

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Disability Advisory Panel will be held on:

Date: Monday, 17 June 2024
Time: 12.00pm
Meeting Room: Boardroom, Ground Floor
Venue: Auckland Town Hall, 301 Queen Street
Auckland

Ngā Hui a te Rōpū Kaitohutohu Take Hunga Hauā / Disability Advisory Panel

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Co-Chairperson	Martine Abel-Williamson
Co-Chairperson	Barry de Geest
Members	Ryan dos Santos Meechan
	Amy Hogan
	Aine Kelly-Costello
	Gerard Martin
	Chris Orr
	Bonnie Robinson
	Toa Te Wheoro

(Quorum 5 members)

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Excerpt – full terms of reference available as a separate document)

The terms of reference set out the purpose, role and protocols of all Auckland Council demographic advisory panels. Panel members abide by the Code of Conduct for members of Auckland Council advisory panels.

Purpose

As one of council's engagement mechanisms with diverse communities, the demographic advisory panels provide advice to the governing body and council staff within the remit of the Auckland Plan on the following areas:

- Auckland Council's regional policies, plans and strategies
- regional and strategic matters including those that Council-Controlled Organisations deal with
- any matter of particular interest or concern to diverse communities.

Outcomes

The panel's advice will contribute to improving the outcomes of diverse communities and social cohesion as set out in the Auckland Plan. The panels will advise through their agreed strategic agenda and detailed work programme.

Strategic agenda and work programme

The panel must develop a work programme and set a strategic agenda for the term. The agendas should be focused and integrated across the panels for collaborative input into shared agendas, particularly in relation to the Auckland Plan, the Long-term Plan and regional policies. The panels should advise on council's operational and organisational strategies relevant to diverse communities.

The panels may also consider whether they wish to choose, shape and support a project they feel passionate about as part of their work programme.

The governing body and council staff should work with the panels for the development of their strategic agendas and work programme. The Planning, Environment and Parks Committee will approve the panel's work programme and any subsequent major changes to it.

Submissions

The panel cannot make formal submissions to Auckland Council on council strategies, policies and plans, for example, the annual plan. However, the panel may be asked for informal feedback during a consultative process.

In its advisory role to the council, the panels may have input to submissions made by the council to external organisations but do not make independent submissions, except as agreed with the council.

This does not prevent individual members being party to submissions outside their role as panel members.

Review

The form and functioning of the panels may be reviewed prior to or after, the end of the panel's term in September 2025.

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1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

2 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.

3 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) whakaū / confirm the extraordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Monday, 21 August 2023](#), as a true and correct record.

4 Other Business

Whanaungatanga, Co-Chairs Updates, and Panel Activities

File No.: CP2024/07689

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To provide the panel with an opportunity to continue information sharing and relationship building.
2. To support the Disability Advisory Panel in discussing activities its members have been engaged in since the previous meeting which do not appear as standalone agenda items.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

3. The following matters are included in this item for discussion with panel members encouraged to speak to these, and other individual activities of interest to the panel.
4. Advisory Panels feedback to Council's Budget Committee on the Long-Term Plan, Thu 24 April 2024.
 - Disability Advisory Panel Co-Chair Barry de Geest attended the meeting in person to help present to the *Long-Term Plan Engagement Report, Participatory Forums*.
5. Representation Project Working Group.
 - On 7 May a call for expressions of interest was circulated to all demographic advisory panel members interested a new cross-panel Representation Project Working Group. The purpose was to convene eight-12 members of the demographic advisory panels to provide advice and feedback on early draft consultation material on potential changes to Auckland Council's governance structure, and later to be available to provide advice on the Elections programme including civic engagement and diverse representation.
 - Two members from the Disability Advisory Panel, co-chair Martine Abel-Williamson and member Gerard Martin, are part of this Working Group.
 - The first meeting was held on 21 May chaired by Gerard Martin.
 - On 30 May the Governing Body resolved not to proceed to public consultation on a potential local board reorganisation ahead of the 2025 election.
 - The working group will be ongoing and is expected to provide ongoing advice and input into the council's Elections programme and initiatives to increase diverse representation in local board and regional governance.
6. Local Board and Advisory Panel Members Forum, Mon 27 May 2024.
 - At this event, Disability Advisory Panel Co-Chairs Barry de Geest and Martine Abel-Williamson were in attendance alongside Members Áine Kelly-Costello and Chris Orr.
 - 28 advisory panels members and 52 local board members attended the bi-annual Local Board Members Forum in the Town Hall, and online. This was the first-time panel members and local board members had got together. The meeting was co-chaired by Josh Martin, Co-Chair, Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel and Kay Thomas, Chair, Whau Local Board.
 - The purpose of the meeting was to build on interest from panel members and local board members to engage and for local board members to have the opportunity to hear from panel members as they consider what's working well and what is challenging in diverse community engagement, and what local board members might like to have front of mind as they started to build local board emergency management readiness and response plans.

