

Upper Harbour Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Upper Harbour Local Board held in the Upper Harbour Local Board Office, 6-8 Munroe Lane, Albany, Auckland 0632 on Thursday, 2 May 2024 at 9.32am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson	Uzra Casuri Balouch, JP (Presiding)
Members	Callum Blair John Mclean Kyle Parker Sylvia Yang

Note: In the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, JP presided.

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Chairperson	Anna Atkinson
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Deputy Chairperson (Presiding) U Casuri Balouch opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number UH/2024/45

MOVED by Member C Blair, seconded by Member S Yang:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Chairperson A Atkinson for absence.**

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 UH/2024/46

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, seconded by Member S Yang:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 18 April 2024, as a true and correct record.**

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

Resolution number UH/2024/47

MOVED by Member S Yang, seconded by Member K Parker:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whakarite / provide input into the current review of the allocation table, recording the allocation of decision-making responsibility for non-regulatory activities as follows:**
 - i) **acknowledge and strongly support that the overarching intent of the allocation table is to empower local boards to make decisions that reflect the needs and preferences of their diverse local communities as envisaged for them under legislation**
 - ii) **is concerned that despite the 2022 review the allocation table is still leading to confusion around governance roles and responsibilities between the local boards and the governing body. This needs to be addressed in the current review to make more explicit the governance roles and responsibilities of both the governance arms of Council**
 - iii) **request that elected member naming conventions are also reviewed as part of this review to reflect titles that better demonstrate the empowered roles of decision makers and clarify these roles to the Auckland residents and communities, noting the local board's previous resolution (resolution number UH/2017/121) supported the use of the title "local councillor" for local board members who are responsible for making local decisions in their area and "regional councillor" for governing body members who are responsible for making regional decisions across Auckland**
 - iv) **endorse the approach in the review that local boards should be able to make both land acquisition and disposal decisions as part of land exchange**
 - v) **endorse the revised decision-making process for stormwater activities as this aligns with the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 and request staff continue to seek local board views**
 - vi) **request that stormwater activities be defined in detail in the allocation table.**

CARRIED

12 Long-term Plan 2024-2034: local board consultation feedback and input

The Senior Local Board Advisor, Heather Skinner, was in attendance to support the item.
Resolution number UH/2024/48

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch, seconded by Member S Yang:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Upper Harbour 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 Upper Harbour local board area.**
- c) **whakamihi / thank the public for providing feedback on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 noting that the total number of submissions from Upper Harbour local board area was 1,451.**
- d) **whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034, and advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body as follows:**

Overall direction for Long-term plan

- i) **note the local board has mixed views on the overall long term plan proposal direction**
- ii) **support within the long-term plan proposals the following feedback on the seven areas of council-funded services and activities:**
 - A) **Transport – support pay more get more proposal**
 - B) **Water – support pay more get more proposal**
 - C) **City and local development – support central proposal and request prioritisation of investment in Whenuapai and Albany**
 - D) **Environment and regulation – support pay more get more proposal**
 - E) **Parks and Community – support pay more get more proposal**
 - F) **Economic and cultural development – support central proposal**
 - G) **Council support – support central proposal**
- iii) **do not support the asset recycling targets outlined in the pay less or central proposals**

Transport Plan

- iv) **support the transport plan proposal**
- v) **support the retention and increase of the Local Board Transport Capital fund**
- vi) **do not support charging for parking at park and ride stations as they are a critical asset for supporting public transport.**
- vii) **strongly request that Auckland Transport provide a better network of feeder bus services to manage demand at park and ride stations**
- viii) **request that any proposal for Auckland Transport to stop initiatives or projects previously planned in the Upper Harbour local board area is done in consultation with the local board**

North Harbour Stadium

- ix) support options 1 and 3 to retain the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct and change the operational management, noting that a majority of the submitters supported these two options.
- x) do not support sale or demolition of the stadium or any land in the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct or any changes to the Unitary Plan to enable the sale, noting that North Harbour Stadium is appropriately within the Special Purpose Major Recreational Facility Zone
- xi) support the enhancement of the stadium and reinstatement of the seating, which was demolished in the western stand, to attract more sporting events and to ensure better attendance and spectator experience
- xii) note that the North Harbour Stadium is within walking distance of the largest park and ride facility, the Albany Bus Station providing extensive free parking, ensuring stadium patrons have an easy access to affordable transport options
- xiii) note that the North Harbour Stadium is adjacent to the largest shopping mall in New Zealand which when complete will incorporate an expansive entertainment and dining precinct catering not only to locals and tourists but stadium attendees as well.
- xiv) note that when completed, the metropolitan area which is adjacent to the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct will have approximately eight hundred apartments with residents who will need access to all the amenities this area offers
- xv) note that the identified site for the proposed new Albany Library facility is adjacent to the Albany Stadium Pool which is located within North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct, and aligns with the vision to turn this area into the heart of the Albany community, recognising that the iconic North Harbour Stadium is an integral part of the Albany community's brand identity
- xvi) request appropriate investment in the maintenance and enhancement of the North Harbour Stadium and surrounding precinct and investigation into alternative funding streams
- xvii) request a political working group is established with at least two representatives from each of the two local boards in the Albany Ward, noting the location of the North Harbour Stadium within the ward, to progress discussions on enhancing and restoring the stadium to better serve and meet the needs of the North Auckland community

