

Date: Tuesday 25 March 2025
Time: 1:30 pm
Meeting Room: Room 1, Level 26,
Venue: Te Wharau o Tāmaki - Auckland House,
135 Albert Street, Auckland

Te Komiti Hapori / Community Committee

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Overview of Auckland Council regional grants

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Karen Marais, Advisory Lead, Executive Office Community

Overview

Name of fund	Annual amount	Rounds per annum
Auckland Climate Grant	\$372,451	Three times per year
Ngā Hapori Momoho Thriving Communities Regional Grant	\$295,000	Once a year
Regional Arts and Culture Grant	\$1,331,869	Twice a year
Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant	\$450,578	Once a year
Regional Events Grant Fund	\$600,000	Twice a year
Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant	\$1,067,698	One funding round every three years
Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund	\$150 million over 10 years of the LTP - additional \$35 million over three years (FY2025/2026 to 2027/2028) Totalling \$185 million.	Once a year
Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund	\$500,000	Once a year







Auckland Council Volunteering

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Trish Kirkland-Smith – Volunteering and Programmes Team Manager, Parks and Community Facilities

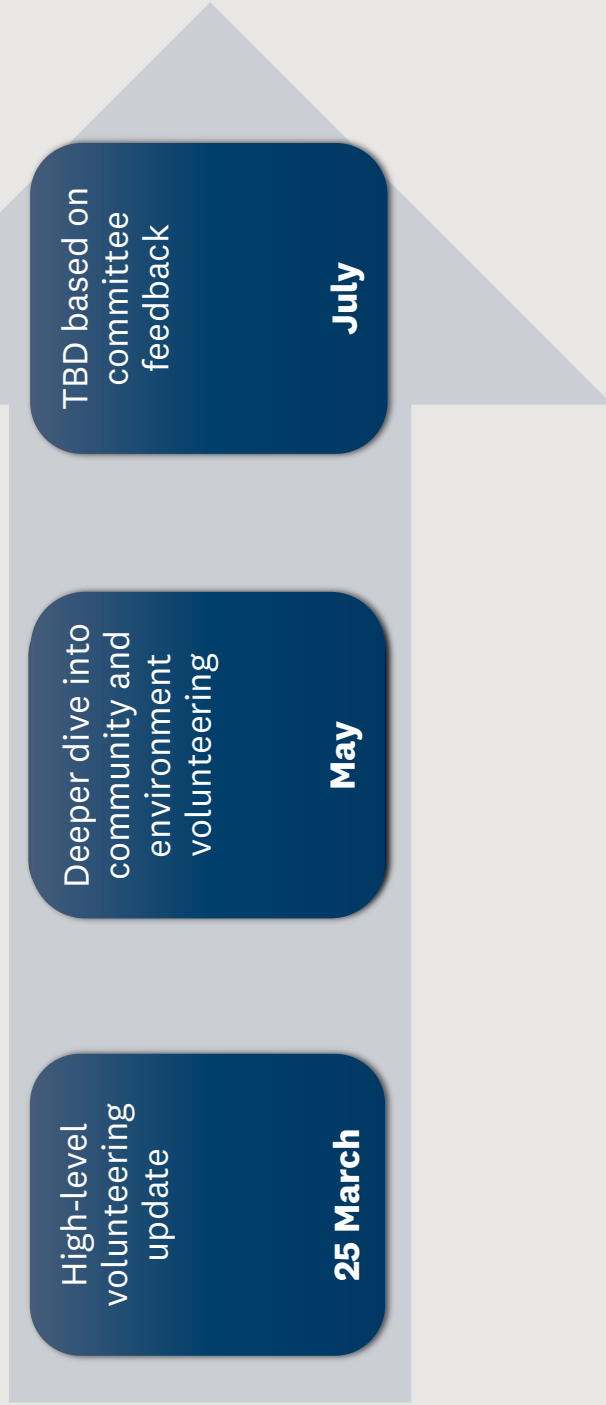


Purpose

To provide the Community Committee with a strategic overview of council-supported volunteering activities, challenges and opportunities.



Proposed timeline of volunteering updates to the Community Committee



Context

- Auckland Council has a long history of engaging volunteers and supporting organisations that recruit and coordinate volunteers to deliver regional and local services and initiatives.
- Volunteer activity complements council investment in services, supports the enhancement of the overall quality of life within an area, and allows more initiatives and programmes to be implemented.
- The impact of volunteering goes far beyond the measurable economic value, with the true value of volunteering lying in the transformation it brings to people, communities and places.



