

## Draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020

File No.: CP2020/06739

### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To approve the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 and statement of proposal for public consultation.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 requires that each local board complete a local board plan for adoption by 31 October of the year following election and uses the special consultative procedure (SCP) to engage with their communities.
3. The consultation period for the SCP will take place from 13 July to 13 August 2020.
4. The draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 has been developed using feedback obtained before COVID-19. There is a risk in approving the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 for public consultation while the full social and economic effects of COVID-19 on the community are not yet determined.
5. The consultation process will seek the views and aspirations of the public to inform the final plan.

### Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) approve the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 in Attachment A and the statement of proposal in Attachment B for public consultation using the special consultative procedure.
- b) delegate authority to the Chair and / or other nominated member(s) of the Waitematā Local Board to approve final changes to the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 and statement of proposal.
- c) delegate authority to the Chair and / or other nominated member(s) to approve the type of engagement events to take place, the number of events and the dates of the engagement events.
- d) delegate to the following elected members and staff the power and responsibility to hear from the public through 'spoken' (or New Zealand sign language) interaction, at the council's public engagement events, during the consultation period for the local board plan:
  - i) local board members and Chair
  - ii) General Manager Local Board Services, Local Board Relationship Manager, Local Board Senior Advisor, Local Board Advisor, Local Board Engagement Advisor
  - iii) any additional staff approved by the General Manager Local Board Services or the Group Chief Financial Officer.
- e) approve to hold an extraordinary meeting of the local board, if required, at a suitable date and time during the weeks of 26 October to 13 November 2020 to adopt the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020.

## Horopaki Context

6. The Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 states that each local board must:
  - adopt their local board plan by 31 October of the year following an election
  - use the special consultative procedure (SCP) to engage with their communities.
7. Local board plans are strategic documents developed every three years. They set a direction for local boards and reflect community priorities and preferences. They provide a guide for local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also influence local board input into regional strategies and plans, including annual budgets.
8. The plans inform the development of the council's 10-year budget. They also form the basis for development of the annual local board agreement for the following three financial years and subsequent work programmes.

## Timeframes

9. The consultation period for the local board plans was due to be held in June and July 2020. The implementation of COVID-19 alert levels 3 and 4 required a change in the direction of the draft plans to ensure they responded to the effects of COVID-19. Restrictions on public gatherings also required a shift in planning how engagement events could occur. Planning for these took time, which has forced the consultation period to be moved to July and August 2020.
10. Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the consultation period to be a minimum of one month. The COVID-19 Response (Further Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020, which came into force on 16 May 2020, permits a council to modify its SCP and conduct a shorter period of consultation than one month (but no less than seven days).
11. The threshold for a council being able to modify its consultation period under this Act is high. According to the Act, a council can only take a modified approach to “the extent that it is satisfied to do is necessary or desirable to support measures taken to contain or mitigate the outbreak of COVID-19 or its effects, including, without limitation, by addressing the impacts and consequences of the outbreak for any aspect of the wellbeing of the community”.
12. While it may be possible to shorten the consultation period, it is important that the community is given a reasonable time of one month to provide feedback on the draft plan in which to indicate their priorities and aspirations.
13. Whilst every effort will be made to adopt the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 in October 2020, the unavoidable change to the dates of the consultation period may require a small extension of time. This is to ensure the local board has sufficient time to consider the submissions received.
14. It is recommended that provision be made for an extraordinary meeting to adopt the final plan during the weeks of 26 October to 13 November 2020, should it be required. Adoption of the final plan will be no later than 30 November 2020.

## Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

15. The draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 (refer Attachment A) has been developed by considering:
  - previous community engagement, including engagement on the 2017 Local Board Plan, 2018-2028 Long-term Plan and prior annual plans

- the uncertainty of the impact of COVID-19 on Auckland Council's budget and service levels
  - subject matter expert advice from council and other council organisations
16. Targeted consultation was also undertaken in November 2019 to March 2020 through various activities with local community groups.
17. The draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 has been developed while the impacts of COVID-19 are not yet fully determined. It is possible that some of the aspirations and desires may need to change as a result.

### Key features

18. The draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 includes six aspirational outcomes that integrate social, economic, environmental and cultural objectives to set a three-year strategic direction for Waitematā Local Board area. Each outcome has a set of high level objectives.
19. The six outcomes and some of the key objectives are:
- Outcome 1 – Māori are empowered, and their identity and culture is visible
    - Provide opportunities to celebrate Māori heritage and culture
    - Integrate Māori values and sustainable practices into planning, decision making and delivery
    - Increased participation of iwi and non-affiliated Māori in decision making
  - Outcome 2 – Connected communities that are inclusive, accessible and equitable
    - Support sustainable solutions to end homelessness
    - Empower communities to become more resilient
    - Provide opportunities to connect communities through creative and diverse arts, sports, events, and community activities
  - Outcome 3 – High quality urban development that has accessible, versatile, and sustainable public and private spaces
    - Activate and enhance our parks, streetscapes and open spaces
    - Ensure the design of our current and future public and private spaces are accessible, safe, multifunctional, family friendly, low impact and adaptable in the future
    - Preserve our neighborhood character and continue to improve town centres
    - Encourage more drinking fountains, toilets, showers and lockers in public spaces
  - Outcome 4: A future focused green and climate change resilient Waitematā
    - Increase the biodiversity of our land, streams and ocean
    - Support Waitematā being a low carbon community
    - Increase our urban ngahere (forest)
    - Minimise waste
  - Outcome 5: Sustainable transport network that is safe and accessible
    - Improve safety for all road users
    - Connect our transport network to allow for multiple transport modes
    - Provide connected network of parks, open spaces and streets

- Outcome 6: Prosperous Waitematā economy that is sustainable and innovative
  - Increase prosperity and resiliency of locally owned businesses
  - Support a low carbon and regenerative economy
  - Creative industries are enabled and sustained

20. In addition to the outcomes and objectives the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 also includes a number of contextual elements. These are:

- Waitematā Local Board area
- Mihi
- Message from the local board chair
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#### Statement of proposal

21. The use of the SCP requires the local board to approve an accompanying statement of proposal (refer Attachment B). This document provides financial context and an outline of how the public can provide input through the SCP.

#### **Engagement plan for the SCP**

- 22. The consultation period will run from 13 July to 13 August 2020.
- 23. The engagement approach focuses on engagement through digital and online platforms with face to face engagement activities should the risks of COVID-19 be mitigated.
- 24. The COVID-19 alert system has certain restrictions on public gatherings, which has varying implications for consultation under the SCP. Due to the uncertainty of knowing which COVID-19 alert level Aucklanders will be under at the time of the consultation period; it is not possible to confirm all details of engagement events at this stage.
- 25. Engagement activities will be supported by local and regional communications to help raise awareness, promote the activities and increase participations in the consultation.

#### **Consultation documentation and translations**

- 26. To support Aucklanders to be able to provide feedback in a way that suits them, information will be provided online and in hard copy.
- 27. Hard copies and feedback forms will be available at all libraries, service centres and local board offices subject to being open, or on request by calling 09 301 0101 or the Waitematā Local Board office on 09 353 9654.
- 28. The draft local board plan will be available to view online at [www.akhaveyoursay.nz](http://www.akhaveyoursay.nz).
- 29. To enable a wide reach across the diverse communities, the feedback form and sections of the draft plan will be translated into Te Reo Māori, simplified Chinese and Hindi.

### Methods for obtaining feedback

30. Feedback will be gathered through the methods described below. These may be subject to change depending on the rules and requirements around COVID-19 alert levels:

- Have Your Say face-to-face engagement events (spoken interaction)
- online submission via [www.akhaveyoursay.nz](http://www.akhaveyoursay.nz)
- written submissions, for example proformas and letters received by post or email
- verbal submission through telephone by calling 09 301 0101 or the Waitematā local board office on 09 353 9654.
- social media comments which are in scope of the engagement, although people will be encouraged to go to the online form to make a formal submission
- partnerships with community partners to obtain feedback from our diverse communities.

### Processing feedback

31. Feedback will be analysed and collated for local board members to consider prior to making decisions on the final local board plan.



### Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

32. The draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 reflects the impacts of predicted climate change. It considers such impacts as increasing temperatures, rising sea levels and changing rainfall patterns on the local board area.

33. Climate change response is woven throughout the plan. Each outcome includes specific initiatives such as:

- Work with our communities to develop community resilience plans for the impacts of pandemics, climate emergencies, and natural and man-made disasters
- Support business innovations, tools and resources that enable businesses to adopt low carbon practices and thrive
- Support local composting and grow a local low-carbon, resilient food production system
- Investigate providing an Ecohub in the city centre to deliver climate action advice and education
- Advocate for our fleet and buses to convert to electric vehicles, and reduce pollution from shipping to improve air quality particularly in the city centre
- Develop a detailed 'Planting Opportunities List' that will help to deliver the goal of providing 30 per cent of tree canopy cover within the Waitematā Local Board area by 2050
- Advocate for all infrastructure developments to have an outcome of more trees planted
- Support local stream restoration such as in the Waipapa, Waiparuru and Newmarket streams

34. The impact on the climate from the process of engagement has been considered. Digital feedback will be encouraged where possible, and printing of hard copies will be limited. The ability to provide feedback from any location reduces the need to travel to a specific location.

## Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera

### Council group impacts and views

35. The approval of the Waitematā draft Local Board Plan 2020 for public consultation will provide the local board with feedback on the communities' aspirations on the direction the local board intends to take. Planning and operational areas of the council have taken part in the development and review of the draft plans.

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

### Local impacts and local board views

36. The local board's views have informed the development of the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 through a series of workshops from November 2019 to May 2020.

## Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori

### Māori impact statement

37. In January 2020 a letter was sent to all iwi authorities inviting participation in local board discussions to ensure key messages were captured early in the planning process.
38. Staff planned meetings (hui) to engage with mana whenua and mataawaka in late March 2020 to seek their views and values in relation to the rohe. However, these were cancelled due to COVID-19. The Chair and Deputy Chair therefore engaged directly with mana whenua in the area by telephone and email.
39. The local board has also considered existing feedback received on previous matters from mana whenua and mataawaka.

## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea

### Financial implications

40. Budget to implement initiatives and projects is confirmed through the annual plan budgeting process. The local board plans inform this process.
41. The total engagement budget is up to \$12,000 per local board, which is provided for in the Local Board Services group budget.

## Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga

### Risks and mitigations

42. There is a risk in approving the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 for public consultation while the full social and economic effects of COVID-19 on the community are not yet determined. The consultation process will seek the views and aspirations of the public to inform the final plan.

## Ngā koringa ā-muri

### Next steps

43. Following approval, the draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020 and statement of proposal will be available for public consultation from 13 July to 13 August 2020.
44. Details of specific engagement events will be finalised as part of this process.

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## Te Rohe ā-Poari o Waitematā Local Board

### Waitematā Local Board area

The Waitematā Local Board area is bounded by Westmere in the west and Parnell to the east. Arch Hill, Eden Terrace and Newmarket mark our southern boundary and to our north is the iconic and beautiful Waitematā Harbour. Waitematā is made up of many distinctive communities including Westmere, Grey Lynn, Herne Bay, Ponsonby, Arch Hill, St Marys Bay, Freemans Bay, Newton, Eden Terrace, Grafton, Newmarket, Parnell and the city centre.

Waitematā has a long history of settlement, first by Māori and later Europeans. Fifteen mana whenua iwi/hapu have an interest in Waitematā and five marae are located in the local board area. Our area contains many of the oldest suburbs and buildings in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland. The city centre with its active waterfront, port operation and maritime heritage is a unique and attractive place for residents and visitors alike.

At the 2018 Census there were 82,866 usual residents in Waitematā – about five per cent of Auckland’s total population. Almost two-thirds of the Waitematā population is of European ethnicity. Our large Asian community (31.5 per cent) is concentrated in the city centre, where over half of residents identify with an Asian ethnicity. Māori and Pacific peoples are generally under-represented in Waitematā when compared with the whole of Auckland.

We have a younger median age in Waitematā of 31.4 years and a significantly greater proportion of people aged 25 to 34, compared with Auckland as a whole. By contrast the proportions of children in Waitematā are half those of Auckland. While the number of residents aged 65 and over has increased, the overall proportion of this group remains relatively low.

Home ownership is relatively low in Waitematā at 39.1 per cent, compared with 61.5 per cent for Auckland.

Driven by the city centre, the Waitematā area is the primary hub of employment and commerce in Auckland. In 2019 the Waitematā area accounted for 23 per cent of Auckland’s employment with employment mostly concentrated in the city centre. However, Waitematā has other pockets of concentrated employment, such as Newmarket, Eden Terrace and Newton/Grafton.

We have active business associations in Parnell, Newmarket, Ponsonby, the city centre, Uptown (Newton), Karangahape Road (all Business Improvement Districts) and Grey Lynn.

Several universities, numerous other educational facilities and Auckland Hospital are located in the local board area, along with many of Auckland’s top retail districts such as Newmarket and Ponsonby. We have a number of major cultural institutions including the Auckland War Memorial Museum, Maritime Museum, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki and the Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT).

## Mihi

Mai i Te Waitematā ki tai, nau mai rā e Te Waitematā ki uta.

Hei taumarumarua koe mō te pū o te wheke kua huaina nei, ko te tāone nui o Tāmaki Makaurau.

Titiro ki te Pourewa Tūkoi ki te rangi e titi mai rā

i te manawa tonu o Te Horotiu,

tipua o te ao kōhatu kua memeha kē,

kua taupokihia e te ao kua kōhatu.

Ko Te Wai-o-Taiehu kei te rāwhiti ōu,

ko Tuki-tuki-muka te kai here i tō hope i te uru.

E rere ki tuawhenua, ka ū atu koe ki Te Wai-orea,

kei kō tata mai ko te Rae o Kāwharu

e eke ai koe ki Te Uru Karaka.

Heke whakatemauī ko Ngā Kauae Whati,

e piki ake ai koe ki Te Rimu-tahi.

Titiro whakaiho koe, ko Waiatarau,

ko te Waikōkōta.

E tahuri tō haere mā te ara Kārangaranga o Hape

kia tū anō koe i te kokotinga o te Ara Kuīni.

E whakamau ō kamo ki te āhuru mōwai

e hora ake nā i mua i a koe.

E mīharo ki tā te ringa tangata i hanga ai

hei kākahu i tā te ringa atua.

E takahi rā koe mā runga i ngā tapuwae

o te tini - pō te ao, ao te pō,

kia tau rawa atu koe ki te huinga mai

a te mano ki Te Rerenga-ora-iti.

Ki reira koe whakatau ai i te iwi;

Nau mai e taku iti, nau mai e taku rahi ki āhau,

ki Te Waitematā i uta, ki Te Waitematā i tai.

From Waitematā at sea to Waitematā on shore, welcome.  
May you be a safe haven at the centre of this metropolis called Tāmaki Makaurau.  
Gaze up to the Sky Tower that rises  
out of the heart of Horotiu,  
relic of the age of stone,  
now covered over by a world of stone.  
Te Wai-o-Taikehu marks your eastern bounds,  
while Tuki-tuki-muka binds your western boundary.  
Flowing inland you reach Wai-orea  
though close by is Te Rae o Kāwharu,  
en-route to present-day Newton.  
Glancing to your left lies Grey Lynn,  
and up a rise you come to Ponsonby.  
Looking below, there is Freemans Bay,  
there too, is Waikōkota.  
Your journey takes you now to Karangahape Road  
across to where it intersects with the Queen's byway.  
Cast your eyes over the sheltered haven  
that lies before you.  
Marvel at what the human hand has created  
to embellish that which was created by the hand of God.  
Now follow in the footprints of many  
who passed by - dawn till dusk and dusk till dawn,  
until you too arrive amongst the hustle and bustle  
of the throngs, at Britomart.  
There you can bid the people;  
Welcome one and all unto me,  
Waitematā on shore, Waitematā at sea.

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## He kōrero mai i te Heamana

### From the Chair

Waitematā is the heart and soul of Tāmaki Makaurau, where many people choose to live, work, study, visit, play and be entertained. It is vital that the passion, energy, and creativity of all is advanced.

Waitematā has seen dramatic changes and immense growth, challenges, and opportunities. The city centre is undergoing major transformation and we have declared a climate emergency. COVID-19 and the consequent lockdown have had a significant impact on the council's finances and so projects will need to be prioritised in this light – both in terms of where action is most needed as well as the council's capacity to deliver.

They have also challenged our businesses' viability and we intend to help them respond effectively to the challenge. We want to make sure Waitematā will continue to be a place where our businesses thrive, our communities feel safe and connected and our environment is healthy as we respond effectively and resiliently to pandemics, climate change, and major construction works.

It is my privilege to present our draft Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020-2023, taking account of the previous plan, the Parnell Plan and new play and park development plans. This draft plan presents our vision and aspirations for the next three years. Let us know if you think we have got it right.

A new focus we propose for the three years ahead is empowering Māori and celebrating identity and culture. We will continue to strengthen our partnerships with mana whenua and work together to integrate Māori values and history into our planning and decision-making and showcase the rich heritage through design, public art, signage, and park names.

It is important that everyone who lives in Waitematā has a place to call home, feel safe and be connected. COVID-19 will continue to impact our communities, particularly for our most vulnerable residents. It has also brought an enhanced sense of community. Together we will focus on helping our communities recover and provide opportunities that are inclusive and accessible, promote gender equity participation, empower women and girls as well as all ages, ethnicities, and abilities.

We have heard from you that housing affordability and homelessness are significant issues and we will advocate for solutions to end homelessness. Events, arts, and recreation creates a vibrant, healthy, and connected community as well as create local jobs and we will continue to support local events and community arts programmes.

A high-quality urban development includes accessible, versatile and sustainable public and private spaces. We are committed to creating additional open spaces and want to see the community's vision of a park on Ponsonby Road become reality. With your support we will activate our public spaces and implement park improvements. You have been very clear that the Leys Institute building is an important community asset and we will advocate for the restoration of the public library there.

COVID-19 has shown positive impacts on our environment. We have experienced better cleaner air in the city centre, cleaner streams and harbours and increased biodiversity. We remain committed to the environment and propose to continue our focus on restoring our waterways, combating air pollution, and responding to the climate emergency. We will continue to support community-led projects to reduce carbon emissions. Together with our communities, we will grow our vital tree cover, support local gardens and composting, and continue agrichemical-free maintenance in our parks.

We need a sustainable transport network that is safe, accessible and provides sustainable choices. We have recently appreciated more than ever safe walking, cycling and other active modes of transport. We propose to extend our greenways, connect our cycleways, and design streets as public spaces that prioritise pedestrians and active transport, and further reduce our reliance on cars. We propose that safety is a key priority and will focus on improving safety, particularly around schools.

COVID-19 has significantly impacted the global and national economy. Waitematā is the major centre for employment and business in Auckland, and as such it is crucial that we will build our economic resilience. This will involve building capacity and working in new ways. We will work with our business leaders to maximise benefits from the Government's efforts to stimulate the economy and together rebuild a sustainable and innovative Waitematā economy that thrives whilst responding to this challenge, as well as challenges from climate change and transformation projects.