- Member Áine Kelly-Costello presented to the Forum on behalf of the Disability Advisory Panel.
 - Case studies in diverse community engagement of potential interest and application across all local boards were presented by local board members followed by mixed member table discussion on what’s working well and challenges for local board and panel communities.
 - The second half of the session included a presentation from Auckland Emergency Management led by Anna Wallace, Head of Planning.
7. Principal Advisor, Panels to speak to Co-Chairs Forum on Wed 29 May 2024.
- Auckland Emergency Management Zoe Marr seeking insights from the Forum on suggested approaches to individual panel workshops to inform draft Emergency Readiness and Response Plans.
 - Superintendent Scott Gemmell from NZ Police introduced himself and his work to the co-chairs.
 - There is an upcoming engagement with Governing Body on 1 August 2024 for Advisory Panels, the panels mid-term update. A covering report and attachments for each advisory panel is due 17 July 2024.
8. Any further points panel members and co-chairs wish to raise.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) whiwhi / receive advisory panel co-chair and member updates.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Liaison Councillor's Update

File No.: CP2024/07695

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To provide an opportunity for the liaison councillor, Cr Sharon Stewart, to address the panel.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. To update the panel on recent Governing Body decisions or Council activity that may be of interest.
3. To update on any matters raised in the Co-Chairs Update / Report Back on Panel Activities, following.
 - Advisory Panels feedback to Council's Budget Committee on the Long-Term Plan.
 - Representation Project and Local Board Re-Organisation.
4. To address any upcoming agenda items where insights can be shared:
 - Auckland Emergency Management: Local Board Readiness and Response Plans.
 - Disability Advisory Panel discussion on community engagement.
 - Regional Land Transport Plan 2024 – 2034 Auckland Transport.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the Liaison Councillor's update.

Ngā tāpirihanga

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina

Signatories

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Recovery Office Update

File No.: CP2024/07702

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To provide an update to the Disability Advisory Panel on recovery activities being coordinated by Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Office.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. The number of property owners opting-in to the property categorisation programme continues to increase and as of 31 May, 2865 properties have been registered for categorisation and 1524 have had a category confirmed. We have now identified 487 Category 3 properties across the Auckland region that are eligible for a buy-out, funded by Auckland Council and Crown. Based on the current number of properties registered for the assessment process, we are over halfway through delivering final categorisations (noting that homeowners still have until the end of September 2024 to register).
3. As at 10 May, 858 families are being supported by a Storm Recovery Navigator, with 168 in the south, 171 in the north, 219 in central, and 300 in the west. This is an increase of 90 families in the last month, underscoring the continued need for support services.
4. The Recovery Office is increasing efforts to recruit high-risk homes into the categorisation programme ahead of 30 September 2024 when registrations close. Our focus for the coming months will be on face-to-face engagement in neighbourhoods that have been identified by our flooding and landslip teams as high-risk. Door knocking, mailouts, ethnic media outreach and community engagement opportunities in target areas will form the basis of our efforts.
5. Auckland Council has confirmed accelerated stream and flooding preparedness work in critical hot spots through winter, with the support of an extra \$2m Government funding. The work underway includes critical debris clearance from streams, community engagement projects and a public campaign to help households prepare. Further Crown funding for North Island recovery has been made available in the Budget 2024 and the Recovery Office is assessing whether there is an opportunity to apply for funding to support recovery activities in Tāmaki Makaurau.
6. The Tamaki Makaurau Recovery Office has commencing delivery of the Community-led Recovery Planning programme (CLRP), which aims to support communities impacted by the 2023 extreme weather events to identify and respond to their own recovery priorities and needs. This CLRP is funded through the Storm Response Fund and delivered via the Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Office and BAU partners. It is envisaged that the programme will be delivered over the next three years, in recognition of the complex and dynamic nature of the recovery process.
7. The Community Led Recovery Plans are separate to the Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Plan developed by the Recovery Office in 2023 and are intended to provide deeper context and insights to the Recovery Planning process from a community perspective in support of the existing regional plans. Participation in CLRP is entirely voluntary and determined by communities themselves. We will take a phased approach to implementation of the programme, in recognition of differing levels of community readiness.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the update from the Recovery Office.

