

## Franklin Local Board

# OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Franklin Local Board held in the Leslie Comrie Board Room, Level One Franklin: The Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe on Tuesday, 4 March 2025 at 9.30am.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Angela Fulljames	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Alan Cole	
<b>Members</b>	Malcolm Bell JP	(online)
	Sharlene Druyven	
	Gary Holmes	
	Amanda Hopkins	
	Andrew Kay	
	Amanda Kinzett	(online)
	Logan Soole	(online)

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**1 Nau mai | Welcome**

The meeting opened with karakia and the Chair 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 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number FR/2025/22

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Member A Kay:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 25 February 2025, 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

### 10.1 Draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy

Resolution number FR/2025/23

MOVED by Chairperson A Fulljames, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Cole:

**That the Franklin Local Board:**

- a) **provide the following requests and feedback on the draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy to the Governing Body, for consideration by the Policy and Planning Committee at its upcoming meeting:**
  - i) **the draft Storm Affected Land Use Policy has not been developed as per Auckland Council's own policy framework which gives effect to the local board's right to provide input into the development of policies that impacts its areas, as required under the Section 48(J) of the Local Government Act 2002, Section 15 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009**
  - ii) **the process outlines community benefit as one of the matters to be considered; however without local boards being part of the process for policy development and decision, local views and preferences could be limited and not reflect wider community needs**
  - iii) **the Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee endorsed in principle (Resolution number TICCC/2025/12) the draft policy on the 13 February 2025 without giving consideration to local board views as required by legislation**
  - iv) **given these issues, the local board's time and ability to provide feedback has been negatively impacted.**
- b) ***provide the following requests and feedback on the Draft Storm-affected Land Use Policy to the Governing Body, for consideration by the Policy and Planning Committee at its upcoming meeting:***

#### General matters relating to the policy

- i) **request that the definition of Category (b) includes an explicit reference to Local Board Plans so that other locally determined priorities that go beyond core service needs may be considered**
- ii) **enable local boards to acquire Category (a) properties for any local activities or community priorities provided they have a viable funding plan; for example, a service optimisation business case or local rates proposal**

#### Policy principles

- iii) **strengthen the policy principles by amending Principle 2 (Make best use of storm-affected land) to include an explicit reference to Local Board Plans or community priorities, thereby broadening and maximising the community value derived from the programme**
- iv) **concern that this policy may overlook opportunities to maximise community value and align with broader community aspirations. These considerations can be evaluated alongside identified service needs, such as the Franklin Local Board Paths Plan, which presents an opportunity to extend the path along the entire Whangapouri Stream**
- v) **request an additional policy principle being 'engage early, and often, with both arms of Council's shared governance structure on**

land use opportunities', noting that local boards are key to good outcomes and the boards will become the governors of service assets and land

#### **Decision-making roles and responsibilities**

- vi) welcome further discussion on the management of residual land and land retained for hazard management purposes, acknowledging that all council land within local board areas are vital components of local open space networks and ecological corridors
- vii) consider the services running beneath these areas, as they will influence future land use. For example, while planting bushland and green spaces could reduce mowing costs and benefit the environment, it is important to recognise that trees and underground infrastructure are not always compatible
- viii) establish a clear escalation process when local board views on land use differ from staff recommendations, ensuring such matters are referred for a political decision through the Governing Body, rather than being resolved through staff delegation
- ix) request that the composition of the Storm Recovery Political Advisory Group which currently consists of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, a representative of Houkura (formerly the Independent Māori Statutory Board), the Chair of the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee and the Chair of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, initiates the inclusion of local board representatives from significantly impacted local boards

#### **Local Board funding requirements**

- x) remove the requirement for local boards to commit operational funding (OPEX) as a precondition for the internal transfer of properties already assessed as meeting a service need by the Auckland Council Group. This requirement creates an unnecessary barrier to addressing service gaps
- xi) request that if a property meets a service need and local boards support retaining or repurposing it, the Governing Body should expect that the necessary maintenance costs will be incorporated into the local boards existing maintenance contracts, with any budget top-up requirements to be considered by the local board as part of its work programme process
- xii) request that if land is retained to meet a service need and it requires remediation, that the Governing Body, which holds statutory responsibility for the network of facilities and service capacity, should fund or contribute to the remediation, rather than leaving these costs to local boards
- xiii) acknowledge that where local boards wish to retain land for a community outcome that goes beyond core service needs, it is entirely appropriate to provide upfront assurance of funding availability

#### **Implementation approach**

- xiv) ensure that service needs assessments consider not only Local Board Plans but any other relevant service needs assessments and plans undertaken by local boards

- Xv support the expedient removal of buildings from purchased properties, noting the number of properties purchased in the Franklin Local Board area, and the negative impact empty and damaged buildings have on neighbours and the local community

**Wider considerations: Private properties outside buy-out scheme**

- xvi) request investigation into properties which did not opt-in to the buyout scheme, but may now be open to sale through regular council acquisition processes. These should be focused to where purchase of an additional property may be strategically beneficial to Auckland Council; for example, creates a sensible cluster of contiguous properties, or meets a service need
- xvii) request advice on the approach to ensure an acceptable level of maintenance and upkeep for properties which may appear 'abandoned', to ensure they do not become derelict, safety hazards or a risk to the wider community, or attract illegal dumping
- c) ensure surrounding neighbours are all kept informed and consulted about Auckland Council's plans
- d) tono / request that the local board receive information relating to the number and location of affected properties in the local board area
- e) tono / request that the above resolutions are circulated to all local boards and governing body members for their information.

**CARRIED**

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

The meeting ended with karakia.

9.38am

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 FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....