

Upper Harbour Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Upper Harbour Local Board held in the Upper Harbour Local Board Office, 6-8 Munroe Lane, Albany, Auckland 0632 and Via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 1 May 2025 at 9.30 pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Anna Atkinson
Deputy Chairperson	Uzra Casuri Balouch, JP
Members	Callum Blair
	John Mclean
	Kyle Parker
	Sylvia Yang

1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chairperson A Atkinson opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number UH/2025/53

MOVED by Member C Blair, seconded by Chairperson A Atkinson:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 24 April 2025, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

8.1 North Harbour BMX - Season Update and What's Next.

Resolution number UH/2025/54

MOVED by Member S Yang, seconded by Member K Parker:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the deputation from Logan Whitelaw, Vice President North Harbour BMX, representing North Harbour BMX and thank him for his attendance and presentation.**

CARRIED

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Annual Plan 2025-2026: local board consultation feedback and input

The Senior Local Board Advisor, Heather Skinner, was in attendance to support the item.

A letter to the Governing body dated 7 April 2025 regarding the sale of the Wasp Hanger at Hobsonville was tabled. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minute's attachment.

Resolution number UH/2025/55

MOVED by Chairperson A Atkinson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson U Casuri Balouch:

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Upper Harbour Local Board priorities and activities for 2025/2026**
- b) **whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 from people and organisations based in the Upper Harbour Local Board area**
- c) **tuku / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 and key advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body as follows:**

Overall Plan proposal

- i) **support the proposed overall plan prioritising investment in transport, water and fairer funding for local communities noting that 72 per cent of individuals and 100 per cent of organisations in Upper Harbour that responded on the overall plan supported all or most of the proposal**

Destination management and major events

- ii) support the proposal for introducing a bed night visitor levy on short-stay commercial accommodation to fund destination management, marketing and major events noting that 58 per cent of individuals and 100 per cent of organisations in Upper Harbour that responded supported the proposal

Key local board advocacy initiatives

Library services provision in Albany

- iii) request an increase to current discrete project funding to enable delivery of a fit for purpose library service in Albany
- iv) note that the local board are currently investigating service property optimisation options to fund shortfalls however we have no physical assets in our portfolio and are therefore investigating the potential of selling green space
- v) request appropriate resource is invested in Eke Panuku to support the ongoing discussions regarding service property optimisation for Upper Harbour

Wasp Hanger, Hobsonville Point

- vi) acknowledge the 80 submissions from Upper Harbour residents advocating for the retention and redevelopment of the Wasp Hangar into a multi-purpose indoor sports and recreation facility
- vii) request that the Governing Body instruct Eke Panuku to pause the sale of the Wasp Hangar and direct staff to investigate opportunities for community use of the facility noting:
 - A) the shortage of indoor and community facilities in the fast-growing area
 - B) councils desire to deliver differently
 - C) interest by community partners and
 - D) community views and needs
- viii) table the letter dated 7th April 2025 sent to Mayor Wayne Brown, Councillors and Eke Panuku requesting the Governing Body listen to community views, pause the sale of the Wasp Hangar and instruct staff to explore viable options for repurposing the site

North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct – stage 2

- ix) note the overall support from Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays submitters to contribute some local board funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct
- x) request regional support and resourcing contribution to deliver on stage 2 - developing a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Te Kori Scott Point

- xi) request growth funding to complete the delivery of the Te Kori Scott Point masterplan implementation noting this is a project specified in the Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034 however stage 2 and 3 remain unfunded noting that:

- A) stage 2 and 3 are not currently attracting specific Development Contributions as these stages are not in the Development Contributions Schedule 8
- B) the completion of the whole project is needed as the surrounding area is rapidly developing into a densely developed neighbourhood

Fairer Funding implementation – cost pressures

- xii) request a slower or different transition to fairer funding for local boards in relation to managing cost pressures for 2026/2027 noting that in order for local boards to fund future cost pressures we require support with fit for purpose and high-quality advice from staff
- xiii) note that over 50 percent of our operational budget is spent on the Full Facilities contract for Upper Harbour and the local board have no control over this
- xiv) reiterate that principle that no local board was supposed to go backwards or be worse off under fairer funding
- xv) is of the view that Local Boards are being asked to do more without any additional funding and it is the share of funding that local boards get that needs addressing
- xvi) request accurate financial information on all the revenues and costs that are incurred for all services within the local board agreement, noting that currently we are not given detailed breakdowns on costs or cost increases on all line items

Planning and investment to respond to growth and intensification

- xvii) request appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g Whenuapai, Hobsonville and Albany.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 1 May 2025, Upper Harbour Local Board, Item 11 - Annual Plan 2025 - 2026: local board consultation feedback and input - Letter from Upper Harbour Local Board to Governing Body dated 7 April 2025 regarding the sale of the Wasp Hanger at Hobsonville.

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

9.54 am

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and closed the meeting with a Karakia.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....