Ngā tāpirihanga

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina

Signatories

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Auckland Emergency Management Community Readiness Programme

File No.: CP2024/07703

Item 8

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To seek guidance on from the Disability Advisory Panel on:
 - Opportunities for Auckland Emergency Management to support diverse communities and promote inclusiveness in emergency readiness and response activities.
 - Key community stakeholder groups for Auckland Emergency Management to support with emergency readiness activities.
 - The draft Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan template (**Attachment A**).

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. The Auckland Emergency Management Planning Unit was created through the Auckland Emergency Management department structural change process of 2023. As of late January 2024, the Planning Unit was fully established with new positions filled.
3. The key priorities of the Planning Unit are set out in the [Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Plan \(2024\)](#) and are to support local emergency readiness by:
 - Improving mana whenua and mataawaka resilience to disasters (Group Plan Initiative #1).
 - Working with Local Boards to prepare, communicate and embed Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plans (Group Plan Initiative #16).
 - Encouraging and supporting communities to develop their own community resilience plans, in particular those communities who can establish and run community emergency hubs (Group Plan Initiative #17).
 - Partnering with organisations that support those communities that may be disproportionately impacted by disasters (Group Plan Initiative #18).
4. The Planning Unit wishes to engage with the Disability Advisory Panel to identify how the Planning Unit can most effectively support the diverse, disability communities of Tāmaki Makaurau in emergency preparedness and response. The Planning Unit also seeks guidance on the key stakeholder groups and organisations with which Auckland Emergency Management should work with to better support emergency community readiness and promote inclusiveness.
5. As directed by the Group Plan Initiative 1, the Planning Unit is also working with all 21 Local Boards to develop a Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan. The Emergency Readiness and Response Plan will contain important information about hazards likely to impact the local board areas, where to seek information during in an emergency event, local Civil Defence Centre and Community Emergency Hubs locations, and how businesses, community groups and individuals can ready themselves for an emergency. The Emergency Readiness and Response Plan will also provide information about roles and responsibilities of the Auckland Council Group, Auckland Emergency Management office and the Local Board.

6. The draft Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response template can be found in **Attachment A**. This template is being shared with local boards over June and July 2024. Over this period the Planning Unit is working with local boards to populate the templates with local information. As the Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plans are in the early stage of development, the Planning Unit is seeking input from the Disability Advisory Panel to ensure that key readiness and response information important to diverse communities is embedded in the Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plans and any associated, supporting information sheets and publication and launch activities.
7. Auckland Emergency Management have provided a presentation speaking to this (Attachment B).

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) tautokongia / support Auckland Emergency Management Planning Unit to promote inclusiveness and support diversity in emergency readiness and response activities.
- b) tūtohungia / recommend key community stakeholder groups for Auckland Emergency Management to support with emergency readiness activities.
- c) arotake / review the draft Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan template (Attachment A).

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A⇒	Local Board Response and Readiness Plan Example Devonport-Takapuna	
B⇒	Auckland Emergency Management Presentation to the Disability Advisory Panel	

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Discussion on Community Engagement / Working Group for Emergency Preparedness

File No.: CP2024/07709

Item 9

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To provide an opportunity for the panel members to discuss progressing the opportunity for community engagement.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. The working group consisting of Co-Chair Barry de Geest and members Amy Hogan, Áine Kelly-Costello, and Gerard Martin expressed interest at the meeting of the panel in April, in scoping out a community engagement meeting regarding Emergency Preparedness, with a current preferred date in October.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) arotake / review their proposed community engagement and discuss potential ventures for the working group.

