

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Whau Local Board will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday, 23 April 2025**
Time: **1:00 pm**
Meeting Room: **Whau Local Board Office**
Venue: **31 Totara Avenue
New Lynn**

Whau Local Board OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Kay Thomas
Deputy Chairperson	Fasitua Amosa
Members	Ross Clow Catherine Farmer Valeria Gascoigne Sarah Paterson-Hamlin Warren Piper

(Quorum 4 members)

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 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.

Specifically, members are asked to identify any new interests that they have not previously disclosed and any interest that might be considered as a conflict of interest with a matter on the agenda.

The following are declared interests of elected members of the Whau Local Board:

Member	Organisation	Position
Kay Thomas	New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau	Volunteer
	Citizens Advice Bureau Waitākere Board	Deputy Chair
	Literacy Waitākere	Board Member
	West Auckland Heritage Conference	Committee Member
	Whau Ethnic Collective	Patron
	Whau Wildlink Network	Member
Fasitua Aмосa	Equity NZ	Vice President
	Massive Theatre Company	Board Member
	Avondale Business Association	Family Member is Chair
	Silo Theatre Trust	Board Member
Ross Clow	Portage Licensing Trust	Trustee
	Te Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Patron
	Bay Olympic Sports Club	Life Member
	Forest and Bird Society	Member
	Waitākere Ranges Protection Society	Member
	New Lynn Heritage Protection Society	Member
	Trust Community foundation Limited	Trustee
	Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club	Member
	Libraries	Family Member is Librarian

Member	Organisation	Position
Catherine Farmer	Avondale-Waterview Historical Society	Member
	Blockhouse Bay Historical Society	Member
	Blockhouse Bay Bowls	Patron
	Forest and Bird organisation	Member
	Grey Power	Member
Sarah Paterson-Hamlin	New Zealand Down Syndrome Association	Employee
	Raukatauri Music Therapy Trust	Employee
Warren Piper	New Lynn RSA	Associate Member
	New Lynn Business Association	Member
Valeria Gascoigne	Kelston Community Hub	Employee

External Organisations	Lead	Alternate
The Avondale Business Association	Kay Thomas	Ross Clow
The Blockhouse Bay Business Association	Warren Piper	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin
The New Lynn Business Association	Warren Piper	Kay Thomas
The Rosebank Business Association	Warren Piper	Fasitua Amosa
The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Ross Clow	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 26 March 2025, as true and correct.

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

At the close of the agenda no requests for acknowledgements had been received.

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

At the close of the agenda no requests to present petitions had been received.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

Standing Order 7.7 provides for deputations. Those applying for deputations are required to give seven working days notice of subject matter and applications are approved by the Chairperson of the Whau Local Board. This means that details relating to deputations can be included in the published agenda. Total speaking time per deputation is ten minutes or as resolved by the meeting.

8.1 Deputation: Riversdale Skatepark

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To receive a deputation from Aaron Martin on the condition of the Riversdale Reserve skate facility.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. Aaron Martin, Chairperson of East Skate Club, will be presenting to the board on the condition of the local skatepark at Riversdale Reserve.
3. The primary goals of the deputation are to inform the board on the deteriorating condition of this local asset, and to request that the board invest a small amount in the refurbishment of the skatepark surface as part of their work programme budget allocation.

Ngā tūhonga

Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Aaron Martin for his attendance.

8.2 Deputation: Kāinga Pukapuka

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To receive a deputation from David Riley on the Kāinga Pukapuka project.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. David Riley, from the Oceania Literacy Trust, will be presenting to the board on the Kāinga Pukapuka project, which involved the gifting of boxes of books to families in the Whau local board area.
3. The primary goals of the deputation are to thank the board for their funding of Kāinga Pukapuka and to report back on the project.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank David Riley for his attendance.

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

A period of time (approximately 30 minutes) is set aside for members of the public to address the meeting on matters within its delegated authority. A maximum of three minutes per speaker is allowed, following which there may be questions from members.

At the close of the agenda no requests for public forum had been received.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

Whau Ward Councillor's update

File No.: CP2025/07058

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive an update from Whau Ward Councillor, Kerrin Leoni.
2. A period of 10 minutes has been set aside for the Whau Ward Councillor to have an opportunity to update the Whau Local Board on regional matters.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the report and thank Whau Ward Councillor Kerrin Leoni, for her update.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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A	Ward Councillor Kerrin Leoni's Report - March-April 2025	11

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Whau Ward Councillor Report March 2025 – April 2025

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Photo: M9 - Te Ōhanga Māori - A Pathway to Prosperity Event

Attachment A

Purpose

This is the Whau Ward Councillor report covering the period from 17 March 2025 to 15 April 2025. It has been prepared for the Whau Local Board Business Meeting on 23 April 2025.

The purpose of my report is to detail my main activities and to share information with the local board in my ward regarding governing body decisions, my attendance at events and meetings, constituent issues, media updates and key issues.

Positions

- Māori Outcomes Portfolio Lead
- Deputy Chair Council Controlled Organisation Direction and Oversight Committee
- Hauraki Gulf Forum Member
- Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Member
- Regulatory and Safety Committee Member
- Community Committee Member
- Governing Body Member of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority
- Ethnic Peoples Advisory Panel Liaison Councillor
- Māori Outcomes Political Working Group Chair
- Joint Governance Working Party Member

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Summary

- Auckland Council's 2024 representation review has reached a key milestone, confirming new electoral boundaries for the October 2025 local elections. After extensive public consultation and community input, the Local Government Commission approved several changes, including boundary adjustments in central Auckland and North Shore wards, new subdivisions in Rodney and Howick, and two additional local board members. The number of councillors remains at 20, while local board members increase to 151. These changes aim to ensure fair and effective representation, with the next review planned before the 2028 elections.
- On 27 March 2025, the Governing Body approved the early delivery of a \$550 million project to remove level crossings in Takaanini and Glen Innes, ahead of the City Rail Link opening. The plan includes eight new road and pedestrian bridges to improve safety, reduce traffic delays, and support more frequent train services. The acceleration depends on \$200 million in co-funding from Waka Kotahi NZTA. Community engagement and detailed design work will follow, as part of a broader effort to improve Auckland's rail infrastructure.
- Also on 27 March 2025, the Governing Body endorsed a staged redevelopment of Eden Park as the region's main stadium, following a review of two feasibility studies. While both proposals by Eden Park Trust and Te Tōangaroa/Quay Park Consortium had merits, Eden Park was found to be the most feasible option, though not viable without private funding. Alongside this, a new Auckland Regional Stadium Investment Framework was adopted to guide future investment across the city's stadium network, aiming to improve coordination, avoid duplication, and better position Auckland to host major events

Other key milestones for Tāmaki Makaurau

Making Space for Water project

The council has marked a significant milestone with the groundbreaking of the first flood resilience project under the Making Space for Water programme in Māngere. The project, which includes upgrading a busy bridge and elevating a major sewer pipe, aims to reduce flood risks for hundreds of homes in the area, some of which are at serious risk during storms. These initiatives are part of a \$2 billion co-funding agreement with central government following the 2023 weather events. The projects, supported by local iwi and the community, are set to improve flood resilience, create jobs, and restore local waterways, with completion expected by mid-2026.

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Committee Meetings – Key Decisions

The complete minutes for all meetings are available on the Auckland Council website. The following is intended as a summary only.

Governing Body Meeting – 27 March 2025

Link to meeting minutes [here](#)

Local Board Input

- The Governing Body received and thanked the Papakura Local Board for their input regarding the Level Crossing Programme.

Level Crossing Programme – Accelerating the Removal of the Takaanini and Glen Innes Priority Group

- Approved the acceleration of the level crossing removal programme, bringing forward \$550 million in capital budget to start in 2025/2026, contingent on NZ Transport Agency's approval.

Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board 2025-2026 Funding Plan and Levy

- Approved the recommended levy of \$18.55 million for the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board for 2025-2026 and agreed that the remuneration remain the same as the previous year.

2025/2026 Levy Request from Museum of Transport and Technology and Potential Three-Year Funding Agreement

- Approved the 2025/2026 levy request of \$19.66 million for the Museum of Transport and Technology and agreed in principle to a three-year funding agreement from 2025/2026 to 2027/2028.

Stadium Network Investment Objectives

- Adopted the stadium network investment objectives to guide future planning and noted the work programme for developing a stadium network investment plan for the Long-Term Plan 2027–2037.

Main Stadium Feasibility Studies

- Endorsed a staged redevelopment of Eden Park as the most feasible option for Auckland's main stadium, subject to completing a business case and government support.

Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Q2 FY25 Update

- Noted the update on health, safety, and wellbeing and acknowledged improvements in the council's management in these areas.

Summary of Governing Body and Committee Information Memoranda and Briefings (Including the Forward Work Programme) - 27 March 2025

- Received the summary of information memoranda and briefings.

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Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee – 3 April 2025

Link to meeting minutes [here](#)

Public Input

- Received public input from North Shore Takapuna Golf Limited regarding floodwater storage capacity and the Milford Residents Association regarding flood mitigation support.

Local Board Input

- Received the joint Local Board Input address from Kaipātiki Local Board and Devonport-Takapuna Local Board regarding flood mitigation in Wairau Valley.

Auckland Transport Draft Statement of Intent 2025-2028

- Noted that the Committee will be approving shareholder comments on draft statements of intent 2025-2028 from council-controlled organisations at its meeting in May 2025.

Auckland Transport Update - April 2025

- Received the update from Auckland Transport's Chief Executive.

Time of Use Charging Programme

- Approved a submission on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill, delegating final approval to the Chair and Deputy Chair.

Making Space for Water – Wairau Blue-Green Network Stage 1 and 2 Business Case

- Requested a technical assessment of Takapuna Golf's proposal for flood mitigation as part of the delivery business case in 2026.

Summary of Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee information memoranda, workshops and briefings (including the forward work programme) - 3 April 2025

- Noted the progress on the forward work programme and received a summary of memoranda and briefings.

Policy and Planning Committee – 10 April 2025

Link to meeting minutes [here](#)

Local Board Input

- Aotea/Great Barrier and Waiheke Local Boards provided input on the proposed Plan Change – Helipads. Both presentations were received and acknowledged.

Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change - Helipads

- Approved notification of the plan change with amendments to consider noise and vibration, and delegated authority for final wording and minor amendments.

Auckland Unitary Plan - On-site wastewater plan change

- Approved preparation of a council-initiated plan change to address issues with on-site and small-scale wastewater systems.

Auckland Unitary Plan - Private Plan Change 99 (13 Cresta Ave & 96 Beach Haven Rd)

- Approved making Private Plan Change 99 operative and requested statutory notification processes.

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Storm Recovery: Storm Affected Land Use Policy and Implementation Approach

- Adopted the policy and delegated final approval (with changes) to specified members and representatives.

Shaping how Tāmaki Makaurau plans for climate disruption

- Agreed on the council's position for the national adaptation framework and delegated authority for future submission approval.

Auckland Botanic Gardens Masterplan Process

- Approved the scope, methodology, and engagement approach for developing a masterplan at 120 Hill Road, Manurewa.

Council group submission on proposed wastewater environmental performance standards (Taumata Arowai)

- Endorsed draft submission, delegated final approval, and requested collaboration with Watercare.

Auckland Council submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Bill

- Approved submission supporting a 4-year fixed term with associated recommendations, and delegated authority to finalise and present the submission.

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Other Key Meetings and Events

Date	Event Details
17 March 2025	Governing Body/ Houkura Joint Hui CCO Direction and Oversight Committee Chair /Deputy meeting with Eke Panuku
18 March 2025	Revenue, Expenditure and Value Committee Meeting Māori Outcomes Political Working Group Hui run-through Annual Plan Fono
19 March 2025	Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee Workshop Community Committee CLOSED Workshop Climate Change: The Impact on the local community
20 March 2025	Annual Plan: Niuean community meeting
21 March 2025	Budget Committee - Annual Plan 2025/2026 - Regional Organisations & Interest Groups HYS Event
22 March 2025	Whau Cultural Celebration Day
23 March 2025	Chinese Festival Northcote
24 March 2025	Budget Committee – Annual Plan 2025/2026 – Māori Organisations & Community Groups HYS Event
25 March 2025	Visit to Manuka Doctor Arena Community Committee Meeting
26 March 2025	Governing Body Workshops
27 March 2025	Governing Body Meeting
31 March 2025	CCO Direction and Oversight Committee Chair/ Deputy meeting with Watercare Māori Outcomes Fund review session- Second Session
1 April 2025	Regulatory and Safety Committee Meeting Avondale Catch up
2 April 2025	Catch up – Māori Outcomes Political Working Group
3 April 2025	Te Maruata Whānui Hui
4 April 2025	ASB Polyfest Function
5 April 2025	ASB Polyfest
6 April 2025	CultureFest
7 April 2025	Agenda run-through meeting: CCO Direction and Oversight Committee KMR Joint Committee Hui Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Workshop

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	Polyfest 50th Anniversary Dinner
8 April 2025	CCO Direction and Oversight Committee Meeting
9 April 2025	Policy and Planning Committee Workshop
	Trusts Arena's 20th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser
10 April 2025	Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
11 April 2025	Joint Governance Working Party Meeting
12 April 2025	New Lynn / Kelston Community patrol 10-year celebration
	M9 Event
13 April 2025	World Dance Crew Championship Opening Ceremony
14 April 2025	Māori Outcomes Fund review session- Final Session
15 April 2025	Revenue, Expenditure and Value Committee Meeting

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Pictures from the reporting period:

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Chinese festival



Policy and Planning Committee

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Trusts Arena Anniversary celebration



Avondale College Samoan Group - Polyfest



Whau Cultural Celebration Day



Te Maruata Conference



Budget Committee HYS event

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2024/2025 work programme budget reallocations

File No.: CP2025/06840

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To approve reallocation of funding within the Whau Local Board's 2024/2025 work programme.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. The Whau Local Board approved its 2024/2025 Customer and Community Services work programme and its associated budget on 26 June 2024 (resolution WH/2024/68).
3. As projects progress through the delivery process the specific work required and the cost of delivery can change. As a result, variations are sought to the work programme to ensure the local board's locally driven initiatives operational budget is optimised.
4. The activity ID494: Youth development Whau within the work programme is tracking towards an underspend for the 2024/2025 financial year and has budget of \$24,766 available for reallocation.
5. Underspend budget must be allocated to projects that can be completed by the end of the 2024/2025 financial year.
6. Staff have identified the following activities, which can be delivered by the end of the 2024/2025 financial year, to which the budget can be reallocated:
 - a) ID4074: Placemaking Community – Whau, to deliver additional youth activations in town centres.
 - b) ID4380: Local Civic Events Whau, to increase the budget for the Blockhouse Bay Library reopening event.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) approve the reallocation of \$24,766 underspend 2024/2025 budget from ID494: Youth development Whau towards the following activities:
 - i) ID4074: Placemaking Community Whau - \$15,000
 - ii) ID4380: Local Civic Events Whau - \$9,766.

