

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

Date: Tuesday, 25 June 2024
Time: 5.30pm
Meeting Room: Room 1, Level 26,
Venue: 135 Albert Street,
Auckland

Ngā Hui a te Rōpū Kaitohutohu Take Hapori Iwi Takatāpui / Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Co-Chairperson	Josh Martin
Co-Chairperson	Teresa Platt
Members	Ashe Black
	Luca Bree
	Eric Chou
	Dave Hati
	Tux Hika
	Luis Meirelles
	Ella Sargison
	Theo van de Klundert
	Shayde Young
Liaison Councillor	Cr Richard Hills
Chief Liaison Councillor	Cr Julie Fairey

(Quorum 6 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 Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:

- a) whakaū / confirm the extraordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Tuesday, 29 August 2023](#), as a true and correct record.

4 Other Business

Whanaungatanga, Co-Chairs Updates, and Panel Activities

File No.: CP2024/07850

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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 Rainbow Communities 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. Panel members are encouraged to speak to the following matters for discussion.
4. Advisory panels provided feedback on Thu, 24 April 2024 to council's Budget Committee on the Long-term Plan.
 - Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel Co-Chair Teresa Platt attended the meeting in person to help present to the *Long-term Plan Engagement Report, Participatory Forums*.
5. Advisory panels participated in the 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 Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel, Eric Chou and Tux Hika are part of this working group.
 - The first meeting was held on 21 May chaired by Disability Advisory Panel Member, 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. Advisory panels attended the Local Board and Advisory Panel Members Forum on Mon 27 May 2024.
 - At this event, Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel Co-Chairs Josh Martin and Teresa Platt were in attendance alongside Member Eric Chou.
 - 28 advisory panel 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 have met 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 leverage the interest of panel and local board members in engaging with diverse communities. It provided an opportunity for local board members to hear from panel members about effective strategies and challenges in community engagement. Additionally, the meeting aimed to inform local board members about key considerations for developing their emergency management readiness and response plans.
 - Disability Advisory Panel Member Áine Kelly-Costello briefly presented to the forum on behalf of the advisory panels.
 - Local board members presented case studies in diverse community engagement of potential interest and application across all local boards 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. The principal advisor of advisory panels spoke at Co-Chairs Forum on Wed 29 May 2024.
- Auckland Emergency Management Zoe Marr sought 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. Panel members are recommended to update the panel on any further points or activities.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Rainbow Communities 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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Demographic Advisory Panels LTP Closing the Loop Report

File No.: CP2024/08328

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 Rainbow Communities 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

No.	Title	Page
A⇒	Demographic Advisory Panels LTP Closing the Loop presentation	

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Auckland Transport Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2024 - 2034

File No.: CP2024/08326

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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 Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel to feedback into the consultation process for the draft Regional Land Transport Plan.

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 three 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 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.

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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:
 - Have we correctly identified the most important transport challenges facing Auckland?
 - Have we allocated available funding to the highest priorities?
 - 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)?
15. 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?
16. Auckland Transport have provided a summary of the draft RLTP (Attachment A) and 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 Rainbow Communities 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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Auckland Emergency Management Community Readiness Programme

File No.: CP2024/08319

Item 8

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To seek guidance from the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel on:
 - Opportunities for Auckland Emergency Management to support rainbow communities and promote LGBTIQ+ inclusiveness in emergency readiness and response activity
 - 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 Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel to identify how the Planning Unit can most effectively support the rainbow 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 to better support emergency community readiness and promote LGBTIQ+ inclusiveness.
5. Inclusiveness entails understanding the experience and needs of rainbow communities that might be less likely to participate in planning for emergencies (e.g. queer rangitahi who are rough sleepers) and considerations for Civil Defence Centres and other activities to support members of rainbow communities who are affected by an emergency.

6. As directed by the Group Plan Initiative 1, the Planning Unit is 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 an emergency event, local Civil Defence Centre and Community Emergency Hub 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.
7. The draft Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan 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 Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel to ensure that key readiness and response information important to rainbow communities is embedded in the Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plans and any supporting information sheets and launch activities.
8. Auckland Emergency Management have provided a presentation speaking to this (Attachment B).

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:

- a) whakarite / provide the Auckland Emergency Management Planning Unit guidance on:
 - i) opportunities to support rainbow communities and promote intersectional awareness and LGBTIQ+ inclusiveness in emergency readiness and response activity
 - ii) rainbow communities that could be less likely to receive readiness messaging or seek assistance during an emergency event
 - iii) key community stakeholder groups for Auckland Emergency Management to support with emergency readiness activities, and recommended engagement approaches
 - iv) 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 Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel	

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Engagement and Priorities

File No.: CP2024/08317

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To develop any projects aligned to the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel's strategic priorities.
2. To plan a possible public meeting for 1 October 2024.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

3. Each demographic advisory panel develops a set of strategic priorities to show the high-level areas the panel intends to focus on through its agendas and advice.
4. The current panel's strategic priorities are provided in Attachment A.
5. At its 16 April 2024 workshop, the panel discussed:
 - Auckland Council's Rainbow Communities Engagement Guidelines
 - Theme Three of the panel's strategic priorities - Focussing on understanding and advising on homelessness
 - safety of rainbow communities and the council's role
 - an ongoing relationship with the council's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion teams.
6. The panel is encouraged to consider if there are any projects they wish to plan to align to their strategic priorities. Note the panel can provide advice to Auckland Council on any matter of particular interest or concern to the community.
7. The panel must hold up to two public meetings a year. Public meetings are not required to have a community engagement theme or a particular focus but can do if the panel wants to use them for this purpose.
8. The panel previously considered using 1 October 2024 as an opportunity for a public meeting.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel:

- a) whakaae / agree to any projects to progress that align with the panel's strategic priorities
- b) kohuki / consider if it wishes to continue planning for a public meeting on 1 October 2024.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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A↔	Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel Strategic Priorities	

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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