Some initiatives and services we are proposing are dependent on finance or resource, and we will need to secure funding. We acknowledge the challenges our city faces in maintaining services levels and keeping rates rises at acceptable levels while faced with a time of uncertainty as we recover from the impact of COVID-19. This means some of our plans and aspirations may need to change as a result. It is more important than ever to hear from you on what your priorities are as we recover together.

We are fortunate to have engaged and passionate communities that influence our local board projects. We look forward to receiving your feedback on this plan to ensure we have a final plan that enables us to continue working with you over the next three years. By working together, we can achieve our aspiration to make Waitematā the best place it can be.

**Richard Northey**

Chair, Waitematā Local Board

## He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

### About local boards

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 Governing Body members) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local matters, activities and services and provide input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

Local boards make decisions on local matters such as:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

### About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans that are developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area that reflects community aspirations and priorities. The plans guide the local boards in:

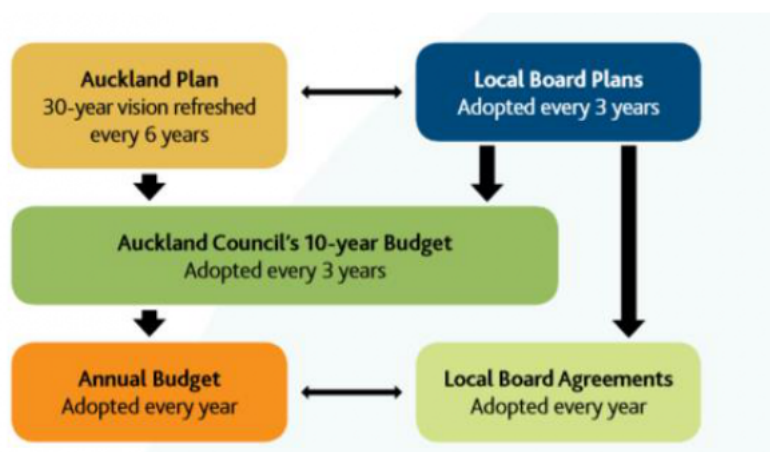
- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans are inclusive and connected; they don't operate in isolation. They support the following:

- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (Long-term Plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards
- the council's annual budget (annual plan) – funding for the coming financial year of the 10-year budget, including local boards.

Local Board Agreements form the basis for each local board to develop its annual work programme and set out local funding priorities and budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year.





### Working with Māori

Māori culture and identity is celebrated by Aucklanders and is our point of difference in the world.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi recognises the rangatiratanga of Auckland's hapū and iwi, and the inseparable bond between Tāmaki Makaurau the people and Tāmaki Makaurau the place.

Local boards play a vital role in representing the interests of all Aucklanders. We are committed to our Treaty-based obligations and to Māori participation and development.

We have worked with Māori to develop initiatives that respond to Māori aspirations.

## Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

### Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them.

We have identified these by considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you and heard your views on a wide range of things. Our plan is also developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2019 and March 2020.

We have yet to fully determine the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our communities and it may mean some of our plans and aspirations may need to change as a result. Our response will be delivered via the annual budgeting process but the decisions we make will focus on ensuring the benefits for our community.

It is predicted that our levels of service may also need to change as part of the council's response to COVID-19, but we do not currently know the extent of those changes. We will have more information once the council's Annual Budget is adopted in late July 2020. The local board budgets and levels of service for the 2020/2021 financial year will be updated following that. To ensure we reflect your current needs and desires for Waitematā in this plan, we are sharing this draft document for your feedback. We will engage with our community through online events and conversations in person to hear your thoughts. These may be subject to change depending on the rules and requirements around the COVID-19 alert levels, as the safety of our community and staff is paramount.

We will make an effort to hear from the groups that are often hardest to reach, to ensure their voices are heard and considered.

The issues and priorities you raise with us through these interactions will help inform the final version of this plan.

## Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

### Carrying out our plan

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the local board and the wider council family such as Auckland Transport.

To deliver against the outcomes in the local board plans, we will:

- prioritise budget to focus on the initiatives in the plans
- make the best use of local assets such as community centres and parks
- set direction for the council staff who deliver the projects and services
- work with various community groups and partners, to deliver projects and services.

Sometimes, important projects in local areas are beyond the funding available to local boards or our authority to make decisions. In those cases, the role of local boards is to advocate to decision-makers to ensure they are aware of community views and the boards support for them.

## Whakaotinga tahi: E whakamanatia ana te Māori, ā, e kitea ana ō rātou tuakiri, ahurea hoki

### Outcome one: Māori are empowered, and their identity and culture is visible

#### Outcome description:

We celebrate and showcase Māori culture and grow respectful and reciprocal partnerships to ensure te ao Māori is embedded in our decision making.

We are proud of our Māori heritage and culture in Waitematā and we seek every opportunity to celebrate and share this unique history with our residents and many visitors.

We will tell the stories of Māori cultural heritage and history throughout our parks and open spaces network, community places, in our print, signs and digital formats. We will continue to partner with mana whenua to name local roads, parks and facilities and to increase the use of te reo Māori in our signage.

We will incorporate Māori design principles when designing open spaces, playgrounds and creating new infrastructure such as advocating for a Māori and Pacific narrative in the Waterfront development. We will continue to engage with mana whenua at the inception of our projects to ensure the issues of significance to Māori are incorporated into our decision making.

You have told us that for Māori, heritage is not only the built form but the unbuilt and natural aspects of the landscape. We will consult and collaborate with mana whenua to conserve cultural and archaeological heritage particularly in coastal areas such as Pt Erin (Oka), Pt Resolution Taurarua and Meola Reef Te Tokaroa.

We are working with mana whenua and mataawaka to create a local responsive engagement and implementation plan, which will include key aspirations and priorities for Māori in the area, share information and identify opportunities to work together.

***Māori are empowered and their identity and culture is visible*** is a new outcome we have included in our draft Local Board Plan this term. This outcome aims to strengthen our existing relationships to enable mana whenua rangatiratanga as well as encourage Māori participation in the democratic processes at the grass roots level.

Delivering on our commitment to Māori to meet our responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi at a local level is a priority for the Waitematā Local Board and we have reflected this in the remaining five outcomes of the draft Local Board Plan. We acknowledge the long association mana whenua have with the Waitematā area and we undertake to work in genuine partnership with all iwi and hapū with an interest in Waitematā.

#### ***What you've told us***

"I'd like to see the addition of the Māori word(s) to the existing signage for public facilities. For example, bus stop - whakamutu pahi. Community Centre - pokapū hapori. The use of te reo written and spoken helps us all connect to the culture and language."

### Opportunities

- New public spaces are being developed from transformational projects such as the City Rail Link (CRL) and waterfront developments. This creates the opportunity for Māori design principles and artwork to be incorporated in the planning stage and for the local board to partner with mana whenua in naming these new and significant open spaces.
- Large events such as the 36th America's Cup will bring thousands of visitors to the city. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our rich cultural history and uniqueness.

### Challenges

- To have a flourishing Māori language – te reo Māori requires the efforts of many people to grow their capability.
- There is low participation and engagement with Māori at grass roots level. We need to navigate and connect with existing forums to ensure Māori views are considered.

### Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: Māori are empowered, and their identity and culture is visible	
Objective	Key initiatives
Provide opportunities to celebrate Māori heritage and culture	Incorporate tikanga practices as part of our local board meetings, events and projects
	Increase the use of te reo Māori in our signage
	Partner with mana whenua to provide Māori naming and narrative throughout our local roads, parks and community places in print, signs and digital formats
	Partner with Māori to celebrate events of significance such as Waitangi Day, Matariki and Māori Language Week.

Integrate Māori values and sustainable practices into planning, decision-making and delivery	Seek opportunities to reflect Māori stories through the use of public art
	'Ka noho' - wairua and ngākau: Assist rangatahi to connect with mātauranga Māori to nurture skills and awareness around what it means to be self sufficient
	'Te tangata' - tinana: Promote, progress and fund current and emerging initiatives, programmes and groups who are actively committed to the restoration, sustainability and protection of food sovereignty systems within their communities
	Incorporate Māori design principles into new infrastructure e.g. playgrounds and open space designs such as Heard Park
Increased participation of iwi and non-affiliated Māori in decision making	Support Māori initiatives that minimise waste and encourage recycling infrastructure that connect with te ao Māori values
	Māori communities are actively engaged and participate in decision making
	Work alongside Māori to protect and support their interests and aspirations for Waitematā
Develop and foster authentic relationships with mana whenua	Advocate for improved council processes to enable more Māori input on key strategies and plans
	Develop and support channels or forums for ongoing engagement with mana whenua such as an annual hui

## Whakaotinga rua: He hapori honohono he mea manaaki, haratau, ōrite hoki

### Outcome two: Connected communities that are inclusive, accessible and equitable

#### Outcome description:

**Everyone has a place to call home and be connected to their communities. There are abundant opportunities to participate in decision making and activities regardless of age, gender, culture or ability.**

We are fortunate to have a diverse and vibrant community in Waitematā. Our diversity includes families, children and young people to older adults, new migrants, international students, rainbow communities and people living with disabilities. We want all people who live in Waitematā to feel at home, to feel safe and to have opportunities to connect and participate in their community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought uncertainty and disruption. We want to help bring our community together to support each other, grow stronger and prosper through these difficult times. Our focus will be towards building community capacity to support the recovery, improve community resilience and restore social connectedness, for this and future pandemics and disasters. We must support vulnerable communities such as those who feel isolated, older people, deprived and low-income communities, youth, Māori and Pasifika communities.

#### **What you've told us**

"Ultimately if you are talking services to apartment dwellers in invariably small living spaces. then access to venues/indoor non-commercial space is vital for a healthy community. Ellen Melville is starting to get it right with the urban lounge but pressure on the bookable rooms/hall is such from all of Auckland that local needs get squeezed."