Horopaki

Context

7. The Whau Local Board approved its 2024/2025 Customer and Community Services work programme and its associated budget on 26 June 2024 (resolution WH/2024/68).
8. As projects progress through the delivery process the specific work required and the cost of delivery can change. As a result, variations are sought to the work programme to ensure the local board's locally driven initiatives operational budget is optimised.
9. The local board approved an allocation of \$42,966 to ID494 Youth development Whau, to support the Whau Youth Board with youth-led activities and to facilitate the Whau Youth

Provider Network. This activity is tracking towards an underspend for the 2024/2025 financial year.

10. Through early discussions on developing its 2025/2025 work programme in November 2024, the local board indicated its intention to increase activities for engagement and delivery for youth. The local board will decide on its 2025/2026 work programme in June 2025.
11. I Love Avondale is the service provider that coordinates the Whau Youth Board, Whau Youth Providers network and supports youth-led activations. In December 2024, the contract was renewed with I Love Avondale for six months, rather than the regular 12 months to align with the timing for local board considerations of its 2025/2026 work programme.
12. The contract was allocated \$17,200 for the six months. As a result, there is a remaining underspend of \$24,766, which is available for reallocation.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

13. Underspend budget must be allocated to projects that can be completed by the end of the 2024/2025 financial year.
14. Staff have identified two activities within the operational work programme, which can be delivered by the end of the 2024/2025 financial year, to which budget can be re-allocated to.
15. The following table provides a breakdown of these activities:

Activity Name	Description of activity	Reallocation amount
ID4074: Placemaking Community Whau	<p>A series of placemaking activations have been delivered in the New Lynn town centre and transport hub, by songwriters, audio producers, DJ, rap artists, musicians (Crescendo), crafts workshop (Avondale College), dancers, musicians, table tennis, Whau Cultural Square Sounds, buskers, clean-up day (Eco Fest), and TAPNZ free style jam. This opportunity provides a platform to showcase youth talents, building their confidence and empowering young people. This opportunity provides a platform to showcase youth talents, building their confidence and empowering young people.</p> <p>Additional allocation of budget would be used to collaborate with local groups and schools to deliver additional activations in New Lynn, building youth capacity and leadership skills, and fostering a sense of belonging/ownership.</p>	\$15,000
ID4380: Local Civic Events Whau	<p>The Blockhouse Bay Library roof renewal project has a completion date in May/ June 2024. \$3,000 was earmarked to celebrate the reopening of the library.</p> <p>Increasing the budget would enable a larger community event. The Blockhouse Bay Library reopening event is scheduled for June 2024.</p>	\$9,766

	TOTAL	\$24,766
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16. Additionally, staff presented an option for Whau Youth Board development training. The local board raised concerns of timing to organise and deliver this option and requested staff include a proposal in the draft 2025/2026 work programme for consideration.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi **Climate impact statement**

17. The proposed work programme re-allocation does not significantly impact on greenhouse gas emissions or contribute towards adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera **Council group impacts and views**

18. When developing the work programmes council group impacts and views are presented to local boards. There are no further impacts to be considered with this re-allocation of funding.
19. Relevant departments within Auckland Council have been consulted regarding the re-allocations and no objections or concerns have been raised by delivery staff.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe **Local impacts and local board views**

20. The re-allocation of funding within the local board's work programme supports strong delivery and optimisation of the local board's available budget for 2024/2025.
21. The nature of the re-allocation aligns with the local board's work programme and the Whau Local Board Plan 2023.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori **Māori impact statement**

22. Where aspects of the proposed work programme are anticipated to have a significant impact on activities of importance to Māori then appropriate engagement will be undertaken.
23. The proposed re-allocation of funds to activities has low or indirect outcomes to Māori.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea **Financial implications**

24. Re-allocation of funding is regarded as a prudent step for the local board to take in order to optimise its budget for the 2024/2025 financial year.
25. Should the local board choose not to support the re-allocation of the funding from the initiative identified above, the funding would be offered up as budget savings.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga **Risks and mitigations**

26. There is a risk that despite the re-allocation, some of the budget remains unspent at the end of the financial year. However, delivery staff believe it is feasible to deliver the activities within the timeframes required, and the risk of non-delivery is considered to be low.

Ngā koringa ā-muri **Next steps**

27. The funding will be re-allocated according to the local board's resolution, and the relevant department will progress with the delivery of the next steps.

28. The Whau Local Board 2024/2025 work programme will be updated to reflect the board's formal decisions and any variations will be reflected from the quarter 3 performance report onwards.

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Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Update on Te Hono Contractor Procurement Process

File No.: CP2024/02398

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To update the Whau Local Board on progress of Te Hono – new Avondale Library and Community Hub and town square upgrade project and procurement.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. The Whau Local Board approved the concept plan for Te Hono in June 2021, marking a key milestone for the new Avondale Library and Community Hub.
3. In February 2022, the council approved the procurement plan for early contractor involvement and physical works, ensuring the entire project was tendered as one package.
4. An Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) contractor was appointed in April 2022 to support the progression of the project design with contractor input, while maintaining flexibility to pursue a competitive procurement process for the final stages of the project if the ECI contractor was unable to demonstrate value for money during final bid negotiations.
5. In September 2023, \$15 million was reallocated from the Whau aquatic and recreation centre development budget to the Avondale community centre development budget to secure project funding.
6. The detailed design phase was completed in September 2024 and this allowed the ECI contractor to provide its contract works offer to deliver the project. However, due to unsuccessful final bid negotiations, in February 2025 the project steering group opted to discontinue the early contractor involvement model in favour of a competitive tender process, recognising that current market conditions offered increased competition and a clearer pathway to achieving more competitive pricing.
7. The construction programme has been structured into two phases.
 - Phase One, enabling works, is set to commence in April 2025.
 - Phase Two, the main construction tender expression of interest phase is in progress, with a planned site start in September 2025.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the update on the progress of the Te Hono – new Avondale Library and Community Hub project and acknowledge the information contained in this report.

Horopaki

Context

Te Hono project history

8. In December 2019, the council project steering group was established with the purpose of providing advice, direction and governance to the project team on operational matters

related to the design and construction of the new Te Hono facility within the agreed scope and budget provided.

9. In June 2021, the Whau Local Board approved the concept plan for Te Hono – the new Avondale Library and Community Hub (Te Hono project), marking a significant milestone for the project.
10. On 1 February 2022, the council Strategic Procurement Committee approved the procurement plan for the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) and physical works contract for the Te Hono project.
11. Authority was delegated to council's Chief Executive to execute the plan, including any necessary variations within the procurement process (STR/2022/3). The procurement plan covered the entire project, ensuring both the building and public realm (civic and open space) were procured in a single package tendered in March 2022.
12. In April 2022, an ECI contractor was appointed through a pre-construction services contract and enabled early supplier engagement and detailed design to progress, while ensuring council retained the ability to competitively tender the project if the ECI contractor was unable to demonstrate value for money through the ECI process.
13. In September 2023, the Whau Local Board recommended to the Governing Body to reallocate \$15 million in financial year 2026/2027 from the Whau aquatic and recreation centre development budget to the Avondale community centre development budget to confirm Te Hono's future. This was approved by the Governing Body on 28 September 2023 (resolution GB/2023/171).
14. Auckland Council and Eke Panuku have provided nine subsequent updates on the Te Hono project to the local board.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

Current update

15. In September 2024, upon completion of the detailed design drawings, council's project steering group invited the pre-construction services contractor to submit a contract works offer.
16. Between November 2024 to February 2025, works were undertaken to deconstruct the existing buildings located at 1971-1987 Great North Road, Avondale. This involved:
 - repurposing of materials including glass and timber (the Canadian Oregon and Tawa timber will be reused potentially as furniture within the new facility)
 - recycling of materials including steel
 - relocating the non-operational bus shelter
 - relocation by Vector of their high voltage cable to a location that would not impact the construction works of the Te Hono project.
17. Following a detailed assessment by an independent quantity surveyor (QS) and five months of negotiations with the ECI contractor, both parties were ultimately unable to reach agreement on value-for-money outcomes and alignment with the project budget.
18. On 24 February 2025, the council project steering group reviewed the contract works offer alongside the independent QS review of the contract works offer and made the decision not to enter into a contract with the ECI contractor.
19. Based on the recommendation from the project team, procurement and the independent QS, the project steering group made the decision to proceed with an open-market competitive tendering process.

20. Opening the tender to the wider market ensures greater participation from potential contractors and improves the chances of securing the best value outcome for this high-profile council project.
21. To keep the project on track and minimise delays, it was agreed to continue with a two-phase approach:
 - Phase One - enabling works
 - continue with the enabling works, including the removal of the remaining concrete structures alongside completion of some preliminary infrastructure works (such as retaining walls and earthworks)
 - council approved civil contractors have been invited to price this package of work, with the successful contractor expected to commence on site by the end of April 2025
 - this will activate the site and keep the construction programme moving forward during the main works tender phase.
 - Phase Two - the main construction tender
 - commence the open market tender process
 - the tender was issued to the market in April 2025, and covers the main construction works for the Te Hono project.
22. The ECI contractor is able to participate in Phase Two of the tender process, allowing an opportunity to bid competitively for this project alongside other contractors.
23. It is expected that the construction contract for the main works will be awarded in August 2025, with a September 2025 start date on site.
24. Auckland Council procurement services have led the procurement process and provided guidance to ensure we deliver value for money and that the process followed is in line with best practice principles for negotiating with an ECI contractor.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi **Climate impact statement**

25. The location of Te Hono in the Avondale town centre will enable increased active and public transport use in the community due to improved walking connections between the town centre and train station.
26. The climate impact of Te Hono includes benefits through the reduced use of utilities by removing two ageing facilities (Avondale Library and Avondale Community Centre) and replacing them with one facility that is designed to be a Greenstar 5 Star rated building.
27. There are significant climate impacts anticipated to result from the construction process of a new facility. These will be mitigated during the project construction phase.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera **Council group impacts and views**

28. Eke Panuku Development Auckland, joint partners in this project, continue to be involved as members of the council project steering group.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe **Local impacts and local board views**

29. This significant project, strongly supported by the Whau Local Board, includes advocacy for \$15 million from the Whau aquatic and recreation centre development budget to secure full funding.

30. This project holds high community interest and has been long anticipated, making timely delivery essential. Any delays could create a reputational issue, however the open competitive tender process is not expected to impact the planned delivery and opening of Te Hono.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

31. In 2016, staff engaged with mana whenua Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua and residents within the community who identify as Māori. Over 200 people who identified as Māori participated in the development of a community needs assessment.
32. Discussions with representatives from Te Kawerau ā Maki, Te Ākitai Waiohū, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua continued in 2019. This led to the Mana Whenua Project Vision for the facility which included the underlying principle of hononga - connection, relationship, and bond.
33. The vision outlined the desire for the project to:
- remember and celebrate the local and wider cultural landscape
 - express cultural identity and sense of place
 - provide for cultural welcoming processes and protocol.
34. Mana whenua gifted the name of Te Hono to the Avondale multipurpose community facility in 2022.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

35. There are no notable adverse financial impacts resulting from this update. Staff do not require any change in budget and open tendering this project provides the best opportunity to deliver value for money.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

36. The competitive tender process is not expected to impact materially the planned delivery and opening of Te Hono. The delay in construction start date as a result of the open tender process is in part mitigated through the enabling works package, which will minimise any significant programme delays.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

37. Council is proceeding with a competitive tendering process to deliver value for money within the overall budget and scope of the Te Hono project, and will support the main construction works which are projected to begin in September 2025.
38. Council will progress a separate contract (enabling works package) for works to continue on-site.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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Whau Play Plan 2025

File No.: CP2025/05834

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To adopt the Whau Play Plan 2025, which provides guidance on emerging play issues and opportunities for non-playground play projects.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. The Whau Play Plan 2025 provides Whau Local Board with general information and specific project suggestions to increase the range of play opportunities it offers.
3. The play plan has been developed with community and council staff guidance. The local board has provided feedback on an earlier draft of the document. The final version of the Whau Play Plan 2025 is now offered to the local board for adoption.
4. A Supplementary Information document has also been provided. It includes relevant demographic information for the local board area, and insights from Regional Sports Trusts and the council's Advisory Panels. This information has informed the advice staff provide to Whau Local Board regarding play.
5. The play plan does not commit the local board to funding any particular play project. Instead, it will serve as a tool to support work programme planning each year.
6. The report recommends that Whau Local Board adopt the Whau Play Plan 2025 and use it as a resource for the future development of play.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whai / adopt the Whau Play Plan 2025 as set out in Attachment A to the agenda report.

Horopaki

Context

7. Auckland Council's play advocacy function promotes play opportunities beyond investment in traditional playgrounds, with play regarded as 'an everywhere activity'.
8. The play advocacy approach complements local boards' capital investments in play. It does not however replace the ongoing need for investment in playgrounds.
9. Staff engaged with Whau Local Board at various workshops in 2023 and 2024. A play advocacy activity was included in the local board's annual work programme in the 2024/2025 financial year, with an allocated budget of \$5,000.
10. In the 2024/2025 work programme, staff committed to delivering a 'play plan' for Whau Local Board. This document provides advice on how play outcomes can be achieved with operational expenditure (OPEX) funding. It also provides guidance on relevant play issues that the local board might like to consider.
11. A draft version of the Whau Play Plan 2025 was circulated to the local board in December 2024. Staff attended a local board workshop in February 2025 to receive elected member

feedback, which was incorporated into the final draft. Staff are seeking adoption of the plan which is attached to the report as Attachment A.