Types of volunteering

There are two main types of volunteers:

- **Casual volunteers / informal volunteering** – this can be informal (e.g. helping a neighbour with their grocery shopping) or micro volunteering (short bursts of one-off volunteering). They are classed as ‘other persons at a workplace’, treated in the same way as visitors and customers.
- **Volunteer workers / formal volunteering** – this takes place through a group or an organisation. This can be one-off experiences or longer-term roles. In New Zealand they are classed as ‘workers’ under the New Zealand Health and Safety at Work Act (2015)



Personal benefits of volunteering

Making a difference

Volunteers help to provide community services, support people in need, help improve the environment and make cities, towns and communities a better place to live.

Learning new skills

Volunteers can learn about different cultures, develop leadership skills, and gain experience in a variety of fields.

Meeting new people

Volunteers can meet people from all walks of life and learn about different cultures and perspectives.

Having fun

Volunteers generally choose volunteer activities that they enjoy, are fun, and leave them fulfilled.



Volunteering and Auckland Council

Many council functions utilise or support volunteering as part of their service delivery model. There are three main approaches used:

1. Volunteer programmes led by council or Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs)
2. Council-contracted volunteer programmes, and
3. Community-led volunteer initiatives.

There is currently no central coordination, oversight or reporting on volunteering activities at council, so providing consolidated group-level information and data is difficult.



