
Howick Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Howick Local Board held in the Howick Local Board Meeting Room, Pakuranga Library Complex, 7 Aylesbury Street, Pakuranga on Thursday, 13 June 2024 at 1.34pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

Damian Light
Bo Burns
Katrina Bungard
David Collings
Bruce Kendall
John Spiller
Mike Turinsky
Adele White
Peter Young, JP

Via electronic link
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1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

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 Adoption of the Howick Local Board Agreement 2024/2025

Ian Milnes – Senior Local Board Advisor was in attendance to speak to this item.

Resolution number HW/2024/73

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) whai / adopt the local content for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034, which includes the Howick Local Board Agreement 2024/2025, the message from the chair, and approved local board advocacy (Attachment A in the agenda report).
- b) whai / adopt a local fees and charges schedule for 2024/2025 (Attachment B in the agenda report).
- 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 Howick Local Board Agreement 2024/2025, message from the chair, and approved local board advocacy).
- d) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the Howick 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.

CARRIED

5 Howick Local Board Grant Programme 2024/2025

Resolution number HW/2024/74

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) whai / adopt the Howick Grants Programme 2024/2025 included as Attachment A to the agenda report.

CARRIED

6 Options for voting methods in local elections

Resolution number HW/2024/75

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

That the Howick Local Board:

a) whakaū / confirm the position from previous feedback - Urgent Decision of the Howick Local Board to Formalise Feedback on the Evaluation of the Auckland Council Local Elections 2022, HW/ 2023/76.

“a) note the urgent decision made on 17 April 2023 to formalise the Howick Local Board’s feedback on the evaluation of the Auckland Council local elections 2022, as follows:

i) the Board recommend the postal voting system be discontinued, noting the following reasons:

- A) it is inefficient, in many cases voting papers are forgotten, misplaced, or thrown out with junk mail, so this immediately reduces the potential voting return numbers.*
- B) many potential voters did not receive voting papers, or received them late, due to the inadequate postal system.*
- C) there was a low voter turnout in the recent election.*
- D) if the postal voting system was discontinued, recommends a shift towards either an online voting system, which should encourage younger voters more, or run local body elections the same way as parliamentary elections and have one set day where people go to a polling booth to vote, or a combination of both. This would focus voters' attention on the one day”.*

b) tautoko / support the Option four, combination voting (postal, with booth on election day only).

c) tono / request further investigation to extending booth voting to seven days with less than 30 locations for six days before the last day of voting.

d) tono / request introduction of online voting as soon as practically possible.

CARRIED

2.05 pm

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 HOWICK LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....