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12. The Whau Play Plan 2025 ('the play plan') is aligned with the Whau Local Board Plan 2023. It is intended to be a live document for the life of the local board plan. The play plan will be revised throughout the 2026 – 2029 term of the local board.
13. The play plan complements previous staff advice about play and other council work programmes that provide play outcomes. This includes play provision assessments and play network gap analyses completed by the Specialist Operations team, and the activation programme delivered by the Out and About Auckland team.
14. The play plan highlights the need to engage effectively with rangatahi regarding play. The gap in play provision for rangatahi is well known across Tāmaki Makaurau, and the play plan offers suggestions about how this can be addressed through both operational (OPEX) and capital (CAPEX) investment.
15. Accessible play is a growing focus within the play sector. The play plan provides guidance to Whau Local Board about the different needs of tamariki with invisible and visible disabilities. It also discusses ways that the council can address these groups' play requirements.
16. All-ages play is also a topic of interest to most local boards. The play plan addresses this by highlighting opportunities for intergenerational play. It also advocates for greater engagement with rangatahi to learn more about this demographic's play interests. It provides some suggestions for ways to better provide play for rangatahi and adults in formal play spaces.
17. The play plan presents elected members with specific project ideas to increase play provision across Whau, and suggestions of local board advocacy for broader play outcomes. The project suggestions are indicative only and do not commit the local board to funding any particular project. Language has been added to the play plan to this effect.
18. In response to feedback from a range of local boards, all play plans have been revised as follows:
 - a Chair's Message has been included at the beginning of the document
 - operational details such as proposed project costs have been removed, to better reflect the strategic nature of the play plan and the local board's governance-level decision-making role
 - a page has been inserted to acknowledge the opportunity for play to support the wellbeing of older adults
 - the document has been divided into two separate parts: the Whau Play Plan 2025, which is action-focused; and the Whau Play Plan 2025 Supplementary Information document, which includes supporting insights and other reference materials.
19. Staff will use the play plan to inform discussions during work programme development. Each year, the local board may choose to allocate a budget toward play through its annual work programme development process.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

20. The play advocacy approach has an enduring positive climate impact. It encourages whānau to embrace their streets, local parks and public spaces as sites for play. This reduces the need to drive to playgrounds.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

21. The play plan has been written with input from the council's Activation and Events teams within the Community Wellbeing department. Further review and feedback has been provided by staff in the Pools and Leisure and the Parks and Community Facilities departments.
22. The play plan highlights the value of integrating play into other council work programmes, and in the work of Council-Controlled Organisations like Auckland Transport and Watercare.
23. The Supplementary Information document includes insights from the council's various Advisory Panels, which each represent different groups in the community. Staff engaged directly with the Advisory Panels and sought their feedback regarding play issues relevant to them.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

24. Play is of perennial interest to the wider community, with most families aware of its benefit to their tamariki. As freedom to roam and play without adult supervision has declined for tamariki in Tāmaki Makaurau during the past three decades, there has been growing pressure on the council to build and maintain playgrounds. The play advocacy approach, as set out in the play plan, both acknowledges the importance of playgrounds, and offers other ways to provide opportunities to play.
25. Tāmaki Makaurau's four Regional Sports Trusts have the capacity to engage directly with tamariki in a school setting, and the Play Leads at each Regional Sports Trust have done so at several primary schools. The insights gathered have informed staff advice to Whau Local Board about how to provide play beyond a playground setting. In particular, tamariki voice has identified a widespread appetite for more adventurous play.
26. The Supplementary Information document contains demographic information from the 2023 Census, highlighting changing ethnic demographics in Whau. Analysis of the local board's demographic data has contributed to staff advice to Whau Local Board.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

27. The play plan references the Māori outcomes identified in the Whau Local Board Plan 2023. It highlights several ways that play can support Māori outcomes, including:
 - using Te Aranga Māori Design principles in the design of playgrounds, to communicate iwi narratives through colour choices, cultural motifs, and other elements
 - developing and installing māra hūpara – Māori playgrounds that draw on pre-colonial play traditions from local iwi
 - exploring ways that the Te Kete Rukuruku dual naming project could create opportunities for playful interpretation of the narratives behind gifted te reo names
 - providing Māori play activations through the Out and About Auckland programme.
28. The play plan acknowledges the importance of taking an iwi-led approach for any play provision that is aligned with Māori outcomes.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

29. Although the play plan includes potential play projects, it is not a prescriptive document and does not commit the local board to funding any of the projects. Language has been included in the play plan to make this clear to all readers.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

30. The following table identifies risks associated with Whau Local Board adopting its play plan and sets out appropriate mitigation measures.

Risk	Mitigation
Adopting the play plan raises community expectations regarding investment in new play projects	Language within the play plan to emphasise the non-prescriptive nature of the document and its purpose as a guide for potential play investment only
Adopting the play plan results in concern from the community that investment in CAPEX play will not continue	Language within the play plan to confirm that non-playground play is intended to complement and not replace wider investment in play assets

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

- Staff will participate in annual work programme planning, drawing on the play plan to advise the local board of project opportunities.
- The Whau Play Plan 2025 will be revised on a three-year basis, to ensure it remains aligned with the Whau Local Board's local board plan.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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Attachment A

From the Chair



Whau Local Board is pleased to present Te Māhere-ā-tākaro o Whau 2024 / the Whau Play Plan 2024. It is one of the local board's initiatives to support our younger residents and help them enjoy spaces and activities within the Whau area. Not only will the Play Plan allow more opportunities for children of all ages to play and have fun, but it will also show how play can support our 2023 Local Board Plan outcomes, including our objective of supporting initiatives to increase healthy, active lifestyles among our ethnically diverse communities.

Play is especially important for children and young people because it supports positive wellbeing, and physical, social and emotional development. Children learn through play by engaging with their environment, exploring their senses, and developing critical thinking, social-emotional, and cognitive skills. Play encourages creativity, problem-solving, and the ability to express themselves, leading to deeper engagement with learning. Just under 20% of the Whau population is under 15 years of age and we are committed to ensuring they can learn positively through play in a range of situations.

The local board already provides for play by building and maintaining playgrounds. The local board will continue to invest in play by building and maintaining playgrounds. Through the Whau Play Plan we will also explore other ways of creating opportunities for play using community spaces, including libraries. We would like to see greater use of our community spaces, parks and open spaces to support a variety of recreational activities, especially play. At the same time, we hope that providing more opportunities for play will help to build a culture of belonging and allow opportunities for our diverse populations to come together.

Every public space has the potential to be used for play. Because the plan will mostly utilise already existing spaces, many of the play plan initiatives are low-cost or community led and will not require significant funding. We wish to challenge the idea that play can only take place in playgrounds.

The local board would like to thank staff who put time and effort into developing the Whau Play Plan.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay M Thomas".

Kay Thomas

Chairperson, Whau Local Board

Introduction

Te Māhere-ā-tākaro o Whau 2025 – the Whau Play Plan 2025 – provides Whau Local Board with guidance for future investment in play, particularly beyond playgrounds and for the wider community. It reflects the belief that play should be an ‘everywhere activity’, and gives effect to the Whau Local Board Plan 2023. It will be refreshed as new local board plans are published¹.

The Supplementary Information document contains insights from the community, the council’s Advisory Panels, and the wider play sector. These insights have helped to shape staff advice about new ways to support play in Whau. It also contains information about the ethnicity and age of Whau residents, and how this may influence play investment.

Whau Local Board already invests in play, and the Whau Play Plan 2025 complements that ongoing support. Whau has a network of more than 40 playgrounds with accessible features and wheeled play at several sites. Whau’s beaches, parks, and reserves gives whānau and tamariki unlimited opportunities for self-directed play in nature. The three local libraries provide plenty of play, particularly for younger tamariki. Local community centres also offer fun and recreation for people of all ages, as well as playful school holiday programmes. Elected members from Whau Local Board provide leadership in regional play discussions by participating in the council’s informal Play Leadership Group.

The play plan is also complementary to previous staff advice from the Special Operations team. The advice focuses on assessing the current level of playground provision and provides specific recommendations as to how the playground network can be improved². It includes a collection of project proposals for the local board to consider when planning its annual operational expenditure (OPEX) work programme. The plan sits alongside the Special Operations staff advice to help build innovative ways of improving play for all.

Most local boards have a play provision assessment or play gap analysis, and in several cases, these documents are being updated to reflect recent play investment outcomes. Play provision assessments and gap analyses focus primarily on built capital expenditure (CAPEX) play assets. They:

- Assess play space provision at a network and individual play space scale
- Evaluate the current provision and identify any current gaps (for example, gaps in age-group provision)
- Highlight the presence or absence of specialised play experiences
- Reflect the local context of changing population patterns and forecast population growth
- Identify areas of play oversupply in the network and offer guidance for optimisation
- Recommend where further investment in play is required in specific suburbs or neighbourhoods.

Local path studies and greenways plans support local boards to assess existing local path priority routes for cycling and walking, and make recommendations for future work to improve the path network.

¹ As discussed in the Supplementary Information document, this play plan also aligns with several existing strategies

² The Supplementary Information document explains how different elements of the Auckland play ecosystem work together

Why play matters

Play is self-chosen, self-directed, intrinsically motivated and enjoyable. It's 'stuff we do mostly just for fun', and it brings joy and adds value to the lives of people of all ages. For tamariki, play is a fundamental human right³. Active play helps to develop physical literacy, social play supports the building of stronger relationships with peers and the wider community, and creative play enables tamariki to explore and stretch their imaginations.

Although the importance of play to tamariki development and wellbeing is well understood, opportunities to play have declined in recent decades. Tamariki today have less time, space and permission to play than most adults enjoyed when they were growing up. This is contributing to a rise in poor physical and mental health outcomes. Since 2022 Auckland Council has worked with Sport New Zealand and the regional sports trusts to expand its approach to play. Taking a principles-based approach to support play advocacy achieves better play outcomes for tamariki in Tāmaki Makaurau. The council is part of a thriving play sector that includes Regional Sports Trusts, Recreation Aotearoa and membership organisations such as Play Aotearoa⁴.

This new approach can be summarised into seven key messages:

Play = 'stuff we do mostly just for fun'

Access to play is a human right for all children

Children need time, space and permission to play every day

Play is for everybody, of every age – we're never too old

Play is an everywhere activity: all places are playful

Playgrounds are the starting place for play – not the only place

We can all make Tāmaki Makaurau a playful city

³ Refer to the Supplementary Information document to learn about play's protected status under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

⁴ The Supplementary Information document includes Sport New Zealand's Principles of Play, which serve as the guiding principles of play advocacy in New Zealand

Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw

File No.: CP2025/06993

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Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To seek local board views on how the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the Auckland Council Dog Policy and Bylaw.
2. To delegate one or more local board members to represent local board views on the public feedback to the Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

3. Staff have prepared a summary of public feedback to enable the local board to provide its views on how the Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the Dog Policy and Bylaw.
4. The Governing Body adopted a proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the [Kaupapa mo ngā Kurī | Policy on Dogs 2019](#) and [Ture a Rohe Tiakina Kurī | Dog Management Bylaw 2019](#) in December 2024, and appointed a Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel to consider all public feedback and make recommendations, before a final decision is made.
5. The [proposal](#) to adopt an amended [policy](#) and [bylaw](#) seeks to improve council's approach to dog management in Auckland by minimising the risk of danger and distress to people, stock, poultry, domestic animals and protected wildlife, nuisance to people, damage to property and environment, risk of not meeting the needs of dogs and their owners and the inherent risk of conflict between users of shared spaces in Auckland.
6. Council received responses from 5,207 people and organisations at the close of feedback on 23 February 2025. All public feedback is summarised in **Attachment A** to the agenda report and a copy of all public feedback related to the local board area can be viewed on council's [AKHaveYourSay](#) web page.
7. All feedback is summarised by the following topics:
 - Proposal 1: Limit to number of dogs walked (six on leash, with maximum three of the six off leash at any one time)
 - Proposal 2: Auckland Botanic Gardens
 - Proposal 3: Hunua Ranges Regional Park
 - Proposal 4: Long Bay Regional Park
 - Proposal 5A: Mahurangi Regional Park East
 - Proposal 5B: Mahurangi Regional Park West
 - Proposal 5C: Mahurangi Regional Park Scott Point
 - Proposal 6: Pākiri Regional Park
 - Proposal 7: Shakespear Regional Park
 - Proposal 8: Tāpapakanga Regional Park
 - Proposal 12B: Muriwai Regional Park
 - Proposal 12C: Tāwharanui Regional Park
 - Proposal 12D: Wenderholm Regional Park
 - Proposal 13A: Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules
 - Proposal 13B: Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be neutered
 - Proposal 13C: Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications
 - Proposal 13D: Clarify what areas in Auckland require a license to keep multiple dogs on a property
 - Proposal 13E: Clarify how dog access rules are set
 - Proposal 13F: Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules
 - Proposal 13G: Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules

- Proposal 9: Te Ārai Regional Park
- Proposal 10: Waitawa Regional Park
- Proposal 11: Whakanewha Regional Park
- Proposal 12A: Ambury Regional Park
- Proposal 13H: Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules
- Proposal 13I: Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains)
- Proposal 13J: Remove outdated/duplicated bylaw content

8. Staff recommend that the local board provide its views on how the Panel should address feedback from people in the local board area, and if it wishes, present those views to the Panel. Taking this approach will assist the Panel in making recommendations to the Governing Body about whether to adopt the proposal.
9. There is a reputational risk that the feedback from the local board area is from a limited group of people and does not reflect the views of the whole community. This report mitigates this risk by providing local boards with a summary of all public feedback.
10. Local boards can (if they wish) present their views to the Panel on 23 May 2025. The Panel will consider local board views and all public feedback before making recommendations to the Governing Body in June 2025. The Governing Body will make a final decision mid-2025.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tūtohi / receive** the public feedback from people in the local board area to the Governing Body proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the Auckland Council [Kaupapa mo ngā Kurī | Policy on Dogs 2019](#) and [Ture a Rohe Tiakina Kurī | Dog Management Bylaw 2019](#) in the agenda report.
- b) **whakarato / provide** its views on how the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel should address public feedback to the proposal in (a) to assist the Panel in its deliberations.
- c) **whakatuu / appoint** one or more local board members to present the views in (b) to the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel.
- d) **tuku mana / delegate** authority to the local board chair to appoint a replacement to any appointed member in (c) who is unable to present to the Panel.

