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Venue: Council Chambers
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

Waitematā Local Board

OPEN ATTACHMENTS

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Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitematā Waitematā Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

Message from the Chair

The local board agreement sets out how the Council will reflect priorities in the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023 in respect of the local activities to be provided in the local board area, and includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.

It has been essential that we heard from you, our community, through our public consultation process on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034. Your input has allowed us to ensure our proposed priorities are heading in the right direction.

The vast majority of local respondents were in support of all or most of the local board proposed priorities for 2024/2025.

Submissions indicated that the top priority was supporting communities to develop emergency planning and readiness response plans followed by completing detailed design of the Leys Institute remediation and seismic strengthening.

Submission comments also indicated that the most supported local priority for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 was implementation of the 2013 Waitematā Greenways Plan and working with Parks and Community Facilities and Auckland Transport to deliver key walking and cycling connections. Comments made note the desire to have less reliance on cars and for active modes to be better enabled.

As part of our advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body, community safety is still one of our top priorities for the year ahead. The most supported advocacy items were those of regionally funded projects to improve safety and continued measures to ensure water quality improvements.

We will continue to advocate to the Governing Body to ensure sustainable regional funding of city centre projects and initiatives focused on improving safety and perceptions of safety. We will also continue to advocate to the Governing Body for the restoration of Auckland Council's membership of Local Government New Zealand.

Thank you to each and every one of you for sharing your voice and contributing to our Local Board Agreement 2024/2025.

Ngā mihi,



Chair Genevieve Sage

Waitematā Local Board

Waitematā Local Board area



Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023

The Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area. The outcomes in the Waitematā Board Plan are:

Ō Tātou Tāngata

Our People

All our people are thriving and have what they need to live a good life.

Tō Tātou Taiao

Our Environment

Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tō Tātou Hapori

Our Community

Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Ō Tātou Wāhi

Our Places

Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tā Tātou Ōhanga

Our Economy

Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2024/2025 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the Governing Body in accordance with the delegated power, and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council’s commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.

To meet this commitment, the Waitematā Local Board Plan seeks to deliver outcomes for Māori. Initiatives that deliver Māori outcomes are those which support Māori identity and culture, advance Māori well-being and support Māori to participate in local decision-making as identified in the “Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau” framework. Examples of this include:

- Progressing the Waitematā Youth Deliberative Democracy Pilot and supporting youth voice and leadership to respond to the identified needs and aspirations of rangatahi Māori.
- Supporting the programming and activation for Te Wharekura in the Auckland Downtown Ferry Basin that would provide further interactive environmental and cultural storytelling.
- Māori naming (and associated story telling) of parks and places in partnership with mana whenua to highlight and promote Auckland’s Māori identity and use of te reo Māori.

Waitematā Local Board Agreement 2024/2025

Planned operating and capital spend in 2024/2025

Key areas of spend	Community Services	Environmental Services	Planning Services	Governance	Total
Planned Operating Spend 2024/2025	\$22.9 million	\$255,000	\$10.3 million	\$1.2 million	\$34.7 million
Planned Capital Spend 2024/2025	\$10.7 million	-	-	-	\$10.7 million

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2024/2025 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Waitematā Local Board area are set out below under each local activity.

Local Community Services

We support strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$22.9 million and capital investment of \$10.7 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2024/2025 include:

- Delivering services and programmes that support youth activation, leadership, and wellbeing, particularly in Newmarket.
- Funding the delivery of key events such as the Parnell Festival of Roses and Cultural Play Festival and events under our partnership fund such as the Grey Lynn Park Festival
- Delivering a new civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road.
- Completing detailed design of Leys Institute remediation and seismic strengthening and giving priority to progressing physical works.
- Supporting local communities to develop emergency planning and readiness response plans.
- Delivering phased delivery of improvements for Heard Park and Basque Park.

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Waitematā Local Board Plan:

- **Our People:** All our people are thriving and have what they need to live a good life.
- **Our Places:** Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority. The level of service statement is in bold below.

