle but note concern about how programmes to be reduced will be identified.
 - ix) support the reinstatement of the Regional Fuel Tax and support lobbying of central government for its reinstatement.
 - x) request smaller shuttle buses be considered for optimisation of the bus network.
 - xi) support the retention of the full Local Board Transport Capital Fund and request that it be restored to pre-COVID levels (\$20 million per annum).
- f) **Water**
- i) support the Do More option for Water in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
 - ii) support increased investment in the Making Space for Water programme to strengthen Auckland's resilience to flooding.
 - iii) support accelerating delivery of the programme within six years instead of across 10 years, noting known high-risk areas in the Henderson-Massey local board area.
 - iv) note that completion of the Northern Interceptor is an important priority for the Henderson-Massey local board area.
 - v) support increased investment in asset renewals to improve the resilience and efficiency of Auckland's water assets.
 - vi) note the importance of green space to act as a sponge for water and
 - vii) note that blue-green networks provide additional benefits such as providing green space and amenity.
 - viii) note that Three Waters not going ahead will have impacts on Watercare budgets and Auckland Council's ability to deliver much needed water infrastructure.
 - ix) support the proposed approach for Watercare, to work with central government to find a solution which enables borrowing to bring forward investment in wastewater assets.
 - x) note the ability of Auckland Council's Healthy Waters to enforce stream maintenance on privately owned commercial and residential properties.
- g) **City and local development**
- i) support in principle the Do More approach for City and local development in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
 - ii) support the housing and growth infrastructure proposals, especially re-aligning spending to communities with growth and working with central government for more support to meet community need.

- iii) oppose the principle of asset sales and the decision-making process behind service versus non-services asset classification, but accept that fiscal constraints may require some asset sales and request that this be done on a case-by-case basis with formal local board consultation.
 - iv) consider more balance is needed between investing in major destination sites (such as the waterfront) and local places where our communities spend most of their time, such as local town centres.
 - v) support the proposal to restore Eke Panuku's urban regeneration programme noting the importance of the Unlock Henderson Project to the regeneration of Henderson Town Centre.
 - vi) Support continued funding for Tātaki Unlimited to deliver Te Puna Creative Quarter, vital to stimulating the economy in the Henderson-Massey local board area.
- h) Environment and regulation
- i) support the Do More approach in Environment and regulation in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
 - ii) do not support delaying the introduction of new or enhanced environmental services, and stress the need for flexibility to respond to future needs.
- i) Parks and community
- i) support the Do More approach in Parks and community in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
 - ii) strongly support the retention of adequate greenspace as an integral part of urban development.
 - iii) support implementing recommendations of the Regional Parks Political Working Group, including investigating options for adding to Regional Parks network in South Auckland.
 - iv) support funding a Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan to address deficit in indoor sports facilities, including additional \$35 million over three years.
 - v) do not support the central proposal of \$4.2 billion investment in capital expenditure and \$6.7 billion operating expenditure in community assets, services and open space if it means reductions in local board renewals funding and service level reductions.
 - vi) note concern that the 'fix, finish, optimise' approach may not address needs in some areas undergoing intensive development and that these areas may require both additional and existing facilities to support growth, for example the Redhills development area and Westgate and Massey that adjoin it.
 - vii) note that community groups and organisations may not be adequately resourced to participate in a different community investment model, which could result in the consolidation of facilities being in "better off" communities with our more deprived communities missing out.
 - viii) note its concerns with disposal of assets and request that local boards are involved in decisions around priority locations.
 - ix) support community-led action but acknowledge that volunteers still need an adequate level of resourcing.

- j) Economic and cultural development**
 - i) note the proposed approach to economic development and events and request more resourcing be provided for local economic activity outside the CBD, including for community capacity building to deliver events differently.**
 - ii) support proposals around the approach to regional facilities and amenities and request that council lobbies central government for funding, including through an amendment to legislation to support continued funding as national versus regional facilities and working with other councils on this.**
 - iii) note that if council is looking for additional revenue streams from regional facilities and amenities, introducing entry charges for New Zealanders to Auckland War Memorial Museum or Art Gallery could have legal implications.**
- k) Council support**
 - i) oppose the principle of asset sales and the decision-making process behind service versus non-services asset classification, but accept that fiscal constraints may require some asset sales and request that this be done on a case-by-case basis with formal local board consultation.**
 - ii) support the proposal to be ready and able to effectively respond in times of crisis and urge that Auckland Emergency Management accelerates this work.**
 - iii) support the change approach to fit for purpose technology but note its concerns that residents unable to access digital services will be disadvantaged by reduced service levels.**
 - iv) note the proposed investigations into the council group's property management approach and request that local boards be consulted throughout this process.**
 - v) note that overhead costs have been reduced heavily over the past few years and note concerns that further reductions could have negative impacts on service levels, delivery of projects and work programmes, the quality and timeliness of advice provided and staff wellbeing.**
 - vi) oppose some of the capital efficiency and further cost savings measures proposed namely:**
 - A) fewer rubbish bins - note its concerns that this represents a false economy with savings being spent on additional costs from litter clearing by contractors and note this should be a local board decision.**
 - B) property and office space – note that not all local facilities are fit for purpose for local boards and good engagement and governance require that local boards remain local, hence the need to lease private office space in some cases.**
 - C) seismic strengthening – request more investigation of the potential for volcanic-related earth tremors before seismic funding is reduced.**
 - D) enabling local boards to waive accountability reports for community grants – note that this is a local board decision and note that both applications and accountability forms should be simplified to align with other funders.**