Horopaki Context

The local board has an opportunity to provide its views on public feedback

11. The local board in accordance with council's collaborative governance model¹ now has an opportunity to provide its views on how the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal.
12. Local board views must be provided by resolution to the Panel. The local board can also choose to present those views to the Panel at a meeting scheduled for 23 May 2025.
13. The nature of the local board views is at the discretion of the local board but must remain within the scope of the proposal and public feedback. For example, the local board:
 - ✓ could indicate support for matters raised in public feedback
 - ✓ could recommend how the Policy and Bylaw Panel address matters raised in public feedback

¹ The Local Board Involvement in Regional Policy, Plans and Bylaws – Agreed Principles and Processes 2019

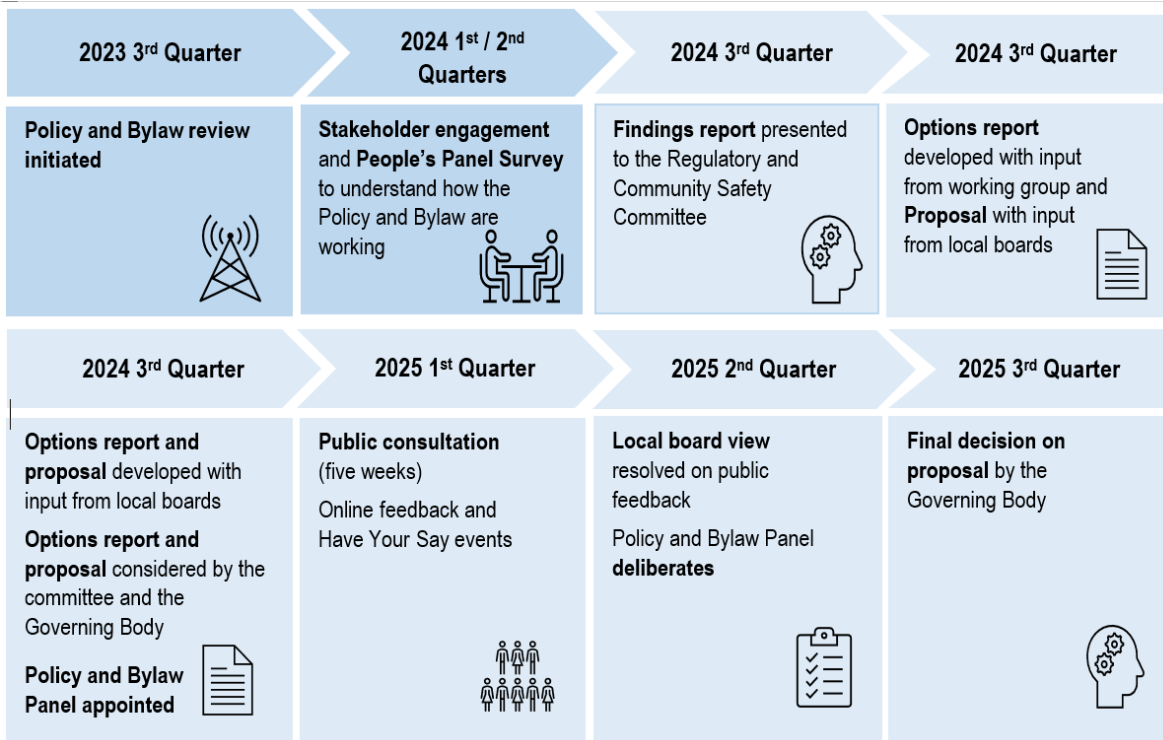
- ✘ should not express its views on the proposal itself (that opportunity was provided prior to public consultation, the focus now is on how to respond to public feedback).

Council is required to have a policy on dogs and a bylaw to implement the policy

14. The Dog Control Act 1996 requires Auckland Council to have a policy on dogs and a bylaw to give effect to it by specifying rules that dog owners must comply with.
15. Council's objective is to 'keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders' by:
 - maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs to public places
 - adopting measures to minimise the problems caused by dogs (including by promoting responsible dog ownership)
 - protecting dogs from harm and ensuring their welfare.
16. The rules are enforced by the Animal Management unit using a modern regulator approach to compliance (for example information, education and enforcement).
17. The policy and bylaw are part of a wider regulatory framework that includes the following:
 - The Dog Control Act 1996 manages matters relating to dog ownership, including their care, control and owner responsibilities for damage caused by their dog.
 - The Animal Welfare Act 1999 ensures that owners of animals and persons in charge of animals attend properly to the welfare of the animal.
 - The Code of Welfare for Dogs 2018 provides information to the owners and persons in charge of dogs about the standards they must achieve to meet their obligations under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

The Governing Body proposed amending matters of regional significance in the policy and bylaw for public feedback

18. On 12 December 2024, the Governing Body adopted a proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the Auckland Council [Kaupapa no ngā Kurī / Policy on Dogs 2019](#) and [Ture ā Rohe Tiakina Kurī / Dog Management Bylaw 2019 \(GB/2024/181\)](#). It also appointed a Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel to consider all public feedback and make recommendations, before a final decision is made by the Governing Body.
19. The proposal arose from a statutory review of the Dog Policy and Bylaw (see figure below).



20. The proposal seeks to improve council’s approach to dog management in Auckland by minimising the risk of danger and distress to people, stock, poultry, domestic animals and protected wildlife, nuisance to people, damage to property and environment, risk of not meeting the needs of dogs and their owners from irresponsible dog ownership and the inherent risk of conflict between users of shared spaces in Auckland.
21. The main proposals are outlined in the Table below:

Main proposals
Set a limit to the number of dogs a person may ‘walk’ in a council-controlled public place at one time (maximum of six dogs of which no more than three may be under control off a leash at any one time)
<p>Auckland Botanic Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the off-leash area to align with the current signposted off-leash boundaries, to provide for temporary changes for events and to transition to on-leash as parts of the off-leash area are developed in accordance with the Gardens Master Plan. • Prohibit dogs from waterways. • Prohibit dogs from the Huakaiwaka Visitor Centre, Café area (except the western café terrace), designated food concession areas and Potter Children’s Garden. • Clarify rules in other areas.
<p>Hunua Ranges Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott’s Habitat and on single use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).
<p>Long Bay Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited (off-leash access before 10am and after 5pm in summer and at any time in winter unchanged). • Clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.
<p>Mahurangi Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit dogs on Cudlip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash). • Allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season). • Clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point).

Main proposals
<p>Pākiri Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit dogs on the associated beach.
<p>Shakespear Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash). Clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).
<p>Tāpapakanga Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide off-leash access on beach and on-leash access on area between beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) Clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at the campgrounds and bach, and during lambing).
<p>Te Ārai Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pakiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks. Clarify access to off-leash area at disused quarry.
<p>Waitawa Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change eastern part of Matakaitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash. Change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash. Prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks. Clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddock during lambing, campground and bach).
<p>Whakanewha Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.
<p>Ambury, Muriwai, Tāwharanui and Wenderholm regional parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify current rules (no change to dog access).
<p>Reorganise, simplify and clarify Policy and Bylaw content, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> using a goal, focus area, action and rule structure clarifying approach to setting dog access rules clarifying the policy to neuter classified dogs and who can provide behavioural assessments clarifying Auckland-wide dog access rules such as for council carparks and camping grounds, working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways removing outdated information in Schedule 2 for example outdated landmarks updating dog access rules on Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) removing Bylaw content that is covered in the Policy or is outdated.

22. The proposal was publicly notified for feedback from 20 January until 23 February 2025.
23. Council received feedback from 5,186 people and 30 organisations (5,207 in total)
 - 4,046 on the proposal to limit the number of dogs walked and the general policy and bylaw matters and
 - 3,084 on the proposal to clarify or change regional park dog access rules.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

24. A total of **138 people from the Whau Local Board area** provided feedback to the proposal.
25. There was **majority support** for proposals to reorganise, simplify and clarify Policy and Bylaw content, and the proposal to clarify dog access rules at Tāwharanui Regional Park, **split support** for proposals to change or clarify dog access rules at Hunua Ranges, Shakespear, Te Ārai, Whakanewha, Ambury, Muriwai and Wenderholm Regional Parks, and **majority opposition** for the proposal to limit the number of dogs walked and the remaining proposals to change or clarify dog access rules at other regional parks.

26. Key themes from the Auckland-wide feedback highlighted concerns with limiting the number of dogs and clarifying or changing the dog access rules at most of the regional parks.
27. While some proposals may not be supported, public feedback also seeks alternatives other than the status quo. For example:
- for Proposal 1: limit to number of dogs walked, of the 66 per cent (2,397) of Auckland-wide feedback opposed to the proposal:
 - six per cent (146) supported a limit of four dogs, with no more than two off-leash
 - five per cent (113) supported a limit of four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained
 - four per cent (100) supported a limit of eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash
 - 638 comments (around 30 per cent) supported introducing a dog walker license for qualified dog walkers.
 - for proposed changes to regional park rules, Auckland-wide individuals who opposed the changes:
 - generally wanted council to provide more dog-friendly or off-leash areas
 - some were not opposing the proposals, but instead expressing the view that the current rules are too restrictive.

Overview of local board area and Auckland-wide support for proposed changes

Topic		Local board feedback		Auckland-wide feedback	
		Support	Opposition	Support	Opposition
P1	Limit to number of dogs walked (six on leash, with maximum three of the six off leash at any one time)	28 per cent	71 per cent	33 per cent	66 per cent
P2	Auckland Botanic Gardens	43 per cent	55 per cent	34 per cent	62 per cent
P3	Hunua Ranges Regional Park	39 per cent	35 per cent	33 per cent	56 per cent
P4	Long Bay Regional Park	28 per cent	66 per cent	26 per cent	70 per cent
P5A	Mahurangi Regional Park East	38 per cent	50 per cent	27 per cent	62 per cent
P5B	Mahurangi Regional Park West	35 per cent	59 per cent	28 per cent	60 per cent
P5C	Mahurangi Regional Park Scott Point	38 per cent	56 per cent	29 per cent	61 per cent
P6	Pākiri Regional Park	30 per cent	70 per cent	15 per cent	81 per cent
P7	Shakespear Regional Park	44 per cent	44 per cent	39 per cent	51 per cent
P8	Tāpapakanga Regional Park	29 per cent	53 per cent	34 per cent	55 per cent
P9	Te Ārai Regional Park	45 per cent	45 per cent	18 per cent	76 per cent
P10	Waitawa Regional Park	33 per cent	53 per cent	30 per cent	61 per cent
P11	Whakanewha Regional Park	38 per cent	31 per cent	35 per cent	51 per cent
P12A	Ambury Regional Park	48 per cent	52 per cent	37 per cent	55 per cent
P12B	Muriwai Regional Park	50 per cent	41 per cent	46 per cent	47 per cent
P12C	Tāwharanui Regional Park	56 per cent	28 per cent	43 per cent	45 per cent
P12D	Wenderholm Regional Park	43 per cent	43 per cent	42 per cent	44 per cent
P13A	Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules	71 per cent	19 per cent	71 per cent	17 per cent
P13B	Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be neutered	79 per cent	9 per cent	81 per cent	13 per cent
P13C	Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications	95 per cent	0 per cent	83 per cent	6 per cent

Topic	Local board feedback		Auckland-wide feedback	
	Support	Opposition	Support	Opposition
P13D Clarify what areas in Auckland require a license to keep multiple dogs on a property	72 per cent	16 per cent	74 per cent	17 per cent
P13E Clarify how dog access rules are set	81 per cent	9 per cent	75 per cent	13 per cent
P13F Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules	88 per cent	7 per cent	76 per cent	17 per cent
P13G Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules	69 per cent	12 per cent	67 per cent	12 per cent
P13H Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules	88 per cent	2 per cent	80 per cent	9 per cent
P13I Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains)	49 per cent	30 per cent	49 per cent	26 per cent
P13J Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content	86 per cent	2 per cent	81 per cent	7 per cent

Note: percentages do not add up to 100. For example, 'I don't know' responses are not included in Table.

28. The [proposal](#), proposed [policy](#) and [bylaw](#) can be viewed in the links. A summary of all public feedback is in **Attachment A** and a copy of all public feedback related to the local board area to meet council's statutory requirements can be viewed on council's [AKHaveYourSay](#) web page.

Staff recommend the local board provide its views on public feedback

29. Staff recommend that the local board provide its views on how the Governing Body Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal by resolution, and if it wishes, present those views to the Panel on 23 May 2025.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

30. The Dog Policy and Bylaw do not directly address the climate change goals in [Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan](#). For example, the Policy and Bylaw focuses more on keeping dogs as a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders.
31. There are no implications for climate change arising from decisions sought in this report.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

32. The Dog Policy and Bylaw impacts the operations of several council departments, including Animal Management, Biodiversity, Regional Parks and Natural Environment teams. Relevant staff are aware of the impacts of the proposal and their implementation role.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

33. The Dog Policy and Bylaw impact local governance and are of high interest.
34. Views from all local boards on a draft proposal were sought in October 2024 and are summarised in the 3 December 2024 Regulatory and Safety Committee agenda ([Attachment C](#) to Item 11).
35. This report provides an opportunity to give local board views on how the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal, before a final decision is made.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

36. The Dog Policy and Bylaw support manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and kaitiakitanga in the Independent Māori Statutory Board's [Māori Plan for Tāmaki Makaurau](#) and the [Schedule of Issues of Significance](#) by providing regulations that help protect people and the environment from harm caused by dogs.
37. Mana whenua and mataawaka were notified of the proposal and given the opportunity to provide feedback through face-to-face meetings, in writing, online and in-person.
38. Six per cent (369) of the public feedback received was from people who identified as Māori. Of that feedback:
 - 74 per cent (166) did not support the proposal to limit the number of dogs that could be walked, with 58 per cent preferring no change to the current rule
 - there was general overall support (more than 50 per cent) to reorganise, simplify and clarify the Policy and Bylaw content, however there was less support (47 per cent) to update dog access rules for Tupuna Maunga (ancestral mountains)
 - there was generally opposition to proposed changes to regional park dog access rules.
39. Ngati Manuhiri Settlement Trust supported the majority of the proposals to simplify and clarify the Policy and Bylaw content and proposed changes to Long Bay, Mahurangi, Pākiri, Shakespear, Tāwharanui, Te Ārai and Wenderholm Regional Parks.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

40. There are no financial implications arising from decisions sought in this report. Costs associated with the special consultative procedure and Dog Policy and Bylaw implementation will be met within existing budget.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

41. The following risk has been identified:

If...	Then...	Mitigation
The feedback from the local board area is from a limited number of people.	The feedback may not reflect the views of the whole community.	This risk is mitigated by providing local boards with a summary of all public feedback.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

42. The Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel will consider all local board views and public feedback on the proposal, deliberate and make recommendations to the Governing Body in June 2025. The Governing Body will make a final decision mid-2025.