#### **Being heard**

Diverse perspectives can inspire creativity and drive innovations. We want to ensure all voices are reflected in our decision-making, projects and planning. We will work with local communities to hear the voices that are often missed.

We want to see genuine empowerment of women and girls through community dialogue and engagement. Actions at the local and community level can often achieve an important change for improving women and girls' daily lives.

We support Auckland being an age-friendly city. Older people as well as children and young people have a voice in Waitematā, and we will reflect their views and interests in our plans and decisions.

### **Sustainable solutions for homelessness**

The continued presence of rough sleepers is a major concern, particularly in the city centre. We believe all people living in Waitematā should have a place to call home, can access opportunities and facilities, and have a sense of belonging.

Homelessness should be rare, brief and non-recurring. We will partner with agencies as part of a local cross-sectoral response to provide practical solutions to end homelessness including advocating for more healthy, affordable and secure homes. We will continue to provide support for these people to minimise harm and enhance dignity and wellbeing. This includes initiatives that provide basic amenities such as drinking fountains, showers, toilets and lockers.

### **Social connections and well-being**

Arts and local events strengthen communities, connect cultural divides and help us celebrate our differences. Local events such as Parnell Festival of Roses provide a sense of community and bring people from different walks of life together to celebrate their neighbourhood. Partnering with TAPAC and supporting the Basement Theatre and Space Hub makes it easier for emerging artists of all ages to develop and present their work.

We will continue to enable a range of experiences from organised sport to informal recreation that help people lead active and healthier lives and support the delivery of community led activities and events.

We support enabling access and participation for older adults and people of all ages and abilities. Children and teenagers need both virtual and real-life spaces to connect, play and develop their interests.

It is important that we continue to support organisations that deliver services to improve the lives of people, particularly those who are vulnerable.

Waitematā has several important tertiary educational institutions. International students are a vital part of the social and economic success of these institutions. It is important that our new migrants and international students feel at home, feel safe and well-informed, and can contribute to our community.

There are a growing number of families living in the city centre. Schools are very much needed in the inner-city that children can get to safely, which will also provide a heart for the local community.

Harm from alcohol and from gambling needs to be minimised, including good host responsibility policies and retaining the 'Sinking Lid' policy on poker machine numbers.



We support Auckland being an age-friendly city, that enables access and participation for older adults and people of all ages. Children and young people have a voice in Waitematā, and we will reflect their views and interests in our plans and decisions.

### Opportunities

- 46% of the local community were born overseas. Diverse cultural perspectives can inspire creativity and drive innovations. There is an opportunity to increase understanding and participation in democratic processes.
- In August 2018, the Waitematā Local Board agreed support for Auckland becoming a city for Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). There is an opportunity to implement actions at the local and community level where change is often the most important for improving women's and girls' daily lives.

### Challenges

- The COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty. We want to help bring our community together to support each other, grow stronger and prosper through difficult times.
- Homelessness is a regional issue. However, it is more concentrated and visible in the city centre. It is important that everyone has access to secure shelter, to opportunities and a sense of belonging. We will work across the sector to improve, end and prevent homelessness.
- With the expected reduction in our budget as a result of the impact of COVID-19, which may have implications on levels of service, we need to find the balance between the increased demand for our services and the limited capacity of space in our facilities.
- There are conflicting uses and unequal awareness and access to secure shelter. We need to identify and remove physical, cultural and gender bias barriers that people face.

**Our commitment**

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

<b>Outcome: Connected communities that are inclusive, accessible and equitable</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Key initiatives</b>
Support sustainable solutions to end homelessness	Identify and pilot appropriate initiatives that provide practical solutions for homelessness that can then be adopted regionally such as opening the showers at Ellen Melville centre
	Partner with agencies as part of a local cross-sectoral response to homelessness in the city centre including funding local grass roots initiatives
	Advocate for more safe, affordable, healthy and secure housing to be provided in Waitematā
Empower communities to become more resilient	Encourage and support residents, businesses and schools to develop healthy, sustainable and low carbon lifestyles
	Work with our communities to develop resilience plans for the impacts of pandemics, climate emergencies, and natural and man-made disasters
	Support activities that help communities to recover from the effects of COVID-19 and other emergencies and restore community connectedness
	Support community-led projects for energy efficiency and reduced emissions such as the Low Carbon Network
Provide opportunities to connect communities, through creative and diverse arts, sports, events, and community activities	Support family friendly and accessible local events such as Parnell Festival of Roses
	Support community organisations and initiatives that foster grassroots participation and community development
	Promote active and healthy lifestyles, utilising our facilities

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Provide accessible and inclusive opportunities and services that meet the needs of our diverse communities	Work with community groups to provide activities and programmes that connect people across generations and diverse cultures
	Support activities that bring people into our parks such as the Out and About programme
	Enable spaces for our diverse groups to connect such as a “youth lounge” and art spaces
	Advocate for the early provision of a public school in the city centre
Improve Waitematā for women and girls	Ensure our community facilities, playgrounds, open spaces and parks encourage all genders to participate
	Apply a gender lens in our decision-making and promote the interests of women and girls

## Whakaotinga toru: Te whakawhanaketanga ā-tāone kounga kei reira he wāhi tūmatanui, tūmataiti hoki e haratau ana, e matatini ana, e toitū ana

**Outcome three: High quality urban development that has accessible, versatile, and sustainable public and private spaces**

**Outcome description:**

**We have a wide variety of community places and open spaces that are safe, accessible and versatile. Our city centre and town centres are well designed, family friendly and are easy to move around. Our shared spaces and buildings showcase sustainable living.**

Waitematā offers a unique landscape, and beautiful surroundings. We have a wonderful waterfront that we want to ensure is well connected to the city centre, an active harbour, unique historic and natural heritage, built environment and open spaces. Laneways and shared spaces have recreated existing streets to favour people, not cars, and have brought new life to the city.

Our city centre is a hub for businesses, shoppers, and cultural activity whilst also home to over 50,000 residents. Our urban villages such as Ponsonby, Parnell and Newmarket are shopping, entertainment and tourism destinations.

The council's income and finances have been heavily impacted by COVID-19, and this will impact what it can deliver. The Government's anticipated investment package will accelerate infrastructure and improvement projects and create opportunities to improve our town centres as well as stimulate our economy. We will work together with our communities and BIDs to maximise these benefits for our areas.

### **Open spaces**

Our open spaces, streets and places must be safe, welcoming and pleasant, creating an extension of our living spaces. These spaces also form part of the green network, helping to manage our stormwater, improve air quality and mitigate climate change.

Tikanga Māori and customary activities will continue to influence how our parks and open spaces are planned, developed and managed.

Our local park development plans set out the community ambitions for developing these areas, and we will continue to seek opportunities to improve our facilities and spaces.

### **What you've told us**

"Enhance key east-west links and realise the Parnell Parks Link Greenway"

"Recreational public areas are built for boys or men's interests. Would be great to have more spaces that are welcoming of girls and women."

"Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium deserves preservation and maintenance by the council."

We will develop a local parks management plan, which will reflect how you want to use our open spaces, bush reserves, sports fields and playgrounds.

We want new, multifunctional and adaptable open spaces, such as the planned parks for Ponsonby Road and at Wynyard Point. We want to make Wakefield Street livelier and trial a road closure to create a larger unified Wakefield park. We will continue pushing for Queens Wharf to be fully available for public use and events.

Our places must be safe. Improving lighting, pathways and sightlines in our parks, and activating our buildings will increase public amenity and safety.

We will continue to support better wayfinding and storytelling signage and amenities such as seating, shade and drinking fountains.

### **Community places**

Our community places provide opportunities for people to get together, connect, socialise, learn and grow. This creates a community that is resilient and able to support each other during times of hardship, emergencies and from the impacts of climate heating.

We want dynamic community places such as Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū, which are true community hubs for all ages, and will promote activities and events in Freyberg Place as an extension to Ellen Melville Centre. Albert Park Cottage and Myers Park Cottage offer new opportunities for activation.

Libraries, community centres, community-led spaces and community leases provide spaces that play a significant role in place-making and empowering communities. They offer programmes to connect and participate in arts, health, educational and cultural activities. We will continue to support our communities and encourage space sharing and activation.

We are assessing services in our eastern and western areas, including our libraries, community centres, and venues for hire services and facilities, to help understand community needs.

### **Character, heritage and our town centres**

You have told us that you want to see the character and our heritage protected. The recent seismic assessment shows some of our precious historic buildings such as Leys and Studio One Toi Tū require considerable work. We will advocate for funding to restore the Leys Institute Buildings and reopened for community use at the earliest opportunity.

We encourage new transformation projects and infrastructure that provide better connections to our town centres such as the Central Rail Link project and the enhanced east-west link as described in the City Centre Master Plan.

Our area plans such as the Parnell Plan, Newton Eden Terrace Plan and Newmarket Laneways Plan serve as a framework to guide future development. We will seek funding to realise the goals identified such as improvements to Heard Park.

We need a range of healthy and sustainable housing types and infrastructure to meet our changing population, and a public school in the inner-city.

We recognise that heritage also includes 'un-built' heritage and cultural elements (e.g archaeological sites). We will seek guidance from mana whenua to manage these resources.

### **Sustainable buildings and spaces**

Our urban development needs to encourage low carbon lifestyles. We need our homes to be well designed and sustainable, and will support education to residents, property owners, schools and businesses about low carbon infrastructure that will reduce emissions and mitigate climate change.

Our public buildings and places need to showcase low carbon practices. We will identify areas for planting trees and new ways of inviting green into our urban space using rooftops, moss gardens, parks and streets.