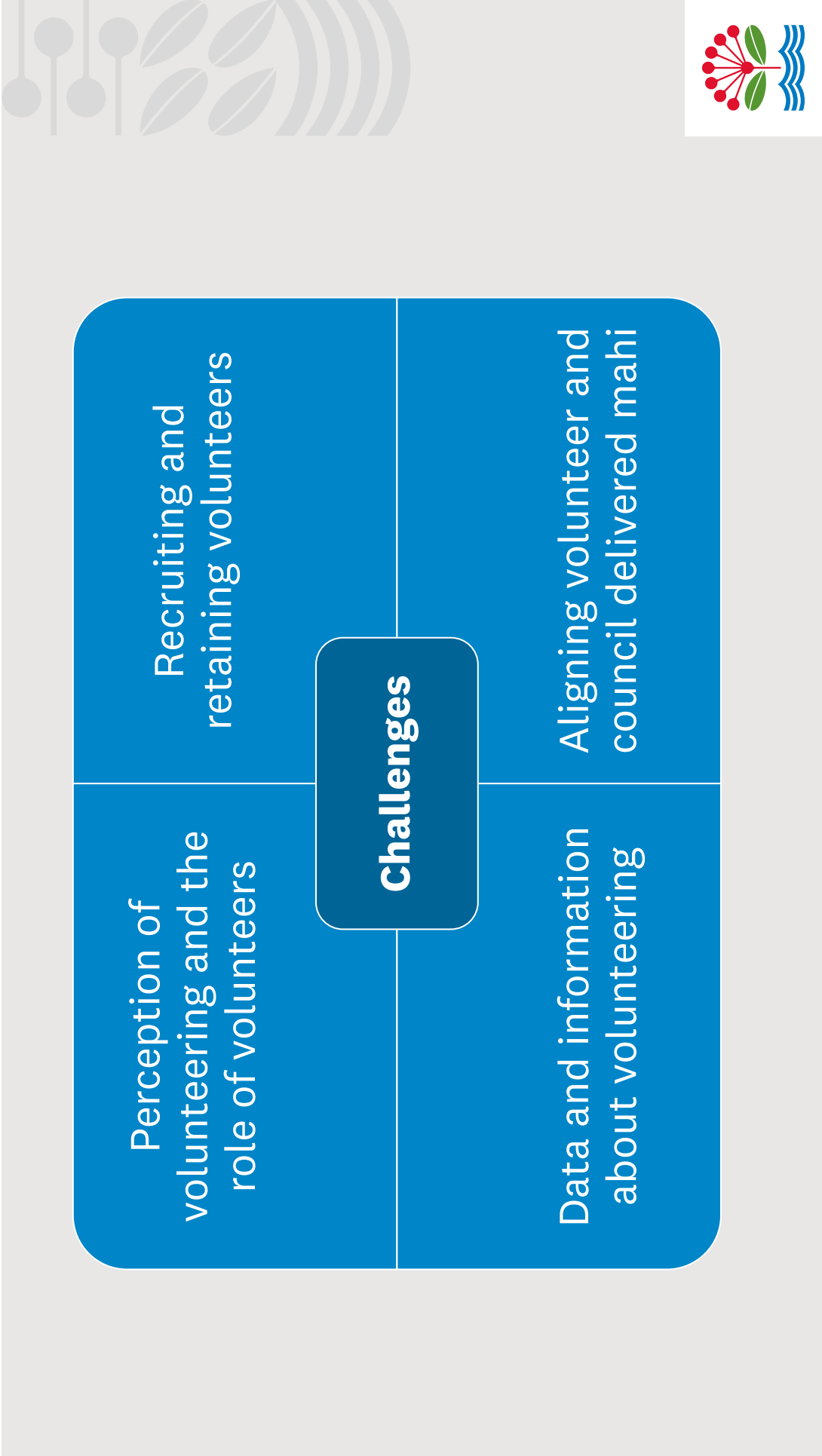


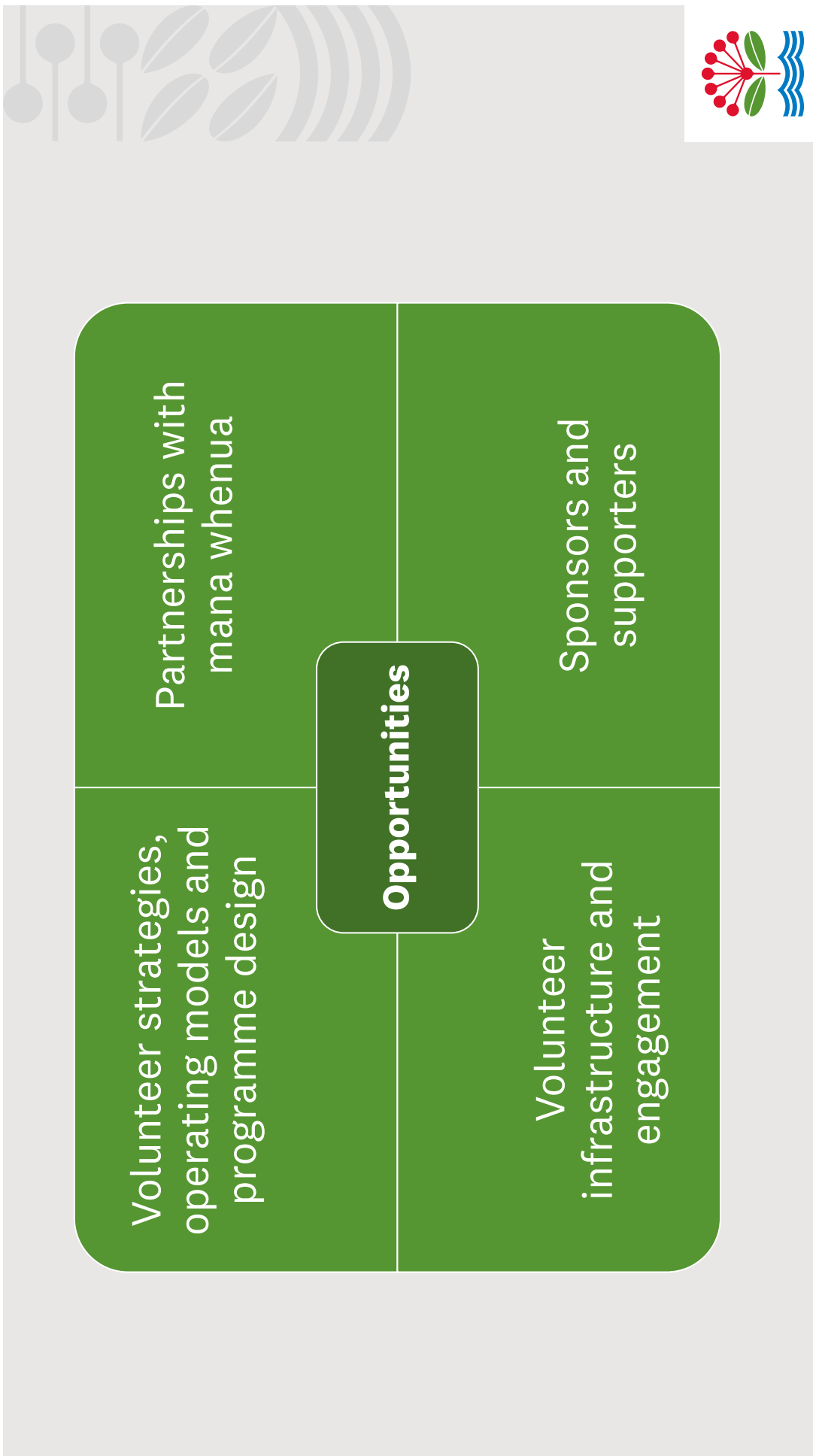
Insights on volunteering

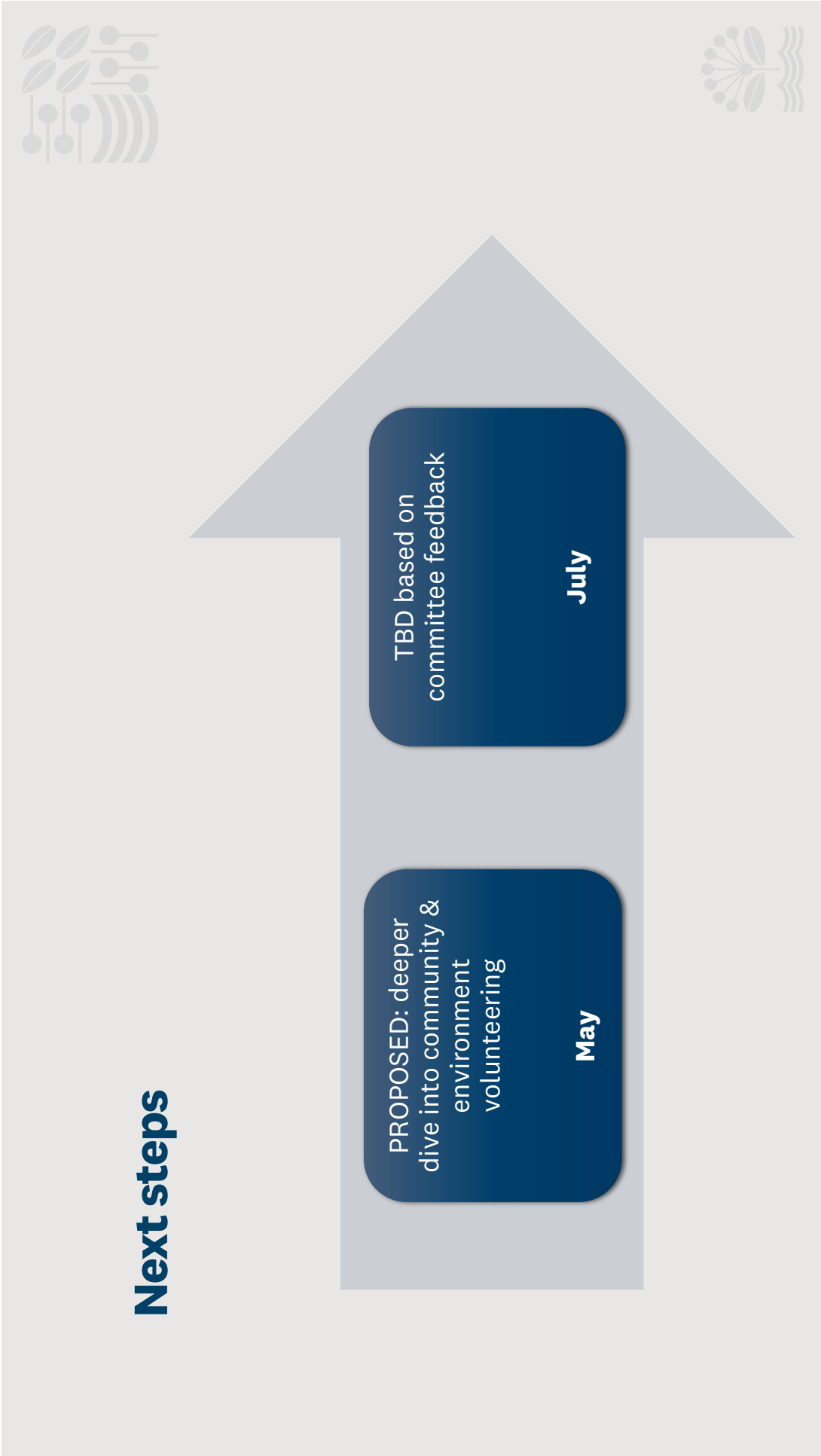
Volunteer activity complements council investment in services and should be carefully considered as part of service design, with clear delineation between core service levels and volunteer enhanced levels.