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Placeholder for Attachment B

Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and
bylaw

Public feedback from people in Whau Local Board
area

Can be viewed at the following link

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/dog-policy-bylaw-and-access-rules>

Public feedback on proposed changes to cemetery bylaw

File No.: CP2025/07108

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To seek local board views on how the Governing Body Bylaw Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal to amend Auckland Council's Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw and to revoke the Code of Practice.
2. To delegate one or more board members to present those views to the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

3. Staff have prepared a summary of public feedback to enable the local board to provide its views on how the Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal to amend the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw and revoke the Code.
4. The Governing Body adopted a proposal to amend the Auckland Council Ture ā-Rohe mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2014](#) and to revoke the Arataki Tikanga mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Code of Practice 2014](#).
5. The proposal seeks to improve council's administrative efficiency, and to better minimise public safety risks, cemetery misuse, obstruction, and damage to property, heritage and the environment through structural changes to the Bylaw and Code framework.
6. Council received responses from 33 people and organisations at the close of feedback on 23 February 2025. All feedback is summarised by the following topics:
 - Proposal 1: Use a bylaw to set cemetery rules and to revoke the Code of Practice.
 - Proposal 2: Clarify when council approval is required (2A) and to clarify rules about adornments (2B), maintenance (2C), preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (2D) and monument work and physical works (2E).
 - Proposal 3: Update the bylaw structure, definitions, and wording for clarity.
7. Staff recommend that the local board provide its views on how the appointed Governing Body Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel should address feedback from people in the local board area. Taking this approach will assist the Panel in making recommendations to the Governing Body about whether to adopt the proposal.
8. There is a reputational risk that the feedback from the local board area is from a limited number of people and does not reflect the views of the whole community. This report mitigates this risk by providing local boards with a summary of all public feedback.
9. Local boards can (if they wish) present their views to the Panel on 13 June 2025. The Panel will consider board views and all public feedback before making recommendations to the Governing Body in June 2025. The Governing Body will make a final decision in mid-2025.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tūtohi / receive** the public feedback from people in the local board area to the Governing Body proposal to amend the Auckland Council Ture ā-Rohe mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2014 \(Bylaw\)](#) and to revoke Arataki Tikanga mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Code of Practice 2014 \(Code\)](#) in the agenda report.
- b) **whakarato / provide** its views on how the Governing Body Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel should address public feedback to the proposal in (a) to assist the Panel in its deliberations.
- c) **whakatuu / appoint** one or more local board members to present the views in (b) to the Governing Body Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel.
- d) **tuku mana / delegate** authority to the local board chair to appoint a replacement to any appointed member in (c) who is unable to present to the Panel.

Horopaki Context

The local board has an opportunity to provide its views on public feedback

10. The local board in accordance with council's collaborative governance model² now has an opportunity to provide its views on how the Governing Body Bylaw Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal.
11. Local board views must be provided by resolution to the Panel. The local board can also choose to present those views to the Panel at a meeting scheduled for 13 June 2025.
12. The nature of the local board views is at the discretion of the local board but must remain within the scope of the proposal and public feedback. For example, the local board:
 - ✓ could indicate support for matters raised in public feedback
 - ✓ could recommend how the Policy and Bylaw Panel address matters raised in public feedback
 - ✗ should not express its views on the proposal itself (that opportunity was provided prior to public consultation, the focus now is on how to respond to public feedback).

The Bylaw and Code help to manage council cemeteries and crematoria

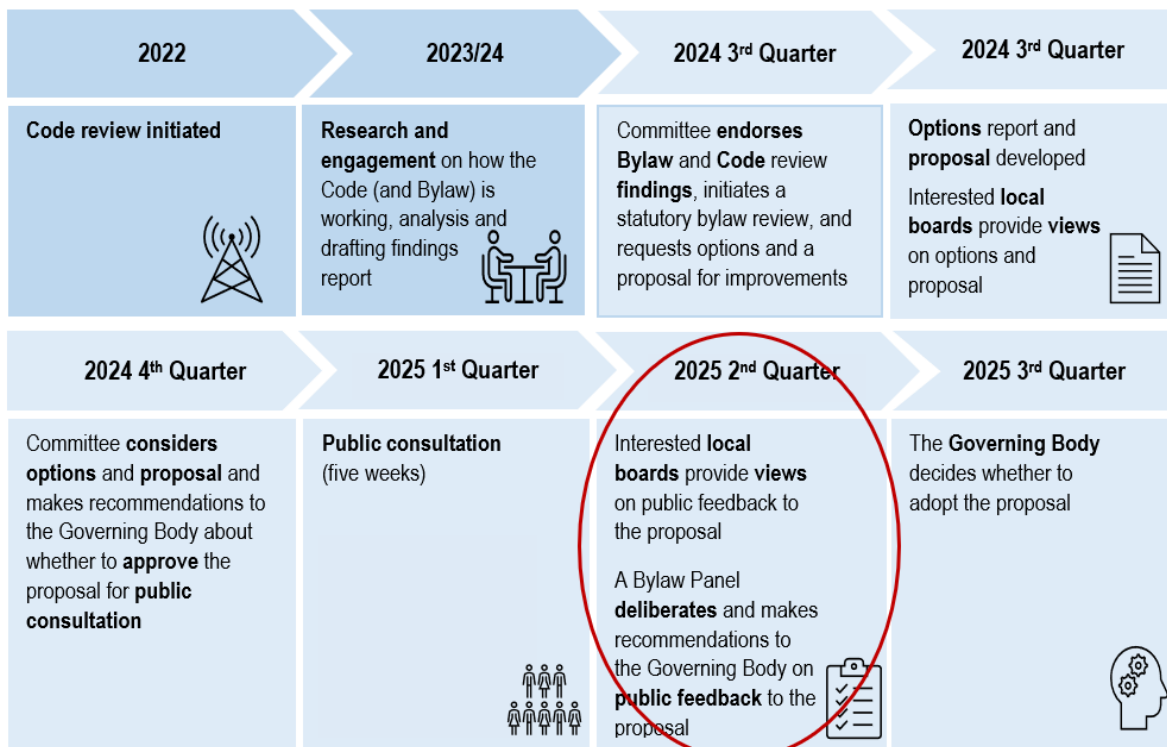
13. To help manage council cemeteries and crematoria, council uses the Ture ā-Rohe mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2014 \(Bylaw\)](#) and Arataki Tikanga mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Code of Practice 2014 \(Code\)](#).
14. The Bylaw and Code seek to minimise public safety risks, cemetery misuse, distress to families, obstruction, and damage to property, heritage and the environment at council cemeteries and crematoria (not for example, ash scattering in public places).
15. Council operates approximately 29 active (operational) and 26 inactive (no new plots for sale; no longer in regular use; function as local parks) [cemeteries](#). This includes cemeteries with crematoria at Waikumete, Manukau Memorial Gardens and North Shore Memorial Park.

² The Local Board Involvement in Regional Policy, Plans and Bylaws – Agreed Principles and Processes 2019.

16. The Governing Body has delegated authority to make, amend and revoke the Code to the Regulatory and Safety Committee, and to administer the Bylaw and Code to cemetery and Aotea Great Barrier Island staff and the Waikumete Urupā Komiti.³
17. The Bylaw and Code form part of a wider regulatory and strategic framework including the:
 - Burial and Cremation Act 1964 that enables council to provide cemetery services
 - Cremation Regulations 1973 that regulates cremations
 - Health (Burial) Regulations 1946 that regulates funeral directors, mortuaries, burials at sea, handling and transportation of dead bodies and approved disinfectants
 - Burial and Cremation (Removal of Monuments and Tablets) Regulation 1967 that provides for the removal of dilapidated or neglected monuments and tablets
 - Auckland Unitary Plan⁴ that regulates activities at cemeteries to protect heritage⁵, meet the needs of the community, maintain or enhance the local environment and amenity values and to protect conservation values and natural qualities of open space conservation zones (which include non-operational cemeteries).

The Governing Body has proposed amending the Bylaw and revoking the Code

18. On 12 December 2024, the Governing Body adopted a proposal to amend the Bylaw and revoke the Code for public consultation ([GB/2024/182](#)). A Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel was appointed to consider all public feedback and make recommendations to the Governing Body before a final decision is made (RSCCC/2024/82).
19. The proposal arose from a statutory review of the Bylaw and Code (see Figure below).



20. The proposal seeks to improve council’s administrative efficiency, and to better minimise public safety risks, cemetery misuse, obstruction, and damage to property, heritage and the environment through structural changes to the Bylaw and Code framework.

³ Committee supporting Te Urupā o Waikumete (at Waikumete Cemetery) in partnership with council.

⁴ D17 Historic Heritage Overlay; H7 Open Space Zones; H24 Special Purpose – Cemetery Zone, K Designations.

⁵ For example, the works that impact historic memorials or places in [Sch 14.1 Schedule of Historic Heritage](#) or with [designations](#).

21. Main proposals in comparison to the current Bylaw and Code are outlined in the table below.

Main proposals
Use a bylaw to set cemetery rules in a way that allows cemetery staff to manage the daily operation of council cemeteries and crematoria, and to revoke the Code of Practice .
Clarify rules about when council approval is required and about adornments, maintenance, and preparing a casket for burial and cremation.
Update the bylaw structure, definitions, and wording for clarity.

22. The proposal was publicly notified for feedback from 20 January until 23 February 2025. Council received feedback from 31 people and two organisations (total of 32).

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

23. A total of **three people from the Whau Local Board area** provided feedback to the proposal.
24. There was **majority support** for all proposals, with 100 per cent support for Proposal 1 and parts of Proposal 2 (clarifying rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation and clarifying rules about monument work and physical works). There was no feedback in opposition to the proposals.
25. In contrast, there was majority support for all three proposals from people who provided feedback Auckland-wide.

Overview of local board area and Auckland-wide support for proposed changes

Topic (Proposals P1 to P3)	Local board feedback		Auckland-wide feedback	
	Support	Opposition	Support	Opposition
P1 Use a bylaw to set cemetery rules and to revoke the Code of Practice	100 per cent	0 per cent	85 per cent	15 per cent
P2A Clarify when council approval is required	33 per cent	0 per cent	85 per cent	4 per cent
P2B Clarify rules about adornments	33 per cent	0 per cent	63 per cent	17 per cent
P2C Clarify rules about maintenance	33 per cent	0 per cent	86 per cent	4 per cent
P2D Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation	100 per cent	0 per cent	96 per cent	0 per cent
P2E Clarify rules about monument work and physical works	100 per cent	0 per cent	79 per cent	7 per cent
P3 Update the bylaw structure, definitions, and wording for clarity.	33 per cent	0 per cent	85 per cent	11 per cent

Note: percentages do not add up to 100. 'I don't know' and 'Other' responses are not recorded in Table.

26. The [proposal](#), [proposed bylaw](#) and [current bylaw and code](#) can be viewed in the links. A summary of all public feedback is in **Attachment A** and a copy of all public feedback related to the local board area is in **Attachment B**.

Staff recommend the local board provide its views on public feedback

27. Staff recommend that the local board provide its views on how the Governing Body Panel should address public feedback from people in the local board area to the proposal by resolution, and if it wishes, present those views to the Panel on 13 June 2025.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

28. The proposal does not directly address the climate change goals in [Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan](#). For example, the proposal focuses on ensuring that memorials do not cause safety risks and adornments do not obstruct maintenance, rather than regulating the climate impact of common practices. There are no implications for climate change arising from decisions sought in this report.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

29. The proposed changes impact the Cemetery Services and the Aotea Great Barrier Island service centre which provide council cemetery services.
30. Relevant staff input was sought to inform the statutory bylaw review, options and proposal, and staff are aware of the impacts of the changes and their implementation role.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

31. Based on the agreed principles and processes in the Local Board Involvement in Regional Policy, Plans and Bylaws 2019, views from interested local boards were sought on draft options and proposal.
32. In October and November 2024, 12 interested local boards provided formal views on draft options and a proposal. A summary of local board views can be viewed in the 3 December 2024 Regulatory and Safety Committee agenda ([Attachment C](#) to Item 10).
33. This report provides an opportunity to give local board views on how the Governing Body Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel should address matters raised in public feedback to the proposal, before a final decision is made.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

34. The proposal supports whanaungatanga, rangatiratanga, manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga in Houkura / the Independent Māori Statutory Board's [Māori Plan for Tāmaki Makaurau](#) and the [Schedule of Issues of Significance](#) by providing regulation that supports council services to meet social, cultural and physical needs, and supports the role of the Waikumete Urupā Komiti (Komiti) at Te Urupā o Waikumete (Waikumete Cemetery).⁶
35. Mana whenua and mataawaka were notified of the proposal and given the opportunity to provide feedback through face-to-face meetings, in writing, online and in-person.
36. Six per cent (two) of the total responders identified as Māori.
37. Both supported the proposal to amend the Bylaw, remove the Code, update the Bylaw structure, definitions and wording and to clarify rules about when council approval is required and about adornments, maintenance, and preparing a casket for burial and cremation.
38. One disagreed with clarifying the rules about monument and physical works, noting that other cultures may disagree with what is a culturally acceptable New Zealand monument and suggested that a maximum size be placed on monuments to ensure compliance.
39. Both commented on the adornments. One about the mess associated with plastic adornments, and the other about what are suitable materials to hold flowers.

⁶ Committee has an advisory role for Te Urupā o Waikumete in partnership with council.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

40. The cost of the public consultation and implementation of the proposal (if adopted) will be met within existing budgets.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

41. The following risk has been identified:

If...	Then...	Mitigation
The feedback from the local board area is from a limited number of people.	The feedback may not reflect the views of the whole community.	This risk is mitigated by providing local boards with a summary of all public feedback.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

42. On 13 June 2025 the Panel will consider all formal local board views and public feedback on the proposal, deliberate and make recommendations to the Governing Body in mid-2025. The Governing Body will make a final decision.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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Proposed changes to the draft Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy

File No.: CP2025/06452

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To seek local board endorsement of the amended Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy following public consultation.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. On 10 December 2024, the Policy and Planning Committee approved public consultation on the draft of Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy [[PEPCC/2024/131](#) and [PEPCC/2024/132](#)].
3. A total of 402 pieces of feedback were received, through consultation and a People's Panel survey. Overall, there is strong support for the draft strategy but also opportunities to make changes. A detailed feedback report is provided in Attachment A.
4. Having considered public feedback, as well as local board resolutions on the draft strategy, staff propose changes to the draft strategy, the most significant being:
 - more explicitly emphasising the importance of equity and accessibility in providing open spaces and play, sport and recreation opportunities (including in the strategic directions, investment principles and policies)
 - greater emphasis on the importance of environment and biodiversity outcomes (including in the investment principles and Policy one)
 - greater emphasis on the purpose and benefits of regional parks (in Policy two)
 - including the capacity-focused approach (Option package two) for open space provision standards (in Policy two)
 - refining the strategic directions based on a range of other consultation feedback
 - making the decision-making responsibilities of local boards clearer
 - clarifying the meaning of 'value for money'
 - providing clearer direction in the policy section to ensure local boards receive the necessary advice for decision-making
 - clarifying that the council attempts to acquire land early in the development process as budget is available.
5. The proposed changes are reflected in the amended strategy (see final draft in Attachment B with track changes).
6. Local boards have called for a better understanding of local impacts. Staff have developed examples of implementation scenarios, existing good practices and potential local applications of the new open space provision standards (see Attachment C), noting that much of how the strategy is implemented is at the discretion of each local board.
7. In addition, staff are working with local board advisors to scope how advice to local boards could be improved to deliver on the strategy. To date, we have identified potential improvements: consolidating information provided to local boards, involving local boards

earlier in planning processes, improving alignment between regional and local planning cycles, funding and budgets and providing information on trade-offs (see Attachment D).