Major Investments

- xviii) support the establishment of a diversified investment fund for Auckland, referred to as the Auckland Future Fund
- xix) do not support the sale of Auckland Airport Limited Shares to invest in the Auckland Future Fund
- xx) do not support the proposal to lease the port operations for a period of 35 years
- xxi) support investment of the port operation dividends and profits into the proposed Auckland Future Fund

Port Land

- xxii) support the proposal to transfer Captain Cook wharf, Marsden wharf and Bledisloe Terminal from the Port to Auckland Council so they can be utilised to provide public benefit
- xxiii) do not support any future sale of the Captain Cook wharf, Marsden wharf and Bledisloe Terminal if they are transferred from the Port to Auckland Council

Changes to other rates, fees and charges

- xxiv) support the following proposed changes to rates:
 - A) resuming the Natural Environment Targeted Rate and extending to 2034/2035
 - B) resuming the Water Quality Targeted Rate and extending to 2034/2035
 - C) broadening the description of bus services funded by the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate to reduce the need to consult each year for minor changes to the bus programme
 - D) continue the planned roll out of rates funded refuse collections to the North Shore, Waitakere and Papakura in 2024/2025, and Franklin and Rodney in 2025/2026
 - E) adjusting the Waste Management Targeted Rates in 2024/2025 to maintain cost recovery levels and to apply the Recycled Targeted Rate to all schools
- xxv) do not support the proposal to discontinue the Long-Term Differential Strategy as the intention of this strategy is for the share of general rates paid by business properties to be made fairer, acknowledging this aligns with the current and previous submissions made by Business North Harbour on this matter.

Fairer Funding – Local Board Funding Policy

- xxvi) support the overall principle of allocating funding on a more equitable basis moving to the fairer funding model allocating funding on the model 80:15:5 (population:deprivation:land area)
- xxvii) support the ‘pay more get more’ proposal outlined in the Long-term Plan 2024 – 2034 noting this would result in more new funding for local boards and no redistribution of existing funding
- xxviii) do not support the redistribution of existing local board funding amongst local boards within the first three years of the Long-term Plan 2024 – 2034 due to the impacts reductions in operational funding will have on service provision for affected local boards

Local board advocacy

- xxix) advocate to the Governing Body for appropriate funding to enable fit for purpose library service provision in Albany
- xxx) advocate to the Governing Body for fair and equitable funding allocations for Upper Harbour
- xxxi) advocate for adequate level of renewals funding to ensure existing assets are well maintained

- xxxii) advocate to the Governing Body for appropriate investment in North Harbour Stadium to be a well utilised multi-purpose facility that meets the needs of the growing North Auckland community
 - xxxiii) advocate to the Governing Body for appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai, Hobsonville Point and Albany
 - xxxiv) advocate to the Governing Body and Auckland Transport for the retention and increase of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund.
 - xxxv) advocate for priority development of a sub-regional community resource recovery centre in the North
 - xxxvi) advocate for retention and increase in investment in the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund and Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operational Grants which enables our residents to participate in community support and recreation activities.
- e) is of the view that the consultation material for the Long-term plan 2024-2034 was not easy to understand or accessible to all constituents, and specifically disadvantages certain demographics. Further, it did not adequately outline the impacts of each proposal in plain, accessible language, and strongly request that greater efforts are put in place to ensure going forward that any future public consultation process and material is easy to use, understand, in plain language and multi-lingual so that younger people , people with disabilities and people with English as a second or other language’s views are actively sought in a way that suits them, and their views are therefore better represented and reflected in the feedback.
- f) advocate to the Governing Body to continue to investigate alternative revenue funding streams to lessen the burden on ratepayers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

10.29 pm

The deputy chairperson (presiding) thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and closed the meeting with a karakia.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON (Presided):

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