Volunteer motivations and personal benefits need to be recognised by organisations and given due consideration in volunteer programme design and implementation.

Volunteers are not free to organisations. Developing volunteer programmes and engaging and managing volunteers are skilled activities that need to be appropriately resourced.











Welcoming Communities update

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Sunita Kashyap, Claire Liousse and Lisa Diggins
Community Innovation, Community Wellbeing Department

Purpose of this update

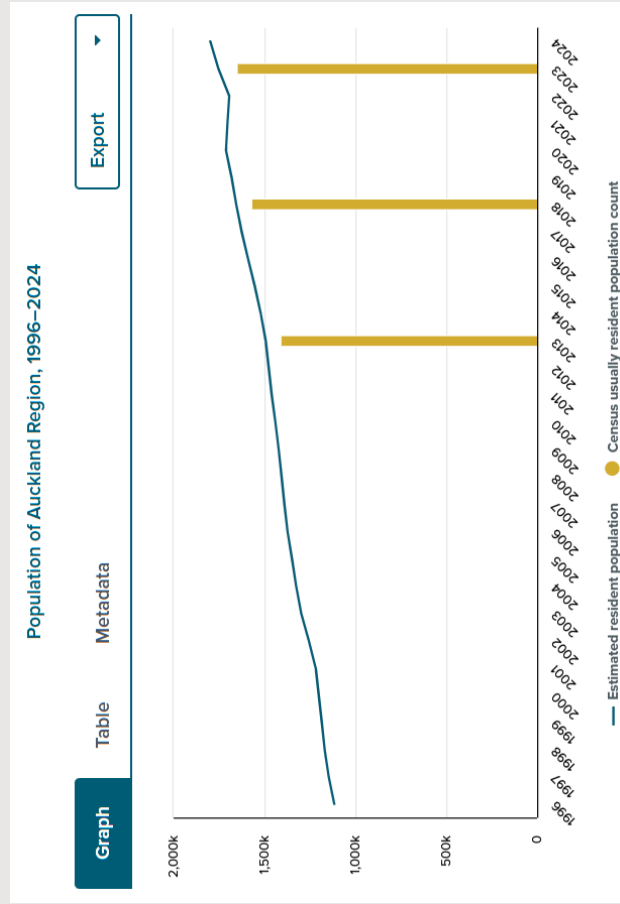
- Introducing the Welcoming Communities programme
- A snapshot of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland’s growth and demographic changes
- Insights from the initial phase of the programme
- Next steps





Our growing and super diverse city

- In 2023, Auckland's population increased to 1.6 million, with an additional 85,000 people (5.4 per cent growth) since 2018
- By 2042, Auckland's population is projected to reach approximately 2.1 million



Our growing and super diverse city

- In 2023, 43 per cent of people in Auckland were born overseas
- Of these, 20 per cent (or 136,000 people) had arrived in the last 5 years
- Population projections suggest that by 2043:
 - Asian population will grow to around 42 per cent,
 - Pacific communities will grow to around 19 per cent,
 - Māori will represent around 13 per cent of Auckland's population



Welcoming Communities – Te waharoa ki ngā hapori

Goal: to make the city more welcoming and inclusive for newcomers

- Three-year pilot started in March 2023
- Partnership between Auckland Council and Immigration New Zealand/MBIE
- Five local boards:
 - Puketapapa
 - Albert-Eden
 - Whau
 - Ōtara-Papatoetoe
 - Kaipātiki



Strategic alignment



- Auckland Plan
- Ngā Hapori Momoho
- Kia ora Tāmaki Makaurau
- Local Board Plans



How is this programme different?