8. The Policy and Planning Committee will consider adopting the final amended strategy in May 2025. The agenda report will contain the local board resolutions.
9. If the final amended strategy is adopted, staff will develop an implementation and monitoring plan, including tools and guidance, to support delivery by local boards and the Governing Body. Staff will also continue to scope improvements to local board advice.

Item 17

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) ohia / endorse the final amended Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy in Attachment B
- b) ohia / endorse updating the open space provision standards in the strategy with Option package two – capacity-focused approach: provide more open space than currently enabled in high- and medium-density areas where residents have low or moderate levels of provision.

Horopaki Context

The draft strategy outlines how we will provide open spaces and sport and recreation opportunities

10. As a regional public policy, the draft of Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy sets the strategic directions we seek to achieve for open space, sport and recreation in Auckland and against which we will monitor progress. It forms a unifying roadmap for the council group to deliver and for other non-council organisations and community groups to contribute.
11. It brings together five existing strategies, policies and plans and provides a refreshed and consolidated approach to planning and investment. It aims to provide open spaces and sport and recreation opportunities to benefit all Aucklanders, now and in the future, to improve the health of Tāmaki Makaurau.

The development of the draft strategy was supported by an advisory structure

12. The development of the draft strategy was informed by a strong evidence base and supported by an advisory structure that met regularly to provide input and direction.
13. The advisory structure includes the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Joint Political Working Group (featuring two councillors, two local board members and one Houkura member), an advisory and Māori rōpū (with mana whenua, mataawaka and sector representatives) and key kaimahi from across the council group.
14. Local boards were also engaged throughout the development of the draft strategy via memos, presentations, briefings, workshops and business meetings (refer Attachment A, pages 3-4).

Gathering Aucklanders' views provides an opportunity to further refine the draft strategy

15. On 10 December 2024, the Policy and Planning Committee approved public consultation on the draft strategy [[PEPCC/2024/131](#) and [PEPCC/2024/132](#)].
16. Consultation was designed to seek Aucklanders' views on the draft strategy and identify any relevant questions, concerns or additional information to strengthen or modify it.

17. Consultation took place from 10 February to 10 March 2025 and was advertised on Our Auckland and in libraries. Staff also requested that local board engagement advisors and key stakeholders share the consultation opportunity with their communities and networks. The engagement approach involved online submissions via the Have Your Say project page, by email or postal mail, as well as in person drop-in sessions at libraries and Pasifika Festival and hui with the demographic advisory panels, key stakeholders and mataawaka.
18. Staff also ran a People's Panel survey in December 2024.
19. The five topics we asked for feedback on were:
 - Where we are heading (strategic directions)
 - Our approach to investment (investment principles)
 - Making the most of our open spaces (policy one)
 - Providing the right open spaces in the right places (policy two), including two options for open space provision outlined below
 - Supporting Aucklanders to be more active more often (policy three).
20. The consultation included the following two option packages to update the open space provision standards:
 - Option package one – High-density focused: provide more open space than currently enabled in high-density areas
 - Option package two – Capacity focused: provide more open space than currently enabled in high- and medium-density areas where residents have low or moderate levels of existing provision.
21. These two option packages are explained in more detail from paragraph 31.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

The consultation feedback shows we are on the right track

22. We received 149 pieces of consultation feedback, as well as 253 responses to the People's Panel survey. Attachment A provides a detailed summary of the feedback.
23. Submitters included members of the public, a range of partners and stakeholders (including organisations such as Aktive, Forest and Bird, Healthy Auckland Together, Property Council New Zealand and Te Whānau o Waipareira) and members of the council's demographic advisory panels.
24. There is strong support for:
 - the draft strategy overall
 - the five draft strategic directions, with the highest support for Strategic direction five: support Aucklanders to live healthy, active lives
 - the four draft investment principles, with the highest support for investment principle one: taking a benefits-led approach to improve the holistic wellbeing of people, places and the environment
 - all three policies, with the highest support for Policy one: making the most of our open spaces.
25. Overall, submitters prefer a capacity-focused approach (Option package two) – taking an equity lens to deliver more open space where it is needed most in high- and medium-density areas – rather than a high-density-focused approach (Option package one) – delivering more open space in high-density areas – for open space provision standards.

26. Analysis of the qualitative feedback outlined a range of key themes:
- open and green spaces are essential for mental and physical health
 - all Aucklanders must have access to safe, well-maintained open spaces
 - open space planning needs to be an integral part of urban planning
 - open spaces must serve a wide range of functions
 - our resources should be used efficiently.

Staff propose changes to the draft strategy in response to the feedback

27. Staff considered the feedback received and are proposing amending the strategy as a result (see Attachment A, pages 38-47).
28. A summary of the most significant proposed changes is shown in Table One. In addition, staff have made minor changes to address specific feedback, clarify intent and meaning or update technical information.

Table One: Proposed changes to the draft strategy based on consultation feedback

- More explicitly emphasise the importance of equity and accessibility in the strategy on pages 7, 8, 11, 34, 46, 81, 82, 85 and in the glossary
- Include greater emphasis on the importance of environment and biodiversity outcomes on pages 14, 20, 25, 29, 31, 44, 45 and 46
- Include greater emphasis on the purpose and benefits of regional parks on page 78
- Include the capacity-focused approach (Option package two) for open space provision standards and delete the high-density focused approach (Option package one) on pages 46, 48, 49 and 52
- Refine the strategic directions based on a range of other consultation feedback on pages 11, 12 and 14.

Staff also propose changes to the draft strategy in response to local board resolutions

29. Staff have also amended the draft strategy in response to local board feedback received in November and December 2024. The key changes are presented in Attachment A (pages 48-49) and summarised in Table Two below.

Table Two: Proposed changes to the draft strategy in response to local board feedback

- Make the decision-making responsibilities of local boards clearer, moving the table previously on page 23 to page 9
- Clarify the meaning of 'value for money' in the strategy on page 17 and in the glossary
- Provide clearer direction in the policy sections to ensure local boards receive the necessary advice for decision-making on page 28
- Clarify that the council attempts to acquire land early in the development process on page 58.

30. All proposed changes are included in track changes in the amended strategy (Attachment B).

Staff recommend a capacity-based approach to open space provision standards

31. As part of the strategy development, staff are proposing updated provision standards for pocket parks and neighbourhood parks to provide better open space outcomes in high- and medium-density areas and greenfield areas. The provision standards help us to ensure we are providing the right open spaces in the right places so Aucklanders can play, be active and enjoy nature.

Summary of option packages analysis – for more details refer CP2025/06452

A report to local boards and to the Policy and Planning Committee in late 2024 provided detailed analysis of the two option packages. Staff recommended Option package two as the preferred option.

Both packages are outlined below. They reflect different ways of adding to our existing open space network across Auckland to continue serving the needs of a growing population.

Density	Park type	Current provision standards	Option package one: High-density focused	Option package two: Capacity focused (recommended)
High-density areas or other areas developed to an equivalent density	Pocket parks	1000-1500m ² provided at no capital cost to the council	1000-1500m ² acquired at cost to the council regardless of capacity	1000-1500m ² in areas with moderate or low capacity acquired at cost to the council
	Neighbourhood parks (within 400m walking distances)	3000m ² to 5000m ²	5000m ² regardless of capacity	2000m ² to 5000m ² depending on capacity
Medium-density areas	Pocket parks	No pocket parks	1000-1500m ² provided at no capital cost to the council	
	Neighbourhood parks (within 400m walking distances)	3000m ² to 5000m ²	No change	2000m ² to 5000m ² depending on capacity
Low-density areas	Neighbourhood parks (within 600m walking distances)	3000m ² to 5000m ²	3000m ²	

Urban density is based on the Auckland Unitary Plan zones. Varying provision standards based on planned intensification levels enables us to better provide according to the likely demand for public open space, as well as likely private open space provision levels.

The capacity measure is a proposed addition to the existing policy. While the quantity of open space provision per capita is not a meaningful metric in isolation, it provides a basis of comparison when considering future provision across Auckland’s urban areas. There is no accepted international or national capacity standards. Based on local observations and international examples, we propose that capacity is considered low when below 10m² of open space per person, moderate when between 10 and 20m² and high when more than 20m².

Both packages involve trade-offs, as shown below.

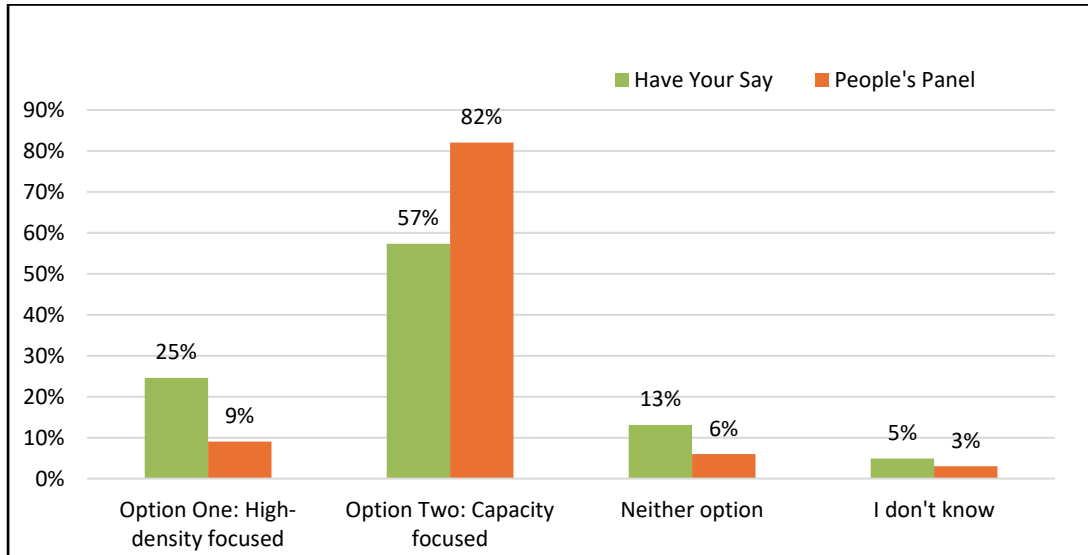
	Trade-offs
Option package one High-density focused	Delivers more open space in high-density areas than current policy but larger parks might be difficult to acquire due to land ownership and cost. Is a simple standard to understand but not tailored to where provision is most needed.
Option package two Capacity focused	Is more affordable than Option package one but does not deliver the same level of additional open spaces in high-density areas. Takes an equity lens by focusing provision where most needed but is more complicated to understand and apply.

32. To illustrate how the two open space provision option packages would apply on the ground, staff have developed some case studies (with maps), which are provided in Attachment C.

Consultation feedback supports the capacity-based approach

- 33. Overall, respondents expressed the importance of open space for mental and physical wellbeing and their desire for open space provision to be an integral part of neighbourhood planning. Feedback highlighted the importance of taking an equity lens to open space provision, targeting areas where it is needed most.
- 34. Consultation feedback (see Attachment A, page 33) shows an overall preference for a capacity-focused approach to open space provision (Option package two). The support for Option package 2 amongst Have Your Say submitters is similar across Auckland, and slightly higher in the north area.

Figure One: Preference for open space provision standards



- 35. Stakeholders and partners also favour Option package two over Option package one.
- 36. Property Council New Zealand, however, expressed concerns that either package was too rigid and that they would increase the cost of the council’s development contributions levy and ultimately development. The development sector also wishes for more delivery partnerships with the council. This can be investigated at implementation stage.
- 37. Based on previous analysis and consultation feedback, staff recommend that the final amended strategy includes Option package two.

Staff will continue work to support implementation of the strategy

- 38. Both local boards and the Governing Body have decision-making responsibilities for the provision of open space, sport and recreations services and assets.
- 39. Staff have developed examples of local board planning and delivery scenarios and case studies of what good practice looks like (see Attachment C). They provide an overview of how key parts of the strategy could be applied locally and examples of things that are already being done well and we would like to see more of. These are included to aid local board understanding of what delivery could look like. How the strategy would be implemented if adopted would be at the discretion of local boards and the Governing Body in accordance with their decision-making responsibilities.
- 40. Following feedback from local boards on the draft strategy prior to consultation, staff have been working with local board advisors and operational staff to understand opportunities to improve advice and support to local boards for implementation of the strategy.
- 41. The multitude of documents, information and processes owned and managed by a range of teams across the council currently makes it difficult to provide concise, consistent and up-to-date advice to local boards. This impacts their ability to understand trade-offs and prioritise decisions to deliver for their communities.

42. Preliminary findings point to potential improvements, such as consolidating information provided to local boards, involving local boards earlier in planning processes, improving alignment between regional and local planning cycles, funding and budgets and providing information on trade-offs (see Attachment D).
43. Staff will continue investigating potential improvements to the advice local boards receive, which will inform the development of an implementation and monitoring plan for the strategy (if adopted).

