
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, 13 June 2024 at 10.05am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

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

Online via Microsoft Teams.

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TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member

Rex Smith

1 Nau mai | Welcome

The chairperson commenced the meeting with a karakia and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number AE/2024/75

MOVED by Member J Fowler, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Watson:

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Member R Smith 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 AE/2024/76

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 Thursday, 23 May 2024, including the confidential section, 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 Options for voting methods in local elections

Resolution number AE/2024/77

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) **support Option Four - Combination Voting (postal and booths on election day-only which are all equipped for special voting) as it caters for people who are used to the recent early postal voting method and an option for booth voting on the day, similar to parliamentary elections, which will remove some of the confusion and allow voters to use booths as a last minute method should they need it.**
- b) **request voting at booths conclude at 7.00pm which is aligned for simplicity with central government elections.**
- c) **request Auckland Council work with NZ Post to close postal voting at the same time of 7.00pm.**
- d) **request there is a least one location for special voting per local board/ward area in the lead up to the election booth day.**
- e) **note Department of Internal Affairs are currently processing a modernisation for a change likely in Election 2025 and there may be a shift away from the postal system due to the reliance on a declining postal service which has increasing costs, therefore local body elections should immediately start to shift towards booth voting by providing a hybrid approach these next elections.**
- f) **request libraries and supermarket drop-off ballot boxes be maintained for the convenience of voters given the reduced availability of postal mail boxes and explore other supermarket chains with a view to providing the same service.**
- g) **note that as it is costly to have special voter provisions in every election centre, the Electoral Commission should investigate more cost effective methods.**
- h) **request mass, simple communication about voting be prioritised; for example with closing dates and times for voting and online address to find out how and where.**

CARRIED

12 Adoption of the Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement 2024/2025

Emma Reed – Senior Local Board Advisor, and Sarah Murray – Lead Financial Advisor, were in attendance to speak to the report.

Resolution number AE/2024/78

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

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) whai / adopt the local content for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034, which includes the Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement 2024/2025, the message from the chair, and approved local board advocacy (Attachment A).
- b) whai / adopt a local fees and charges schedule for 2024/2025 (Attachment B).
- c) tautapa / delegate authority to the Chair to make any final minor changes to the local content for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (the Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement 2024/2025, message from the chair, and approved local board advocacy).
- d) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement 2024/2025, will be included in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 to be adopted by the Governing Body when it meets on 27 June 2024.
- e) thank Local Board Services Department and Finance staff for their assistance with the Local Board Agreement 2024/2025.
- f) thank Emma Reed – Senior Local Board Advisor, and Sarah Murray – Lead Financial Advisor, for their advice and attendance.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

10.19am.

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:.....