### **Opportunities**

- New open spaces are being developed from the City Rail Link and Wynyard Quarter development projects. This provides an opportunity to ensure new spaces are designed to meet our present and future community needs.
- Scheduled park, road and asset renewals are opportunities to add value and amenities

### **Challenges**

- COVID-19 and its impact on communities has changed the way people use our spaces, it will take some time to build confidence in our communities to feel safe and connect in our spaces.
- Community concerns about safety in public and green areas.
- It can be difficult to navigate around the city and to the surrounding fringe townships. We want to make it easier and safer for people to find their way.
- There is increasing demand for our open space. To ensure these spaces meet the changing and diverse needs of our communities, we seek ways to design our spaces for varied uses that attract multiple users.
- There needs to be a careful balance between enabling events and filming in our open spaces and ensuring the space is accessible for all users.

### Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

<b>Outcome: High quality urban development that has accessible, versatile, and sustainable public and private spaces</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Key initiatives</b>
Activate and enhance our parks, streetscapes and open spaces	Seek opportunities to include equipment focused on young people and people of different abilities through the park renewals programme
	Support an activation programme at southern end of Wakefield Street that trials a road closure to create a larger unified Wakefield park.
	We will investigate further opportunities to provide well-lit public spaces and areas.
Ensure the design of our current and future public and private spaces are accessible, safe, multifunctional, family friendly, low impact and adaptable in the future	Ensure planning of new public spaces consider Māori design principles and artwork.
	Encourage developments that provide a range of housing types that are healthy and sustainable for current and future residents including family-friendly housing, affordable housing, co-housing and papakāinga or whānau-oriented housing.
	Support the development of shared facilities that can be utilised by schools and the community
	Seek and advocate for the development of new open spaces, particularly developing Wynyard Point as a significant open space, achieving the community vision for a civic space on Ponsonby Road and creating a plaza at the intersection of Rose Road and Williamson Avenue
Preserve our neighbourhood character and continue to improve town centres	Enhance our public spaces through placemaking and park improvements such as playgrounds at Basque Park, Heard Park and Albert Park.

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	Use our area plans such as the Parnell Plan and Ponsonby Road Plan to guide future development of our town centres
	Support pilot projects and quick low-cost interventions to promote long term improvements to our streets and public spaces
Encourage more drinking fountains, toilets, showers and lockers in public spaces	Investigate including amenities as part of scheduled renewals and transformation projects
Treasure and protect our heritage buildings and structures	Advocate for funding to remediate our heritage buildings in the 10-year budget, particularly to restore and retain Leys Institute as a public library.

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## Whakaotinga wha: Ko Waitematā e aro whakamua ana, he kākāriki, he aumangea ki te panoni āhuarangi

### Outcome four: A future focused green and climate change resilient Waitematā

#### Outcome description:

**Our natural environment is healthy with rich biodiversity, clean waterways and increasing urban forest. Our communities and businesses have the tools they need to thrive as we work towards a low carbon future.**

Our natural environment is an important asset to the people of Waitematā. It includes the Waitematā Harbour, streams, areas of native bush, parks, beaches and wetlands such as Western Springs Lakeside Park. Our goal is not only to protect our resources, but to grow and restore our natural environment.

Auckland Council has declared a climate emergency and everything we do must work towards reducing our carbon emissions and adapting and building resilience to coastal hazards and sea-level rise. Waitematā's Low Carbon Communities Action Plan was adopted in 2015, identifying opportunities to respond to climate change through joint community efforts, and increasing our urban forest. These opportunities will lead to numerous benefits such as increased biodiversity and biosecurity, reducing the urban heat effect, community resilience and a positive impact on human health.

The COVID-19 lockdown brought some positive impacts such as a greater local presence of wildlife and birdsong and enhanced biodiversity; cleaner air and water; and more human kindness and collaboration. We want to build on the learnings from the recovery efforts to ensure long-term environmental benefits. With impacts on council's finances, we need to carefully prioritise projects that will deliver the best outcomes for our environment, and our future.

#### Clean air, healthy streams and ocean

The Central Interceptor stormwater pipe, funded by the Water Quality Targeted Rate, will improve water quality at our beaches and harbours but there is still much to do to restore our waterways. We will continue to work with our communities, businesses, neighbouring local boards and local iwi to restore the mauri of our waterways, including Waipapa, Waiparuru and Newmarket Streams. We must investigate how we can reduce contaminant runoff from roads into our rivers, streams and harbours.

#### *What you've told us*

"Education is a priority and should be accessible in different languages including sign language, and also accessible and tailored for different businesses"

"Establish environment hub in Waitematā: Address broadness of climate action. Include resilience in scope. Help community to become more resilient. Align with zero waste hub."

"Create public spaces (edu-sites) which are climate ready – education and engagement"

We support initiatives to reduce air pollution, particularly in the city centre, by encouraging active transport modes, changing to electric cars and buses and advocating to reduce pollution from shipping.

### **Biodiversity**

We want a pest-free and ecologically viable urban landscape under the guardianship of engaged communities, which provides healthy habitats where native flora and fauna can thrive.

You have told us that you want to eliminate agrichemical spraying in our parks and open spaces. Cultural resources, mana and mauri are also at risk when using herbicides in streetscapes and reserves e.g. wild foods, medicines and arts resources cannot be consumed or used safely. We have funded chemical-free weed control in four of our family parks and are investigating options to expand this programme while continuing to advocate to the Governing Body to do the same region wide.

We will continue to support initiatives that enable our local communities to deliver planting, weed and pest control. We will continue to work with residents and schools to coordinate projects that protect native biodiversity and enhance habitats through planting.

### **Empowering our businesses and communities**

You have told us that education is key to success in enhanced environmental protection and combatting climate heating. We will work to provide access to multi-lingual resources and information to help businesses and communities understand what they can do to improve our environment such as purchasing choices, recycling, reducing waste, composting and other means.

We will continue to partner with our communities to deliver on local environmental aspirations, such as supporting the Newmarket Stream restoration project, increasing community capacity to maintain local pest management, local composting and low-carbon food production, and community planting days. We will work with mana whenua, community groups and across council departments to identify an appropriate location for a regenerative urban farm which will capture carbon, increase biodiversity, enrich soils, improve watersheds, and enhance ecosystem services.

We will continue to advocate for a community recycling centre in Western Springs to reduce waste to landfill by recycling, re-using and re-purposing as much as possible, and offers environmental education, enterprise and employment.

### **Urban Ngahere (Forest)**

Our tree canopy cover is 17.2 per cent. The Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy 2019 wants that increased to 30 per cent. Increasing tree canopy cover will reduce carbon emissions and provide habitats for our biodiversity. Waitematā was the first local board to agree to a local Urban Ngahere action plan. We are currently in the second and third stages of the

plan which includes a long-term growing programme, and protection of existing urban forests.

We will develop a Planting Opportunities List to identify areas suitable for tree planting and plan community planting days. We will also continue to advocate for tree protection.

### Kaitiaki

We recognise the Māori connection to natural environments, and mana whenua as their role as guardian. We will partner with mana whenua on projects aimed at protecting and restoring our environment and reviving the mauri of our waterways.

### Opportunities

- We are lucky to have passionate and active communities that lead pest control, planting, zero waste initiatives and clean-ups.
- The Auckland Climate Plan will provide a strategic framework with actions for us to include in our planning decisions.

### Challenges

- We have diverse communities and businesses in Waitematā. We need to provide access to education and services, so our communities and businesses are better armed to proactively respond to climate change while overcoming the financial challenges of COVID-19.
- We need to change the choices available to us; what we eat, buy and how we travel to be more climate-smart so we can reduce our impacts on climate change.

### Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome: A future focused green and climate change resilient Waitematā	
Objective	Key initiatives
Increase the biodiversity of our land, streams and ocean	Increase community capacity to maintain local pest management
	Continue to reduce the use of agrichemicals in our parks and open spaces and advocate for agrichemical spraying to be phased out regionally

Support Waitematā being a low carbon community	Support business innovations, tools and resources that enable businesses to adopt low carbon practices and thrive
	Support local composting and grow a local low-carbon, resilient food production system
	Investigate providing an Ecohub in the city centre to deliver climate action advice and education
	Empower our communities, schools and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change
	Advocate for our fleet and buses to convert to electric vehicles, and reduce pollution from shipping to improve air quality particularly in the city centre
Increase our urban ngahere (forest)	Develop a detailed 'Planting Opportunities List' that will help to deliver the goal of providing 30 per cent of tree canopy cover within the Waitematā Local Board area by 2050
	Encourage tree planting and retention in public and private land and support community-led volunteer planting
	Advocate for all infrastructure developments to have an outcome of more trees planted
Minimise waste	Encourage events, communities and businesses to reduce, reuse and recycle and make sustainable living choices
	Support Zero-waste initiatives to achieve our plan of zero-waste to landfill by 2040, with focus on three priority commercial waste streams - organic, construction and demolition, and plastic wastes, and support the establishment of a community recycling centre for central Aucklanders at Western Springs Road
Improve our air and water quality and clean our waterways	Support local stream restoration such as in the Waipapa, Waiparuru and Newmarket streams

## Whakaotinga rima: He kōtuitui ikiiki e haumarua ana, e harataua ana

### Outcome five: Sustainable transport network that is safe and accessible

#### Outcome description:

**Our transport network is connected and provides for sustainable travel choices. Our streets are safe for families, pedestrians, and put vulnerable users first.**

Over 90,000 people travel into Waitematā each day for work, shopping, study or entertainment. There has been a significant shift away from private vehicles and more people are choosing public and active transport modes. It is important that we continue to support the move away from private vehicles to reduce congestion, emissions, and environmental degradation. Reducing our reliance on private cars will also improve health and social equity, urban amenity, and improve access to social and economic opportunities. To support this move, we need a transport network that is connected and provides travel choices that are safe, easy and intuitive for people to get in and around.