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi

Climate impact statement

44. The draft strategy considers how to adapt to the challenges posed by climate change and work to mitigate it, including by reducing emissions. One of the five strategic directions is to enhance our resilience to climate change and our contribution to mitigation, including through reducing carbon emissions, in line with Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan.
45. The draft strategy outlines what we will do to make this happen, including developing the blue-green network, accelerating the use of nature-based solutions, improving the environmental performance of our open spaces and facilities and adapting our open spaces and facilities on the coast and in flood-prone areas.
46. While we already contribute to this strategic direction, the draft strategy proposes a 'do more' approach to implementation. This is in recognition of the significant impacts of climate change on Aucklanders now and in the future.
47. The investment approach in the draft strategy also includes a greater emphasis on identifying and quantifying the environmental benefits of our investment and designing initiatives to deliver multiple benefits, such as making recreation parks better able to support stormwater management.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera

Council group impacts and views

48. Kaimahi from across the council group have provided input throughout the development of the draft strategy.
49. Implementing the strategy will span across the investment areas identified in the council's performance management framework.
50. If the final amended strategy is adopted, an implementation and monitoring plan will be developed to support delivery. Kaimahi from across the council group will continue to provide input into this plan.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe

Local impacts and local board views

51. Levels of support for the draft strategy was broadly similar among Have Your Say respondents across the region. Attachment A provides sub-regional breakdowns of the results.
52. Local boards have been engaged throughout the development of the draft strategy. Two local board members were in the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Joint Political Working Group: Member Sandra Coney and Member Margi Watson. In addition, staff provided memos and briefings and presented at workshops and business meetings.
53. Local boards provided resolutions on the draft strategy going for consultation at their November / December 2024 business meetings.

54. While there was general support for the strategic directions and investment principles in the draft strategy, local boards made a range of resolutions seeking better guidance from staff on open space matters, particularly the understanding of local impacts.
55. Staff have attempted to respond to local boards' request for more targeted advice (see paragraphs 38 to 43 and Attachment C and Attachment D).
56. Local boards will consider how to deliver on the strategy, if adopted, as part of their local board plans and work programmes.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

57. The views of mana whenua and mataawaka have been sought throughout the development of the draft strategy.
 - The Open Space, Sport and Recreation Joint Political Working Group includes one Houkura member, first Tony Kake, replaced subsequently by Pongarauhine Renata.
 - Both the advisory and Māori rōpū included mana whenua and mataawaka representatives. All iwi were invited to join the rōpū or engage in the manner that best suited them.
 - Mana whenua and mataawaka organisations were kept up to date with progress and invited to provide feedback during the consultation process.
58. Guided by the Māori rōpū, the draft strategy incorporates a te ao Māori lens, one of the expectations of success set by the Governing Body and a key theme identified in the background paper. It is adapted from the te ao Māori framework developed for Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri – Auckland Climate Plan, and builds on a single value, manaakitanga. It includes a focus on investing in 'by Māori for Māori' solutions, building the capacity and capability of mana whenua and mataawaka and partnering with mana whenua to co-design our spaces and places.
59. Consultation feedback on the draft strategy highlighted the importance of focusing on equity and addressing barriers to participation for Māori. This can be achieved by targeting investment, supporting Māori-led initiatives, aligning delivery with Māori health providers to improve overall wellbeing and providing spaces and places that are safe, affordable and accessible.
60. Feedback also called for embedding Māori leadership at decision-making and implementation levels, including support for co-governance arrangements which is reflected in the strategy.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

61. The strategy will be implemented using available budgets set during long-term plan and annual plan processes. When constrained by resourcing, the investment principles will support decision-makers in prioritising investment.
62. The draft strategy reflects the resource constraints faced by the council and the need to deliver value for money. The proposed investment approach emphasises the importance of establishing a robust evidence-based approach to investment and prioritisation to better support elected decision-makers.
63. Advice around investment in open space and sport and recreation will be based on a better articulation of costs and benefits, including in relation to local board plan priorities. This will be supported by a new tool to enable better identification, description and quantification of these benefits to help local boards prioritise investment.

64. Consideration of a broad range of funding and delivery tools will support implementation, including making the most of what we have, delivering differently and partnerships.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

65. Potential risks and mitigations are outlined below:

If...	Then...	Possible mitigations...
Local boards do not think the final amended strategy addresses their concerns	They will be less likely to support it, and the committee will be less likely to adopt it. Medium reputational, strategic and delivery risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff have proposed changes to the draft strategy to reflect local board feedback. Delivery of the strategy will be also supported by an implementation and monitoring plan. The three-yearly plan will set out what we will deliver and track progress against the five strategic directions. As part of this, staff are working to improve advice and support to local boards.
The final amended strategy does not provide clear enough direction to implementers	The strategy may not be incorporated into business as usual. Low reputational, strategic and delivery risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementers provided regular input into development of the final amended strategy. The implementation context, including financial constraints, has also informed the final amended strategy. Staff are working with local boards on the advice and support they need for implementation. Staff will continue to work with colleagues in planning for and supporting delivery, and monitoring progress.
The final amended strategy is perceived as unfunded.	Decision-makers may be less likely to adopt it. Medium financial, reputational and strategic risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final amended strategy sets strategic directions and investment principles to guide prioritisation and enable better informed discussions on future budget allocation.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

66. Staff will include local board views when seeking adoption of the strategy from the Policy and Planning Committee in May 2025. The five existing strategies, policies and plans forming Auckland Council's open space, sport and recreation policy framework would be rescinded.
67. Staff will present the consultation feedback and proposed changes to the strategy to the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Joint Political Working Group at its meeting on 11 April 2025. Input and direction from the joint political working group will be reflected in the agenda report to the Policy and Planning Committee.
68. Staff will also present the consultation feedback and proposed changes to the strategy to the Local Board Chairs' Forum on 14 April 2025.
69. If the final amended strategy is adopted, staff will develop an implementation and monitoring plan for committee's approval. The plan will be developed with input from relevant staff across the council group, including Governance and Engagement. The plan would help

embed the strategy's investment principles into how we work, deliver on the strategic directions and monitor and evaluate delivery against the directions.

70. Local boards have significant decision-making responsibilities with regards to implementing the strategy at the local level. This involves delivering open spaces and sport and recreation opportunities to their communities in line with the strategy through development of their local board plans and work programmes.
71. Staff will continue working with local boards on improvements to advice, recognising that different local boards and / or clusters of local boards may require different and bespoke advice, and that the organisation is pivoting to support this.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house

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Item 18

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To seek feedback from local boards on the proposed approach to allocating decision-making responsibilities between the Governing Body and local boards as part of Annual Budget 2025/2026 decisions. In particular, for urban regeneration, property management and economic development activities which move into Auckland Council as a result of council-controlled organisations (CCO) reform decisions.
2. To identify any additional matters requiring review.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

3. The CCO reform package in the Mayoral proposal, considered whether CCOs and the Auckland Council Group are structured in the best way to deliver on the long-term plan and its broader vision for Auckland. The goals of the reform included improving democratic accountability, strategic direction and council group effectiveness and efficiency.
4. In December 2024 the Governing Body confirmed structural changes to move urban regeneration, property management and economic development activities into Auckland Council no later than 1 July 2025.
5. This means that decision-making responsibility for the activities currently governed by the Eke Panuku and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (TAU) boards needs to be allocated by the Governing Body to either the Governing Body or local boards in accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. This will be recorded in the allocation of decision-making table (allocation table) for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. For **urban regeneration**, staff recommend decision-making for the overall programme and associated budgets, and the city centre and waterfront programme sit with the Governing Body. Decision-making responsibility for implementing agreed priority location programmes would sit with local boards.
7. It is recommended that decision-making responsibility in relation to **property and marina management** also sit with the Governing Body, noting that further work is underway through the Group Property Review which might result in changes in the future.
8. In the future, new urban regeneration or development programmes could be established. The council proposes to undertake further work to clarify how these processes can best reflect the principle of subsidiarity.
9. For **economic development** activities staff do not consider that substantive changes to the existing allocation table are required. The allocation table already outlines that decisions on the regional economic development strategy, business improvement district (BID) policy, city centre and Auckland-wide economic development programmes sit with the Governing Body. Local boards have always held decision-making responsibilities for influencing local BID programmes, local economic development plans, projects and other local initiatives.
10. Staff are aware that legislative change is proposed to bring several Auckland Transport functions into the council parent and the matters covered in this report should assist with the process of allocation of those decisions to the Governing Body or local boards in the future.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) provide feedback on staff proposals relating to the allocation of decision-making responsibility for:
 - i. the urban regeneration and property management activities currently governed by the Eke Panuku board
 - ii. the economic development activities currently governed by the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited boardto either the Governing Body or local boards in accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009
- b) note that staff recommendations and feedback from local boards will be considered at the Governing Body meeting on 29 May 2025 and associated changes to the allocation of decision-making table will be implemented as part of Annual Plan 2025/2026 decisions
- c) note that further work is required in relation to determining the future decision-making allocation on:
 - i. funding of new priority urban regeneration or development locations as additional programmes are identified
 - ii. how anticipated demand from local boards for local economic development and urban regeneration advice is to be addressed
 - iii. property management decisions (undertaken as part of the Group Property Review)
- d) provide feedback on any other matters requiring review.

Horopaki Context

CCO reform decisions included moving urban regeneration, property and economic development activities in-house

11. The CCO reform included analysis on the rationale for and performance of the current CCO model, and structural reform options for three CCOs – Auckland Transport, Eke Panuku and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. The goals of the reform are to improve:
 - i. democratic accountability over projects and services delivered to Aucklanders by CCOs
 - ii. strategic alignment between council decision making and what CCOs do for Aucklanders
 - iii. the effectiveness and efficiency of how the Auckland Council Group operates.
12. Decisions on CCO reform were made on 12 December 2024 ([GB/2024/179](#)) and included transferring and integrating urban regeneration, property management and economic development activities into council. Key reasons for this integration include:
 - Urban regeneration – strengthening council’s ability to coordinate planning, strategy and delivery in a place-based way, including around strategic growth opportunities, large-scale developments and urban regeneration.
 - Property management – improving processes for buying, managing and selling council assets and improving collaboration across the council group to achieve greater financial and strategic value from property assets.

- Economic development – increasing the council’s economic policy capability, identifying new opportunities and integrating advice on economic development issues into broader decision-making.
13. As a result, there may be some additional decisions to be made by the Governing Body or local boards, that were previously made by the Eke Panuku and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Boards.

Legislation sets how decision-making is allocated, including the use of the subsidiarity principle

14. The basis on which decision-making responsibility is allocated is what is known as the subsidiarity principle, as set out in Section 17 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 (LGACA). This states that decision-making should be local unless the nature of the activity is such that decision-making on an Auckland-wide basis will better promote the well-being of communities across Auckland because:
- the impact of the decision will extend beyond a single local board area, or
 - effective decision-making will require alignment or integration with other decisions (that sit with the GB), or
 - the benefits of a consistent or co-ordinated approach across Auckland will outweigh the benefits of reflecting the diverse needs and preferences of the communities within each local board area.
15. The Governing Body is responsible for allocating decision-making responsibility for non-regulatory activities in accordance with the principles outlined above, after considering the views and preferences expressed by each local board. The allocation of decision-making responsibility is then recorded in the *Decision-making responsibilities of Auckland Council’s Governing Body and local boards Policy*, which is included in each year’s Annual Plan (or the long-term plan every third year). The core part of this policy is what is generally known as the allocation table, which lists the non-regulatory activities for which the Governing Body and local boards have decision-making responsibility.
16. The allocation table, with proposed changes shown, is included at **Attachment A**. Also included at **Attachment B** is a list of the current Eke Panuku activities in the local board area, to provide current context.
17. These proposals were workshopped with the Governing Body on 26 March 2025 and a recording of that meeting was emailed to all local board members on 28 March and can be found [here](#). The presentation is available [here](#).

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

18. This section is divided into the three key activities being transferred to Auckland Council: urban regeneration, property management and economic development. It outlines where decision-making responsibility currently sits or is proposed to sit and the rationale.

Allocation of decision-making responsibility for urban regeneration (new section in allocation table)

19. While activities that enable urban regeneration (such as planning, development streetscape improvements) are already covered in the allocation table, staff are proposing identifying urban regeneration as a stand-alone activity to enhance clarity.
20. Given the complexity and advanced state of council’s priority location urban regeneration programme, there is a need to minimise the risk of implementation being slowed down. Staff propose that this change is managed using the following principles:

- delivery of approved urban regeneration programmes will continue, using current business cases and detailed budgets (approved by the Eke Panuku board)
- the Governing Body will allocate budgets to these programmes.

21. The proposed allocations relate to current programmes and in part are in recognition that these must continue without issues despite the structural change. Further decisions will need to be made for new programmes that will be developed over time which cannot be accommodated prior to 1 July. This includes the governance and budget allocation of any new programmes.

Proposed additions to the allocation table

22. The principles set out in Section 17 of the LGACA (set out at Paragraph 14 above) have been applied to existing urban regeneration activities. **Table One** sets out the proposed additions to the allocation table, with the reasoning for Governing Body or local board decision-making set out below. Note that the high-level wording is consistent with conventions in the existing allocation table.

Table One – Proposed additions to the allocation table for urban regeneration

Proposed Governing Body decision-making	Proposed local board decision-making
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland-wide urban regeneration programme outcomes and objectives • Urban regeneration in city centre and waterfront • Overall funding plan for priority locations • Allocation of budget for priority location plans including sequencing of urban regeneration projects within annual budget envelopes • Identification of priority locations for urban regeneration programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of priority location plans, within parameters set by the Governing Body • Local urban regeneration projects that are not part of the Auckland-wide urban regeneration programme, for example streetscape improvements or local service property optimisation projects

Proposed allocation to Governing Body: decision-making over urban regeneration programmes

23. Decision-making responsibility for regional urban regeneration activities is proposed to be allocated to the Governing Body as follows:
- Auckland-wide urban regeneration programme outcomes and objectives – the overall programme has region-wide outcomes, such as commercial and housing development. Therefore, the Section 17 principles of taking a consistent and coordinated approach across Auckland and enabling alignment with other decisions that sit with the Governing Body, are considered to be met.
 - Urban regeneration in the city centre and waterfront – these programmes are recommended to sit with the Governing Body because the scale, influence and impact of these programmes extend beyond just the Waitematā Local Board area. The success of the city centre is important for Aucklanders, New Zealanders and visitors as a regional destination.
 - Overall funding plan for priority locations – the Governing Body will allocate overall funding for the lifetime of programmes, often over 10-20 years or more.
 - Allocation of budget for priority location plans including sequencing of urban regeneration projects within annual budget envelopes - the nature of revenue and funding available for urban regeneration and the manner in which programmes progress, is based on elements such as market forces, and regulatory processes. This means that budgets cannot easily be apportioned to local boards and need to sit with the Governing Body, at least initially.