Ngā tāpirihanga

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina

Signatories

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Authoriser	Jonathan Benge - Manager Research & Evaluation

Regional Land Transport Plan 2024 - 2034 Auckland Transport

File No.: CP2024/07711

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To outline Auckland Transport's Draft Regional Land Transport Plan.
2. To provide an opportunity for the Disability Advisory Panel to feedback into the Consultation Process for the Regional Land Transport Plan Draft.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

3. The draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) is the Auckland region's bid for national funding for transport in Auckland. It is a statutory document developed every 3 years. The final version will be submitted to the New Zealand Transport Agency Board on 1 August 2024, and be considered as they develop the National Land Transport Plan, due for release by 1 October 2024.
4. Auckland Transport produces the RLTP on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee. The Regional Transport Committee is comprised of members of the Auckland Transport Board and includes representatives from New Zealand Transport Agency and KiwiRail.
5. The draft RLTP includes Auckland Transport projects, along with projects proposed in the national State Highway Investment Proposal and KiwiRail's Rail Network Investment Programme.
6. Auckland Council recently sought public feedback on its 10-year budget (also known as the Long-Term Plan). The Auckland Transport Programme included reflects the Long-Term Plan currently being ratified.
7. Projects in the final Regional Land Transport Plan are funded by local and central government so must align to their policies. Auckland Council's financial contribution to the draft RLTP is set through the Long-Term Plan (LTP).
8. The RLTP seeks to support outcomes such as faster and more reliable public transport, improved transport network resilience and sound asset management, improved regional economic productivity, improved safety and reduced death and serious injuries, and continued decarbonisation. The RLTP proposes a \$63 billion programme of investment in renewals, maintenance and operations, public transport services, and new projects.
9. The Draft RLTP confirms that the following items are effectively mandatory and should receive funding in all circumstances:
 - Renewals and maintenance of local roads, rail and state highway networks to ensure these remain fit for purpose into the future, and whole of life costs and disruption are minimised.
 - Existing public transport services, along with improvements such as more rail services enabled by the City Rail Link and the expansion of the frequent bus network.
 - Completing projects that we are already committed to and are in progress (e.g., Eastern Busway and City Rail Link).
10. In addition, the draft RLTP proposes that public transport projects are generally our highest priority for funding, followed by projects to optimise local roads, address growth challenges, and expand the cycling network. It concludes that delivering all of the State Highway improvements, while still important, is a lower priority for available funding.

11. Before final decisions are made, feedback is being sought to make sure the final Regional Land Transport Plan 2024 reflects the views of Aucklanders about which projects are the highest priority for funding into the future.
12. Public engagement runs from 17 May to 17 June and has included mailing notification to 550,000 households and a full media campaign. A programme of Local Board engagement and key stakeholders has also been run in parallel, with Public Hearings on 26 and 27 June.
13. Advisory panels do not make submissions and provide feedback outside the public consultation process.
14. Specific questions to have in mind:
15. Have we correctly identified the most important transport challenges facing Auckland?
16. Have we allocated available funding to the highest priorities?
17. Are there other projects that you think should be included? If so, which project(s) would you remove in order to include any new project(s)?
18. The panel's views are sought on some policy changes that would help to further improve the safety of our roads, reduce congestion and tackle climate change. For example, does the panel support further detailed investigation into demand-based road pricing to tackle congestion?
19. Auckland Transport have provided a presentation speaking to this (Attachment B); further reading can be found at the [website AT – Regional Land Transport Plan](#), and [PDF Draft Auckland Regional Land Transport Plan 2024 – 2034, 105 pages](#), for those interested.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) arotake / review the draft Regional Land Transport Plan in an item led by Auckland Transport staff and provide their feedback.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A⇒	Summary of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2024	
B⇒	Auckland Transport Regional Land Transport Plan Presentation to Advisory Panels	

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Demographic Advisory Panels LTP Closing the Loop Report