- Focusses on the needs of newcomers to Auckland
- Complements and adds value to what is already happening in the area
- Influences regional and local board work programmes
- Creates collaborations across the sector and in the community



Welcoming Standards

<p>Inclusive Leadership</p> <p>Local government, tangata whenua and other community leaders work together to create, advocate for and continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive community. They lead a shared plan to increase connections between newcomers and existing residents.</p> 	<p>Welcoming Communications</p> <p>People of all cultures and backgrounds feel included, listened to and well informed through a range of ways that take into account their different communication needs.</p> 	<p>Equitable Access</p> <p>Opportunities to access services and activities and to participate in the community are available to all, including newcomers.</p> 
<p>Connected and Inclusive Communities</p> <p>People feel safe in their identity and that they are connected with and belong in the community. There are high levels of trust and understanding between members of the receiving community and newcomers.</p> 	<p>Welcoming Communities</p> <p>TE WAHAROA KĪNGĀ HĀPORI</p>  <p>For more information go to www.immigration.govt.nz/welcomingcommunities</p>	<p>Economic Development, Business and Employment</p> <p>Communities maximise and harness the economic development opportunities that newcomers can offer. Councils work with business associations to promote the contribution that newcomer business owners and skilled migrants make to the region's economy.</p> 
<p>Civic Engagement and Participation</p> <p>Newcomers feel welcome to fully participate in the community. Newcomers are active in all forms of civic participation.</p> 	<p>Welcoming Public Spaces</p> <p>Newcomers and receiving communities feel welcome in and comfortable using public spaces.</p> 	<p>Culture and Identity</p> <p>There is a shared sense of pride in being part of a culturally rich and vibrant community. People feel their culture is respected and valued by other members of the community. There are opportunities to learn about each other's cultures.</p> 

Insights – some unique challenges of newcomers

- Language barriers
- Limited financial resources
- Lack of social networks
- Vulnerable to exploitation, with limited access to legal protection or healthcare
- Limited or no access to settlement support services
- Financial dependence
- Underemployment
- Social isolation
- Mental health



Common themes across local boards - Our focus for the next stage

Newcomer
Orientation

Civic
engagement
and
participation

Intercultural
connections

Te Tiriti
education/intro
to Te reo

Business and
employment
support
(exploration)

Capability
building



Examples of local mahi



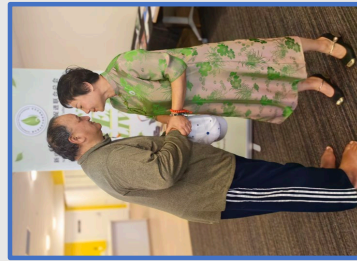
Filipino Storytime
Mt Albert Library



Global Friends Meetup, Papatoetoe



New Windsor Treasure Hunt



Chinese tea party
Northcote



An introduction to NZ
Health System and
Citizens Advice
Bureaux (CAB)
Albert-Eden



Te Tiriti Workshop in Arabic
Puketāpapa

Regional initiatives

Welcome to Auckland

- Auckland Council website
- Orientation resources

Partnerships and collaborations

- Mana whenua
- Regional settlement services
- Ethnic and Pacific community groups and organisations

Community and
neighbourhood

Essential services

Civic
participation

Safety and
emergency
preparedness

Employment and
business support



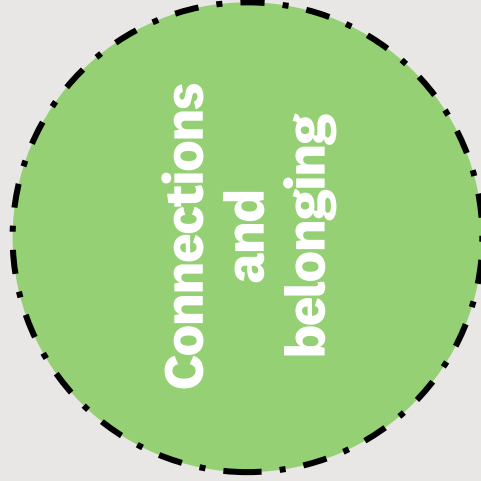
How will we know if the programme makes a difference in the community?



Measures of accessibility and quality of information



Use of services and participation in community activities



Quality of life and wellbeing indicators



Current investment



MBIE

- \$250,000 per year until March 2026 – future investment uncertain

Auckland Council

- dedicated staff time 1.5 FTE
- regional investment
- local board investment





Next steps

- Trial new initiatives and measure impact
- Future of the programme
- Update and advice to committee



Item 12

Attachment A