- Identification of priority locations for urban regeneration programme – decision-making over identification of priority locations for the overall programme is proposed to sit with the Governing Body as new locations and programmes will form part of the Auckland-wide network.

Proposed allocation to local boards: decision-making over urban regeneration programmes

24. The following activities are proposed to be allocated to local boards:

- Implementation of priority location plans, within parameters set by the Governing Body – this will include an annual work programme specifying projects, sites and/or activities in the local board area.
- Local urban regeneration projects that are not part of the Auckland-wide urban regeneration programme, for example streetscape improvements or local service property optimisation projects – these may be projects that a local board has identified as a local priority in its local board plan and has allocated local funding to.

Further work to be done to review urban regeneration decision-making activity

25. In alignment with council’s direction to empower local boards to carry out their local leadership role, staff consider that it may be possible to allocate further responsibilities to local boards. However, further work is required to test this assumption.
26. Staff propose that the current work being overseen by the Joint Governance Working Party also consider ways to give local boards a meaningful role in shaping the case for any new urban regeneration or development priority areas.

Practical application of decision-making for urban regeneration in 2025/2026

27. **Table Two** outlines how the allocation of urban regeneration responsibilities would work in practice. The table also includes a column outlining the work and decisions that staff would undertake under delegation.

Table Two – Proposed urban regeneration programme decision-making in practice

Governing Body (or Committee)	Local Boards	Staff via Chief Executive general delegation (from GB and local boards)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves Auckland Plan, land use and infrastructure policy • Approves urban regeneration investment through the LTP/Annual Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Urban regeneration budget ○ Revenue target from asset recycling (property sales) ○ City Centre Targeted Rate programme • Approves new priority locations or regional urban regeneration programmes • Approves parameters for investment in priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulted prior to LTP, annual plan, new priority locations and for city centre and regional programmes • Endorses high-level programme business case for priority locations, including masterplan • NEW Approves annual work programme specifying projects, sites and/or activities in the local board area • NEW Approves annual placemaking and activation plans and budget for its area • NEW Approves urban regeneration project plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides advice to Governing Body and local boards to inform their respective decisions in relation to urban regeneration • Implements approved urban regeneration programme business cases and projects in accordance with delegations • Executes property transactions, including preparing go-to-market strategies for development sites (within parameters set by local boards) • Provides regular delivery performance reporting to Governing Body and local boards

<p>locations including strategic outcomes, high-level costs, benefits, and delivery timeframes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision-maker for city centre and waterfront programmes • Approves acquisition of property • Approves disposal of non-service property 	<p>within the parameters set out within approved programme business cases (i.e. scope, cost, location, benefits delivered)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works closely with local boards, both formally and informally, from urban regeneration plans, to design of public realm projects to property optimisation, regular workshops, meetings and site visits
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Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for property and asset management

28. Auckland Council will become responsible for Eke Panuku functions including the management of commercial properties, property transactions (sales and acquisitions) and management of significant assets like the city centre marinas.
29. **Table Three** sets out the statutory decision-making responsibilities of the Governing Body, which may be delegated to local boards. This is outlined in the first section of the Decision-making responsibilities of Auckland Council’s Governing Body and local boards Policy.

Table Three – Property and marina management statutory decision-making

<p>Governing Body statutory decision-making</p>	<p>Local board decision-making that is delegated from the Governing Body</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory decisions and statutory responsibilities e.g. disposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service optimisation decisions over local service property

30. **Table Four** sets out non-regulatory decisions, which can be allocated to local boards, reflected in the allocation table.

Table Four – Property and marina management non-regulatory decision-making (new text in the ‘facilities and asset management section)

<p>Governing Body decision-making (statutory and non-regulatory activities)</p>	<p>Local board decision-making (non-regulatory and delegated decisions)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial property and marina management • Management of the non-service property infrastructure as identified in the Infrastructure Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of new local community facilities (including local libraries, local sport and recreation facilities, local parks and reserves), and their specific location, design, build and fit out within budget parameters agreed with the Governing Body

Governing Body decision-making over property and asset management

31. The Governing Body has an overarching statutory responsibility for managing the network of facilities and overall financial oversight of the council.
32. Commercial property and marina management are allocated to the Governing Body because these properties are not delivering local council services and are an important financial contributor to council budgets. This is also the case with management of non-service property in line with the Infrastructure Strategy.

Local board decision-making over property and asset management

33. Local boards oversee the delivery of community services (such as libraries and community services), in ‘local service properties’. The Governing Body has delegated some decision-making to local boards enabling them to oversee the disposal of local service properties and reinvest this to achieve other community outcomes. This is called service property optimisation, for example by merging two council services into one building and selling the other property. Local boards also have decision-making over the acquisition of new local community facilities including their specific location, design, build and fit out within budget parameters agreed with the Governing Body.

The Group Property Framework is intended to provide principles, guidance and recommendations which will assist in improving decision-making on council’s property portfolio

34. The group property framework is intended to provide an overarching guide to the management of property across the council group, based on robust principles and agreed definitions. The scope of the group property review was agreed by the Revenue and Expenditure Committee in September 2024 ([link](#) to scope).
35. Some local boards have previously expressed concerns around a lack of information and advice on local service and non-service properties, including how property classifications are changed. The draft framework is expected to include recommendations that may address these concerns, for example:
- clarifying whether properties are service, non-service, local and non-local to ensure that local boards are given clear advice and decision-making over optimisation opportunities
 - recommending a matrix team be established consisting of key property staff across council to present the full options to local boards for property optimisation options in their area.

Allocation of decision-making for economic development activities

36. Economic development activities currently delivered by TAU are being transferred to Auckland Council. There are no substantive changes proposed for the decision-making responsibility for these activities, as reflected in **Table Five**.
37. While the allocation of decision-making is not proposed to change, council will need to make additional decisions on economic development initiatives, for example in areas such as the Auckland Innovation Network and the Te Puna creative precinct. This change is intended to increase democratic accountability.

Table Five – Economic development decision-making (no new allocations, some minor changes proposed)

Governing Body decision-making	Local board decision-making
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional economic development strategy and Business Improvement District (BID) Policy • Auckland-wide and city centre economic development programmes and initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business improvement district (BID) programmes including establishment of new BIDs within parameters set by the BID Policy and recommending BID targeted rates to the Governing Body • Local economic development plans, projects and initiatives within parameters set by regional strategies, policies and plans

Business improvement district (BID) programmes

38. In relation to the BID Programmes, the BID Policy outlines key decision-making responsibilities that sit with local boards and expressly recognises that within Auckland

Council, local boards are the primary relationship lead with BID operating business associations. Other responsibilities that sit with local boards in relation to BIDs include:

- approval of the establishment of a new BID programme and boundary area
- approval of any changes or amendments to an existing BID programme boundary area
- annually recommending BID programme targeted rate grant amounts to the Governing Body
- recommending to the Governing Body proposed changes to a BID targeted rate mechanism.

39. Local boards may provide additional support to BID-operating business associations and BID programme delivery through their local board annual work programmes and budgets. In business districts or town centres that are not part of (or not big enough to form) a BID programme, some local boards actively partner with local businesses to develop or deliver initiatives that promote local economic development.

Local economic development plans and initiatives

40. In 2024, the reference to local economic development plans, projects and initiatives in the allocation table was removed from the allocation table after TAU funding for local economic development support ceased. The proposal to reinstate this in the allocation acknowledges that budget and resources support an activity rather than define its existence as a council function.
41. Local boards have in the past expressed interest in receiving greater support for developing and implementing local economic development initiatives in their areas. While there is currently no additional resource for local economic development activities, it is anticipated that local boards will continue to seek staff advice on these activities, and this will need to be addressed. Note that some local boards have funded economic brokers to deliver local economic development outcomes.

Clarifications around economic development in the allocation table

42. Staff also propose the following minor edits to the allocation table to bring it up to date with current policies, which are shown in **Attachment A**:
- removing reference to BID strategic direction in the allocation to local boards. The removal of this acknowledges that the business association is a membership based incorporated society in structure and it is the members of that society who set the strategic direction of the association and its activities. Council can advocate for a common strategic direction between the local BID programme and local board but is not the decision maker of the BIDs strategic direction.
 - removing reference to Auckland Economic Development Action Plan 2021-2024 and investment framework from the Governing Body's allocation because this action plan is out of date.
 - removing reference to regional business events, and branding and marketing for the city centre, metropolitan centres and spatial priority areas as set out in the Future Development Strategy from the allocation to Governing Body because these examples aren't reflective of current and planned activity delivered by the economic development function.

Other amendments to the allocation table

43. As shown in **Attachment A**, other changes to the allocation table are designed to enhance clarity. These include formatting changes that separate activities that have been, to date, clustered together in the allocation table e.g. separation of planning and development activities from economic development activities, creation of a facilities and asset management category/activity, incorporating the existing allocation of asset renewals and

upgrade responsibilities (currently at the end of the table) into the facilities and asset management section.

44. The changes also include new explanatory notes for new activities e.g. clarification of the purpose of the urban regeneration programme.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi **Climate impact statement**

45. No climate impacts have been identified as a result of the changes proposed in this report.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera **Council group impacts and views**

46. The transfer of urban regeneration, property management and economic development activities to Auckland Council will have a range of impacts on the Auckland Council Group. These include direct political direction to staff, improved integration of activities and outcomes and efficiency gains.
47. While there are no new resources or budgets proposed as a result of the transfer of these activities, it is likely that demand for advice and support may increase with direct political decision-making.
48. The Governing Body will make a decision on the proposed allocation of decision-making responsibility for the transferred Eke Panuku and TAU activities on 29 May 2025, and these will be reflected in the allocation table as part of Annual Plan 2025/2026.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe **Local impacts and local board views**

49. Existing urban regeneration, property management and economic development activities are coming in house from 1 July. The major change local boards will see, is where staff come to them seeking approval of urban regeneration activities, rather than support, endorsement, or for information.
50. As noted elsewhere in this report, when existing urban regeneration programmes are completed, new programmes and activities will be considered. It is expected that local boards will have a greater role in decisions on those.
51. Greater clarity around property management decision-making will be provided in the Group Property Framework.
52. Local economic development remains under local board decision-making responsibility. Until additional resource and/or budget is provided advice on new local economic development activity will not be possible, unless local boards fund this themselves.
53. Changes to decision-making may result in increased local board member workloads, which will be assessed as activities are integrated into council.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori **Māori impact statement**

54. There are no specific Māori impacts identified with the proposals outlined in this report. Engagement with Māori in relation to urban regeneration, property management and economic development is expected to continue in line with current practices.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea **Financial implications**

55. No direct financial implications are anticipated from the reallocation of decisions to the Governing Body or local boards. Staff advice to support decision-making will continue, even

if the decision-maker changes (for example some decisions made by the Eke Panuku Board will now be made by local boards).

56. There will be financial implications if new urban regeneration or economic development programmes or projects are started. Local boards wishing to undertake new programmes or projects will need to fund them.
57. The financial implications of integration of urban regeneration, property management and economic development functions into council (for example the dis-establishment of Eke Panuku as an entity) are being addressed by other workstreams under in CCO Reform programme.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

58. The proposals in this report are intended to ensure a seamless transfer of urban regeneration, property management and economic development activities into council. Any issues that arise are not anticipated to be significant and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
59. With activities coming in house, political scrutiny and oversight may increase and create the need to change direction. This is considered to be more likely with new programmes than with current programmes but will need to be monitored and managed. This risk is balanced against the benefits of improved democratic accountability.
60. As outlined in this report, a number of decisions will need to be made as existing urban development programmes advance to a point where resources are freed up to develop new programmes. As part of this it is anticipated that a review of current decision-making will be undertaken to ensure particularly local boards have the right degree of decision-making over local programmes and associated budgets. Staff consider there is time to manage this change and in terms of the allocation of decision-making, any further change can be reflected in Annual Plan 2026/2027.
61. Some local boards may advocate for additional or new urban regeneration and/or economic development programmes in their areas. This may be reflected in local board plans which new local boards will develop post-Election 2025. A process to manage that will need to be established. Some local boards may also wish to fund such programmes to support commencement and resource needs will need to be carefully considered to respond to this.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

62. The Governing Body will make decisions on the allocation of decision-making responsibility on 29 May 2025. Local board feedback and resolutions will be reflected in the staff report. Any changes to the allocation table will be included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026, which is due to be adopted by the Governing Body on 26 June 2025.

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Item 19

Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report

1. To provide an update on projects, meetings, and other initiatives relevant to the local board's interests.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. Local board members are responsible for leading policy development in their areas of interest, proposing and developing project concepts, overseeing agreed projects within budgets, being active advocates, accessing and providing information and advice.

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive Chair Kay Thomas' April 2025 report.

Ngā tāpirihanga / Attachments

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Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme

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Item 20

Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report

1. To present the Whau Local Board Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme calendar (the calendar).

Whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary

2. The calendar for the Whau Local Board is in Attachment A. The calendar is updated monthly and reported to business meetings.
3. The calendar is part of Auckland Council's quality advice programme and aims to support local boards' governance role by:
 - ensuring advice on meeting agendas is driven by local board priorities
 - clarifying what advice is expected and when
 - clarifying the rationale for reports.
4. The calendar also aims to provide guidance for staff supporting local boards and greater transparency for the public.

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme for April 2025.

Ngā tāpirihanga / Attachments

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Whau Local Board Workshop Records

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Item 21

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To present records of workshops held by the Whau Local Board.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. Whau Local Board workshops are open to the public. This means that public and/or media may be in attendance and workshop materials including presentations and supporting documents will be made publicly available unless deemed confidential.
3. Workshop records and supporting documents from 6 November are publicly available at <https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/>
4. Briefings provided at the workshops were as follows, with links to the workshop material included:

5 March 2025

1. Local board budget update and cost pressures
2. Auckland Transport monthly update
3. Auckland Transport - Corridor Plans
4. Events
5. 2025/2026 Whau Grants Programme Review

https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2025/03/20250305_WLBWC_MAT_13280_WEB.htm

12 March 2025

1. Parks & Community Facilities monthly update
2. Shoreline Adaptation Plans: Waitematā Harbour
3. Whau Wildlink
4. Development Contributions 2025 proposal
5. Northwest Rapid Transit - refined emerging preferred option

https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2025/03/20250312_WLBWC_MAT_13281_WEB.htm

19 March 2025

1. Youth coordinator role & youth space
2. Te Hono Update
3. Climate Action Initiatives

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the records of the workshops held on 5, 12 and 19 March 2025.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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