- vii) support increased Māori Outcomes funding of \$171 million over ten years but request support for local boards to access this fund to deliver transformational projects for mana whenua and mataawaka.
 - viii) support Te Kawerau ā Maki's feedback requesting a Relationship Agreement with Auckland Council along with capacity funding.
 - ix) support working with Business Improvement Districts and Business Associations to improve our local business environment and boost the regional economy.
 - x) do not support reductions in governance and financial support to local boards.
 - xi) support making it easier for the public, including our diverse communities, to engage with the council.
- j) **Transport Plan**
- i) whakarite /provide the following feedback on the proposed Transport Plan:
 - A) support investing in rapid transit network actions, such as making it easier to pay, including introducing capped weekly public transport passes.
 - B) support in principle network optimisation, reducing temporary traffic management requirements and introducing dynamic lanes as long as road safety is not compromised.
 - C) support measures such as dynamic lanes to get the most out of existing assets.
 - D) do not support stopping some initiatives previously planned such as some raised pedestrian crossings and cycleways. Raised pedestrian crossings in particular do in fact play a significant role in pedestrian safety.
 - E) do not support reducing cutting funding for cycleways, particularly considering recently published Waka Kotahi data that shows West Auckland is the most dangerous area in Tamaki Makaurau for cycling. This is largely in part due to a lack of safe infrastructure. Developing quality cycleway infrastructure reduces pressure on congestion, emissions, vehicle infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. It further undermines the congestion measures being proposed. The proposal seems to go against climate mitigation statements.
- k) **Auckland Future Fund and Auckland Airport Limited Shares**
- i) whakarite / provide the following feedback on the Auckland Future Fund and Auckland Airport Limited Shares:
 - A) support in principle the establishment of the Auckland Future Fund but oppose it being established through the sale of the remaining airport shares and / or a ports lease, which are intergenerational assets.
 - B) note concern that the consultation proposal ties the establishment of the Future Fund to the sale of Auckland Airport shares.
- l) **Ports of Auckland**
- i) whakarite / provide the following feedback on the Ports of Auckland:
 - A) oppose the proposed ports long-term lease.

- B) note that a ports lease may see costs transferred to the consumer.
 - C) support Council group operation of the ports.
 - D) support keeping profits to fund council services.
 - E) do not support investing the profits and dividends in the proposed Auckland Future Fund.
- m) Changes to other rates, fees and charges
- i) whakarite / provide the following feedback on changes to other rates, fees and charges:
 - A) support resumption of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate at the previously planned level to raise around \$32.6 million in 2024/2025.
 - B) note the feedback from Te Kawerau ā Maki to resume and increase NETR funding for inflation at 3.5 per cent and to create a new programme under NETR for Kauri Protection which includes Te Kawerau ā Maki kaimahi to work alongside specialists.
 - C) support the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate staying in place and 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.
 - D) support 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.
 - E) do not support applying the Recycling Targeted Rate to all schools.
- n) Fairer Funding
- i) whakarite / provide the following feedback on fairer funding:
 - A) support accelerating fairer funding for local boards to address legacy imbalances, with a combination of new funding and reallocation, but note that in the 2023/2024 Annual Budget there was a \$4 million reduction in funding for local boards which has not been reinstated, an additional \$5 million reduction in funding through the removal of rubbish bins and the proposal in the LTP to reduce renewals funding for 2024/2025 will mean most local boards will end up with less funding than they had in 2022/2023.
- o) Supporting Local Boards to make decisions about assets
- i) support the work to empower local boards with more decisions about assets and budget but notes that if local board budgets continue to be reduced before 'fairer' funding is implemented the local boards will not be able to realise the benefits of being empowered.
 - ii) support better support for local board decision-making, including a new task force on faster, more efficient asset optimisation, but notes that there needs to be more empowerment of local boards to make optimisation decisions without staff putting barriers and rules in place that delay or stop optimisation projects.
 - iii) note its concerns that insufficient funding is allocated to bring all 21 boards to equity and supports the option in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034 to do more to get all local boards to their equitable funding levels.

- iv) support in principle the proposal for local boards to make decisions about assets but note its concerns about the process for identifying underperforming, unfit for purpose and non-service assets.
- p) tuhi ā-taipitopito / provide the following advocacy for the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 to the Governing Body:
 - i) Retain funding for Panuku to enable full delivery of the Unlock Henderson urban regeneration project.
 - ii) Retain funding levels for Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to enable delivery of the Henderson Creative Arts Precinct.
 - iii) Additional funding from the Climate Change Targeted Rate (CCTR) or Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) to increase urban ngahere planting.
 - iv) Funding in the council's 10-year Budget for community recovery and resilience in response to the ongoing effects of the flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle damage.
 - v) Continued funding partnership with government for the completion of the Te Whau Pathway through the Auckland Council- central government partnership.
 - vi) Funding in the council's 10 year budget for the detailed design and construction phase for an aquatic facility in the north west.
 - vii) Fund Auckland Transport at pre-covid levels so that the Local Board Transport Capital Expenditure Fund can be retained and increased.

CARRIED

10.34 am

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE HENDERSON-MASSEY
LOCAL BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....