#### Safety for all road users

Safety for all our road users is the number one priority. We will actively pursue safer speeds, traffic calming, and safer intersections in line with Vision Zero goals of zero deaths or serious injuries on our transport network by 2050.

We will continue working with our partners to ensure our urban design is safe and people focussed and look after all vulnerable road users such as pedestrians.

Our focus this term is to improve safety around our schools. We will begin with Freemans Bay and Newton Central schools, and work with Auckland Transport to make changes that will improve safety.

We will work with Auckland Transport and council departments on accessibility, including public facilities, events, and parking, as identified in the Waitematā Local Board Accessibility Plan.

#### Active and public transport choices

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new appreciation and investment into providing safer walking, cycling and other active transport options. As we move into Auckland's

#### *What you've told us*

"Enhance key east-west links and realise the Parnell Parks Link Greenway"

"A4E - Access for everyone, keep advancing. Ultimately the city centre residential community is predominantly a walking community - wider footpaths, seating for resting, water fountains for drinking; throughways - through city centre block when looking at resource consents. These are all things that support walking as the predominant form of transport. Keeping going with the cycle lanes."

"Queen Street pedestrianised as a statement - a hero project that can have public interest"

recovery, we want to see our transport system future proofed to attract new users, sustain future growth and continue to reduce our reliance on cars.

Older residents, students and younger people have told us that they need more frequent buses. We will continue advocating to Auckland Transport for reliable and frequent services, and a speedy transition to electric buses.

The City Rail Link (CRL) will move people around the city quickly. It will provide opportunities to enhance streetscapes, deliver amenities, and improve signage to help people find their way more easily.

We will continue to advocate for public transport that connect visitors to our town centres, bringing economic wealth to those areas.

We will support cycle lane programmes that connect our cycleways and greenways, starting with completing the greenway connection between Meola Road, William Denny Avenue, Cox's Bay to Jervis Road.

It is increasingly common to have multi-mode transport trips where commuters bus-train-walk/ cycle or use micro-mobility in a single trip. We must ensure our network supports this use. We will continue advocating for all transformation projects to include bike racks, drinking fountains and public toilets, lockers, and showers.

### **Streets as public spaces**

We want a walkable and pedestrian-friendly city centre that is well connected to its urban villages. Promoting low traffic and upgraded street environments enables more socialising, recreation and promenading. They become part of the neighbourhood and part of the open space network, creating higher pedestrian amenity and safety. We will continue to seek funding to implement streetscape improvements recommended in our local area plans such as the revitalisation of St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street from the Parnell Plan.

We will advocate for the pedestrianisation of Queen Street and High Street. Pedestrian numbers have doubled since 2012, however the experience remains degraded by the impact of the car.

### **Opportunities**

- Leveraging the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to attract resources and fast-track project implementation.
- The construction of CRL will create opportunities to ensure the streetscape and open spaces are attractive and provide amenities for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Enhancing our spaces for active modes of transport will in turn make our streets safer and more enjoyable to be in.

### Challenges

- Transport emissions account for 44 per cent of Auckland’s total emissions. There is a high number of people coming into Waitematā for work and leisure. We want to sustain this growth into the future by enabling a mode shift away from private vehicles toward public transport, walking and cycling.
- COVID-19 has impacted on the number of people accessing public transport, we want to work with our community and Auckland Transport to support people returning to public transport
- Auckland is now a Vision Zero region with a goal of no deaths or serious injuries on our transport network by 2050. Waitematā will actively pursue safe speeds and traffic calming and will focus on safety around schools.
- Auckland Council has declared a climate emergency and Waitematā is taking urgent action to respond to the zero emissions challenge.

### Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

<b>Outcome: Sustainable transport network that is safe and accessible</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Key initiatives</b>
Improve safety for all road users particularly around schools	Improve school safety around Freemans Bay School and Newton Central school
	Improve safety for all road users through traffic calming and initiate safe speeds zones in line with Vision Zero
	Work with delivering organisations to ensure streets and footpaths are people focussed.
Connect our transport network to allow for multiple transport modes	Encourage installation of amenities such as shelters, bike racks, charging stations, drinking fountains, public toilets, showers, lockers and wayfinding signage
	Advocate to Auckland Transport to provide more frequent and connected public transport services
Provide connected network of parks, open spaces and streets	Develop and signpost active transport routes including an east-west link in Parnell
Increase walking, cycling, micro-mobility transport and green corridors to connect our communities	Advocate for the implementation of Access for Everyone, including the pedestrianisation of Queen Street and High Street
	Implement the Waitematā Greenways Plan and extend the cycle network including a greenway connection from

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	Meola Road along William Denny Avenue through Cox's Bay to Jervois Road
	Provide and advocate for streetscape enhancements to improve amenity and safety
	Advocate for the implementation for a safe cycle network



## Whakaotinga ono: He ohaoha Waitematā taurikura e toitū ana, e auaha aha

### Outcome six: Prosperous Waitematā economy that is sustainable and innovative

#### Outcome description:

Waitematā's local economy is thriving in our city centre and our townships. Our businesses lead in sustainable practices and are resilient to economic downturns and disruptions.

Waitematā is the largest employment hub in Auckland and in New Zealand. Over 90,000 people work in the city centre while our surrounding town centres attract thousands of businesses, shoppers, and tourists.

Sectors such as tourism, hospitality, entertainment, retail and arts and culture - the businesses that give Waitematā its "vitality and distinct character" have been among the worst affected by the COVID-19 response. We intend to help facilitate the recovery from this and any future challenges.

We are fortunate to partner with seven strong and well-established business associations. We are committed to working closely with them to recover and grow our local economy.

#### **What you've told us**

"Foot traffic attracts business. We want traffic calming and pedestrian safety"

"Research shows it's people who walk that spend more time and money in town centre, not people who drive to shops.... Take out parking spaces, replace with plants (maybe herb, veggie gardens or fruit trees) and chairs/benches. Trade is worried but they'll see people come in, stay and spend."

"I am asking the Waitemata Local Board to advocate for the Revitalisation of the St Georges Bay Road warehouses area, (as published in the Parnell Plan), to be funded in the next review of the Long Term Plan (LTP), and the Governing Body and Auckland Transport to make provision for this project to be included. This area has exploded with new offices and people - but needs improvement footpaths, crossings and outdoor areas."

#### Creating great places that grow the economy

With the joint effort of our business associations, the board developed the Auckland Fringe Local Economic Development Action Plan in 2017. This identified key actions to drive local growth, such as promotion, leveraging off transformation and major events, and creating great places. We will continue to advocate for and deliver these actions.

The board worked closely with local communities and businesses to develop local area plans that will enhance local economies. These documents set a future vision for the area and enable funding to be sought to create great places, liven up key spaces, and enhance streetscapes.

Businesses and communities have told us about the need to revitalise St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street which will connect the growing business hub there. We also

heard that any change to Karangahape Road must protect, enhance and celebrate its historic and cultural heritage, biodiversity and vibrancy. We will continue to deliver projects from the Karangahape Road Plan, Newmarket Laneways and Parnell Plans and other local area plans to increase foot traffic to benefit business. We will continue investigating funding options to deliver these activities.

### **Resilience and economic well-being**

We must support local businesses to recover sustainably from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. To do this, we need to enable local jobs and employment and advocate for a living-wage to help boost the local economy. We must also plan and provide for the recovery from any future economic downturns, extreme weather events and natural and manmade disasters.

We encourage strategic collaboration between neighbouring BIDs and support programmes such as a digital first visitation strategy.

Waitematā is being changed by major transformation projects such as the City Rail Link (CRL). While CRL will bring people, business and wealth to the area once completed, our local businesses can be severely affected during the construction. We will support initiatives to help businesses to remain economically viable during the transformation and advocate for all major transformation projects to include business continuity plans and a development response programme to mitigate further financial pressure on local businesses.

### **Creative industries**

Arts and culture strengthen communities, helping us celebrate our differences and enabling a sense of identity and belonging. Waitematā is a hub of arts activities. The board is committed to supporting the creative community at its grassroots to foster the growth of the industry. We have funded a local arts spaces coordinator to broker and increase awareness and access to spaces, working with artists and landlords.

The board has entered into a partnership with The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC) which provides a vibrant performing arts hub in the Waitematā area.

Media, film and television companies filming in Auckland contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to our economy, provide thousands of jobs to residents and contribute culturally to our region and New Zealand. We will support our screen industry to resume filming in Waitematā with new COVID-19 health and safety guidelines in place.

### Climate change action

As the largest business hub in New Zealand, we need to lead business sustainability. Our businesses need services, education and support as they move towards a low-carbon economy.

We are supporting a sustainable business programme and will continue to look at new ways to enable our businesses to actively reduce their carbon emissions.

### Opportunities

- America's Cup 36 will bring thousands of visitors into the city centre. There is an opportunity to leverage of these big events to also connect visitors to our fringe townships as destinations.
- Waitematā is the growing marketplace for several business associations, six of which operate Business Improvement District (BID) programmes. In partnership with the local board, BID programmes facilitate collaboration across the council group to deliver greater local economic prosperity.

### Challenges

- The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the closure of, or long-term harm to many local businesses. Their recovery and replacement as sustainable businesses creates unpredictable challenges.
- The development of CRL causes disruption to local businesses and it is important to support local business continuity.
- Our townships and business areas are changing through gentrification. We want to ensure local jobs are sustained.

### Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

<b>Outcome: Prosperous Waitematā economy that is sustainable and innovative</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Key initiatives</b>
Increase prosperity and resiliency of locally owned businesses	Support our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to deliver their strategic outcomes and priorities, and the actions from the City Fringe Economic Development Plan
	Advocate for all planned major transformation projects to include development response programmes and business continuity plans to support businesses to mitigate financial pressure and leverage off transformation

	Work with the business community to leverage events and new opportunities to connect visitors to our city fringe townships as destinations
Support a low carbon and regenerative economy	Encourage and showcase business solutions towards better energy efficiency and resource use, lower emissions, waste minimisation and sustainability
Creative industries are enabled and sustained	Facilitate access to, and use of underutilised spaces, and assist artists and creatives to develop their capacity
	Maintain a partnership with TAPAC to sustain performing arts training and employment
Create great places that support local economy	Investigate and advocate for the revitalisation of the Lower St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street precinct
	Partner with Heart of the City, Parnell, Uptown, Ponsonby, Newmarket and Karangahape Road business associations to deliver outcomes from the City Centre Master Plan, Parnell Plan, Newton and Eden Terrace Plan, Ponsonby Plan, Newmarket Laneways Plan and the Karangahape Road Plan
Recover from COVID-19 and boost economy	Work with BID's to support businesses to recover from the financial impacts of COVID-19 and future challenges and connect them to local and central government projects and resources
	Advocate for ATEED to refocus funding towards the recovery as an economic development agency (including support for BIDs and town centres)
Support local and living wage job growth	Advocate for local procurement and a progression to a living wage to enable local jobs and boost local economy: utilising local services, businesses and community organisations for the delivery of council projects and services
	Advocate to the Governing Body and to our Council Controlled Organisations to implement a procurement policy which furthers social, community and environmental outcomes, and a strong ethical investment policy

## He kōrero take pūtea

### Financial information

The local board funding policy sets out how local boards are funded to meet the costs of providing local activities and administration support.

Local board funding is approved through the council's budget-setting process. This involves the council's governing body adopting a 10-year budget (Long-term Plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements make up part of the annual budget.

The council's budget-setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges.

Draft financial and levels of service statements included for draft local board plan consultation were provided in March 2020 based on information included in the 2018-28 Long-term Plan. It is predicted that these will change due to budget and level of service revisions as part of the Auckland Council response to COVID-19. At the time of consultation, we do not know the extent of these changes so have included the previously adopted information for reference.

As the 2020/2021 annual budget will now be adopted in late July 2020, these financial statements and levels of service will be updated for final local board plans once information is available.

### Local activities and levels of service

The budget-setting process sets levels of service for local activities and corresponding performance targets. The table below describes the local activities and level of service statements.

More information on local board budgets can be found in the Waitematā Local Board Agreement 2019/2020 and Auckland Council's local board funding policy, which are available on the council website.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
<p><b>Local community services</b></p> <p>This is a broad activity area, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• supporting local arts, culture, events, sport and recreation</li><li>• providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services</li></ul>	<p>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life.</p> <p>We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p>

Local activities	Levels of service statements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.</li> </ul>	<p>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p> <p>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities.</p> <p>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.</p> <p>We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection.</p> <p>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often.</p> <p>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches.</p> <p>We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture.</p>
<p><b>Local planning and development</b></p> <p>This group of activities covers improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. These activities also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.</p>	<p>We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland.</p>
<p><b>Local environmental management</b></p> <p>Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.</p>	<p>We manage Auckland's natural environment.</p>

Local activities	Levels of service statements
<p>These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.</p>	
<p><b>Local governance</b></p> <p>Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the Local Board Agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.</p>	<p>The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making.</p>

### Financial overview

Revenue, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Waitematā Local Board for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. These will change due to budget revisions as part of the council's response to COVID-19 and will be updated for final local board plans once information is available.

Annual Budget Financials	2020/21 (\$000)
<b>Operating revenue</b>	
Local community services	3,418
Local planning and development	
Local environmental services	
Local governance	
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>3,418</b>
<b>Operating expenditure</b>	
Local community services	17,736
Local planning and development	8,804
Local environmental services	210
Local governance	824
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	<b>27,574</b>
<b>Net operating expenditure</b>	<b>24,156</b>
<b>Capital expenditure</b>	
Local community services	7,250
Local planning and development	
Local environmental services	
Local governance	
<b>Total capital expenditure</b>	<b>7,250</b>





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Attachment A



## Ngā Mema o tō Poari ā-Rohe o Waitematā Local Board

### Your Waitematā Local Board members

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## Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for in this draft local board plan but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

The following is the priority capital project for the Waitematā Local Board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<b>Ponsonby Park at 254 Ponsonby Road</b> Secure funding, resource and support to deliver the community's vision for Ponsonby Park 254 Ponsonby Road as soon as practicable.	\$5.5 million has been allocated to the Ponsonby Park project from the sale of an endowment property at 200 Victoria Street West. A further \$5.5million is required to enable the development of the full site at 254 Ponsonby Road into a civic and open space.	Governing Body

The following are priority advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<b>Climate Change – Reduce Emissions</b>  To halve our emissions by 2030, and to be at net zero emissions by 2050.	We need to prepare for climate change impacts by building resilient infrastructure, communities and preparing our economy. We support taking a holistic and equitable approach, harnessing our diversity and indigenous knowledge. We need to increase walking and cycling and provide accessible and affordable transport options.  The Governing Body and Auckland Transport need to prioritise their commitment to reducing emissions and accelerate plans towards net zero emissions.	Governing Body Auckland Transport
<b>Support business continuity through the recovery from COVID-19 and other pandemics, extreme weather events and disasters, and through major infrastructure construction</b>  Provide business continuity response and recovery plans through major disasters and emergencies, and all major transformation projects to include a business continuity plan and development response programme	Waitematā is Auckland's largest employment area hub for businesses. Major disruptions from disasters, pandemics and major transformational construction projects can have negative economic impacts on local businesses in the city centre and surrounding town centres.  To assist businesses to remain economically viable during disasters and disruptions, Governing Body, Auckland Transport, ATEED and Panuku need to deliver business response and recovery programmes.  All major transformation projects must include business continuity plans and a development response programme.  Auckland Council must maintain spending and resources at a level that enables jobs to be maintained and boost economy.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport, ATEED, and Panuku
<b>Affordable Housing</b> Ensure Auckland Council actively builds or enables others to provide affordable housing through appropriate	Auckland Council should be actively building or enabling others to be providing affordable and fully accessible housing meeting universal design criteria on its own land, including building more intensified affordable housing on its existing and new pensioner housing complexes. Council should also prioritise, support and partner affordable housing to be provided by iwi and by community housing associations and providers through advice,	Governing Body Panuku Development Auckland

mechanisms and tools.	bonds, guaranteeing loans, and resource and building consents.	
<p><b>Restore and reopen Leys Institute</b></p> <p>Prioritise Leys Institute for funding to retain, strengthen and reopen for library and community use</p>	<p>The Leys Institute building is a 114-year old Auckland Council-owned building that is home to the community library and gymnasium. Due to seismic and structural issues, the building was closed to the public in December 2019.</p> <p>The Governing Body is required to consider options and prioritise funding to restore the heritage building to reopen for library and community use.</p>	Governing Body
<p><b>Revitalise St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street</b></p> <p>Include the revitalisation of St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street in the list of RLTP prioritised projects.</p> <p>Seek the Governing Body to fund the streetscapes improvement as set out in the Parnell Plan vision document.</p>	<p>St Georges Bay Road is a priority action in the Parnell Plan to improve the walking and cycling connectivity to result in a high amenity pedestrian-focussed streetscape upgrade.</p> <p>The Governing Body and Auckland Transport will need to consider funding the streetscapes improvement as part of the Regional Land Transport Projects.</p>	Auckland Transport and Governing Body

The following are other advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<b>Arts, Community and Events</b>		
<b>Housing solution for homeless people</b>	Deliver temporary shelters, hotel accommodation, short and medium-term housing solutions to address homelessness. Enhance provision of city centre public amenities including drinking fountains, toilets, showers and lockers	Governing Body
<b>Ensure the survival of Auckland's creative industries</b>	Secure appropriate funding to ensure the financial sustainability of the creative industries	Governing Body
<b>Auckland is an age and child friendly city</b>	The Board advocates for a city where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of all ages are an integral part of public policies, programmes and decisions. An age friendly city can help build social and economic conditions for strong families and connected communities and help achieve a city that is fit for all.	Governing Body
<b>City of Peace</b>	Support the development of a regional policy that prohibits the marketing and sales of weapons of war and prohibits speakers who promote intolerance and hate speech using council facilities including facilities managed by Council Controlled Organisations.	Governing Body Regional Facilities Auckland
<b>Auckland becoming a City for CEDAW (Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)</b>	<p>Advocates for a city that values equal opportunity and participation of women and girls and promotes the universal human rights of all genders.</p> <p>Auckland Council needs to further focus on its commitment to address the key issues of importance to women and which align with CEDAW goals, including addressing issues in gender based violence, gender pay gap, inequities for women in political and public life, and discriminations in economic and social life</p>	Governing Body
<b>Local Procurement and Living Wage</b>	Support local procurement and advocate for progression to a living wage to enable local jobs and boost economy: local services, businesses and community organisations for the delivery of council projects and services	Governing Body