File No.: CP2024/07712

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To acknowledge and summarise the involvement of the Auckland Council's Advisory Panels in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. Under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), all councils are required to adopt a new long-term plan every three years. The LGA also specifies the use of the special consultative procedure in adopting the long-term plan.
3. To support decision-making, advisory panels were first asked to provide feedback on the Mayoral Proposal ahead of the Budget Committee agreeing to items for consultation in December 2023.
4. Consultation material was then adopted by the Budget Committee in February 2024 to support consultation that ran from 28 February to 28 March 2024.
5. During consultation, we received a total of 27,978 pieces of feedback, including 2,142 pieces of feedback at in-person events. We heard from 391 organisations (including 38 attending one of three organisation / interest group Have Your Say events), and 23 Māori entities. This is the largest number of responses we have received during any long-term plan consultation.
6. During consultation, advisory panel members took part in a Participatory Forum that met through a series of workshops to better understand the proposals included for consultation.
7. The Participatory Forum was supported by council staff and run by an independent facilitator to gather recommendations and feedback on the proposals in the LTP, based on principles agreed by all participants.
8. At the 24 April 2024 Budget Committee workshop, the participants presented the main themes identified by the panels during these sessions:
 - Support for a visionary, future focused, and inclusive Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.
 - Support for centring voices and wellbeing of communities.
 - Noted that benefits and impacts of proposals should be equitable for all Aucklanders.
9. From the proposals in the LTP the panels voiced:
 - Broad support for central and get more proposals.
 - Frontline services are critical to communities.
 - Investment is needed and cannot wait.
 - Mitigating impacts of rates rises – a priority to ensure equity.
 - Cherry picking from across the proposals should be considered.
 - Concern with the overall framing of the three proposals, which they felt focused predominantly on cost, without an apparent link to a vision that outlined the need for investment and the benefits.

10. The areas that were of highest priority to the participants included:
 - Transport: Transport is critical to connecting Aucklanders across the region and between communities, ensuring that our city is accessible in a safe and affordable way for all users including pedestrians, cyclists, those living with disabilities, seniors, and young people.
 - Auckland Future Fund: Securing Auckland's future through additional revenue was supported in principle, however there was no consensus that the fund as described would achieve this, with questions as to how this fund will be managed and overseen, what controls there would be to limit foreign ownership or selling of the airport shares or port, and whether further due diligence should be undertaken before decisions were made.
 - Parks and Community: Our parks, community services, and facilities should be strategically situated, fit for purpose, and funding for local boards should be fair and equitable. Retaining existing assets, including the shifts to a service focus and possibility of partnerships for delivery with community organisations, central government agencies, and the private sector were broadly supported.
11. Gaps and risks identified included:
 - Lack of a clear vision which articulates where our city's leaders see Auckland in the long term and the principles to inform this vision.
 - Greater details and impact analysis on the impacts of the proposals, in particular the pay less get less proposals, meaning communities were provided with hypothetical scenarios on impacts to services and investments across the city. Without this analysis, it is unclear how the proposal groupings were arrived at and suggests a lack of focus on being visionary, future, focused, inclusive, and equitable.
 - Barriers to meaningful engagement including a limited consultation period and presentation of information in ways that can be hard to engage with given their size, format, and framing.
 - A focus on financial framing which risks a focus, and opposition, to rates increases, rather than necessary and manageable increases in some charges to support and ensure the provision of key services to meet the needs of Auckland.
 - A concern that key perspectives were not well articulated, such as mana whenua or local board views.
12. The summary of consultation feedback for the LTP 2024-2034, including the findings of the Participatory Forum, is publicly available on council's website.
13. On 16 May 2024, the Budget Committee met to agree to final decisions, noting that feedback received during public consultation was a key consideration. Local board feedback and advocacy was included on the same agenda along with other key pieces of staff advice.
14. A presentation summarising the final decisions and the impact of the advisory panel's involvement in the process for the LTP 2024-2034 will be provided at the meeting, in support of this brief report.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Disability Advisory Panel:

- a) whiwhi / receive this report as acknowledgment of the input from Auckland Council's Advisory Panels to the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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