<b>Māori input on key strategies and plans</b>	Ensure council processes enable effective Māori input into key regional strategies and plans	Governing Body
<b>Auckland Council Living Wage</b>	Ensure that there is budget provision of a 'living wage' for council employees and extend to contract employees.	Governing Body
<b>Procurement and Investment Policy</b>	Implement a procurement and ethical investment policy which furthers social, community and environmental outcomes	Governing Body, CCOs
<b>Speedway at Western Springs</b>	Support the relocation of Speedway from Western Springs Stadium once an appropriate alternative site has been identified and developed	Governing Body
<b>Environment</b>		
<b>Improve the environmental quality and biodiversity of the Hauraki Gulf</b>	To increase funding for water quality improvements to stormwater, the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams. Reduce wastewater flows into the Hauraki Gulf and support developing mechanisms for sustaining and enhancing marine life in the Gulf	Governing Body, Healthy Waters and Watercare
<b>Work towards eliminating agrichemical use</b>	Secure a regional budget to eliminate agrichemical spray and embrace the commitment to minimise agrichemical use.	Governing Body
<b>Central Community Recycling Centre</b>	Deliver the centre supported by Waitematā, Albert-Eden and Puketāpapa local boards at the site identified on Great North Road. This facility is a critical part of council's adopted Waste Management and Minimisation Plan forward work programme and the resource recovery network which underpins part of this work.	Governing Body
<b>Air quality improvements</b>	Support measures that improve air quality in the city centre.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport and Ports of Auckland
<b>General Tree Protection</b>	Auckland Council to advocate for changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 to enable councils to reintroduce general tree protection rules to maintain and increase the urban forest. Auckland Council to simplify and better resource processes for identifying and protecting mature trees.	Governing Body
<b>Single Use Plastic items</b>	Support mechanisms to eliminate single use disposable plastic items.	Governing Body
<b>Container deposit scheme</b>	Support the introduction of a container deposit scheme to reduce litter, increase recycling streams and provide a source of community funds.	Governing Body
<b>Localised food waste collection and composting scheme</b>	Seek local exemptions to the centralised food waste collection to support individuals composting at home and local urban food farming. With the objective of providing education, behaviour changes and creating local employment, providing local healthy food production, reducing transport carbon miles, creating a long-term sustainable model and reducing cost to ratepayers.	Governing Body
<b>Regional recycling system</b>	Fund a regional recycling system that can process paper and cardboard waste, glass, metals and type 1 and 2 plastics, and hot composting.	Governing Body, central government
<b>Green walls, roofs and community gardens</b>	Support the delivery of green walls, roofs and community gardens on Council, CCO and private spaces and structures	Governing Body, CCO's, central government
<b>Planning and Heritage</b>		
<b>Auckland Domain Capital Improvements Budget</b>	Allocate adequate capital funds to progress concepts set out in the Auckland Domain Master Plan, including for improved pedestrian and cycling circulation, vehicle circulation and vegetation management.	Governing Body

<b>Youth playspace in Newmarket</b>	Secure funding to acquire an appropriate site and to develop a youth playspace that serves the high concentration of young people in Newmarket	Governing Body
<b>Newmarket Laneways Project</b>	Secure appropriate funds to progress the streetscape development identified in the Newmarket Laneways Plan	Governing Body Auckland Transport
<b>Victoria Quarter</b>	Take action to progress the City Centre Master Plan objectives for the Victoria Quarter area to deliver a quality urban neighbourhood that enhances the area's historic character where the safety of pedestrians is prioritised.	Governing Body NZTA Auckland Transport
<b>Heritage buildings and structures</b>	Allocate adequate funds to restore and preserve heritage buildings and features, and incorporate seismic strengthening to ensure their ongoing usage	Governing Body
<b>Restoration and protection of the St James Theatre</b>	Auckland Council to provide support to the restoration and protection of St James Theatre.	Governing Body
<b>Wynyard Point Public Space</b>	Secure funding for the development of a new public open space at Wynyard Point	Governing Body, Panuku
<b>Pedestrianise Queen Street and High Street</b>	Implement the Access For Everyone project, including the pedestrianisation of Queen Street and High Street	Governing Body
<b>Transport</b>		
<b>Parnell Train Station Pedestrian and Cycling Connections</b>	Provide accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to Parnell Station. Open the Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell rail tunnel and create accessible pedestrian connections from Parnell Station to the Domain, the Strand and Parnell Town Centre.	Auckland Transport
<b>Auckland Cycle Network</b>	The completion of the Auckland cycling network will provide improved cycle infrastructure through safe, connected, dedicated cycle ways.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport
<b>Broadway and Station Square Access</b>	Improve access between Broadway and Station Square in Newmarket and link to the Newmarket Laneways Plan.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport
<b>Pedestrian Safety Broadway</b>	Work with Auckland Transport to implement solutions which improve pedestrian safety on Broadway including the pedestrian desire line between Station Square and Teed Street in Newmarket.	Auckland Transport
<b>Light Rail</b>	Deliver light rail City Centre to Mangere route as soon as practicable	Governing Body, NZTA, Auckland Transport
<b>Vision Zero</b>	Auckland Transport to maintain support for Vision Zero as the number one priority for Auckland Transport with a target of no deaths or serious injuries on our transport system by 2050.	Auckland Transport
<b>Safe and appropriate speeds</b>	Support slower speeds that are safe and appropriate in residential areas, through our villages, town centres and in the city centre	Auckland Transport
<b>Maximise Renewal and Maintenance Opportunities</b>	Consider how every renewal and maintenance project can be leveraged to improve the road design for all users including layouts that include bus lanes, greenways, and cycle lanes, remove cycle pinch points and add better pedestrian crossings.	Auckland Transport
<b>Improved Safety and Amenity for Pedestrians</b>	Auckland Transport to improve intersections with substantial foot traffic for pedestrians and developing solutions to improve safety and amenity for pedestrians. This includes: all intersections with left-slip lanes and no pedestrian facility; intersections with long pedestrian crossing delays undertaking route optimisation for pedestrians in the city centre including automatic pedestrian phases on one-way streets.	Auckland Transport

<b>Change Give Way Rule</b>	Auckland Transport to advocate for a change of the give way rule requiring motorists to give way to pedestrians crossing parallel to the priority (main) road at intersections.	Auckland Transport,
<b>Residential and Town Centre Parking Schemes</b>	Auckland Transport to continue implementing residential parking schemes to manage commuter parking in central Auckland suburbs following consultation with residents.	Auckland Transport
<b>Greenways Prioritised Routes</b>	Auckland Transport to work with Auckland Council to deliver the Waitematā Local Board Greenways prioritised routes.	Auckland Transport
<b>Enhanced and safe streetscapes</b>	Provide and advocate for streetscape enhancements and parking enforcement to improve amenity and safety for pedestrians	Auckland Transport
<b>Street trees and greenery</b>	Auckland Transport to provide opportunities for a net increase in trees and greenery in every streetscape improvement and renewal and Auckland Council to meet the consequential operational expenditure for maintenance.	Governing Body Auckland Transport
<b>Additional Waitematā Harbour Crossing</b>	Ensure that the design of the additional harbour crossing prioritises rapid public transport	Auckland Transport NZTA
<b>Wayfinding signs</b>	Work with Auckland Transport to include dual language wayfinding signage, on No Exit streets with pedestrian accessways, paths leading to reserves and parks and providing direction to cycleways.	Auckland Transport
<b>Other matters</b>		
<b>Economic recovery</b>	Advocate to the Governing Body to refocus ATEED activities towards supporting local businesses resilience and recovery from the impact of COVID-19	Governing Body, ATEED
<b>Full Council ownership of Ports of Auckland</b>	Ensure Ports of Auckland Ltd remains in full accountable council ownership.	Governing Body





# Statement of Proposal

## Draft Local Board Plans 2020

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Attachment B

## 1 Draft local board plans 2020

Under the [Local Government \(Auckland Council\) Act 2009](#) (the Act), each local board must adopt a local board plan by 31 October of the year following election. The Act lists several requirements that local boards must include in their consultation documents when using the special consultative procedure (SCP) to engage with their communities.

This document provides links to the financial information found in the Auckland Council's 10-year Budget 2018-2028, which forms the context to the development of the draft local board plans.

### We want to know what you think

Starting on 13 July through to 13 August 2020, we will be seeking your feedback on the draft local board plan 2020 for your area.

Due to the uncertainty around which COVID-19 alert level we will be under at the time of consultation, it is not possible to confirm all the details of engagement events until closer to the consultation period.

Some events may be subject to change depending on what COVID-19 alert level restrictions are in place during the consultation period. However, we plan for you to be able to provide feedback in the following ways:

- in person at 'Have Your Say' events
- online submission at our website [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz)
- written submission by post or email
- verbal submission by telephone by calling 09 301 0101 or the local board offices
- social media comments which are in scope of our engagement, although we will encourage you to go online to make a formal submission
- partnerships with community partners.

To support you to provide feedback in a way that suits you, information will be made available online as well as in hard copy.

Hard copies and feedback forms will be available at libraries, service centres and local board offices subject to these locations being open, or on request by calling 09 301 0101 or the local board office.

Please visit [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz) to find out more information and view the draft local board plans, give your feedback, and find details of 'Have Your Say' events as and when they are confirmed.

## 2 Financial information

The council's [10-year Budget 2018-2028](#) sets out the relevant financial context to the development of the draft local board plans. This is available on our website at [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted Auckland. Our people, communities and businesses have all been affected by the health-related restrictions, border closure and knock-on economic impacts. The council is no different and we are facing some serious challenges as we seek to recover from the impact of COVID-19.

It is predicted that our levels of service may change as part of the council's response to COVID-19, but we do not currently know the extent of those changes. We will have some more information once the council's Annual Budget is adopted in late July 2020. The local board budgets and levels of service for the 2020/2021 financial year will be updated following that.

In the meantime, to find out about the local council services and levels of service statements previously planned for the 2020/2021 financial year, go to [volume 2, section 2.6 of the 10-year Budget 2018-2028](#) and the estimated funding allocation for local boards set out in 2018 can be found in [volume 3, section 1.3](#).

