2.16 Rodney Local Board

Message from the Chairperson

This year the direction in this agreement is set by the recently adopted Rodney Local Board Plan 2017, which gives the board even greater impetus to continue to make real progress on the ground, effect change and deliver faster results.

We are putting resource into significant projects for Rodney, such as the design and build of an indoor courts facility in Huapai, the design of the multisport facility at Warkworth Showgrounds, and the planning required to activate the future reserve at Green Road in Dairy Flat. These are large, multi-year projects that Rodney residents have been waiting years to see started.

We are continuing to focus on a significant investment in our town centres. Last year that focus allowed the community of Huapai to design and start to build the Huapai Hub, a community gathering place in the centre of town.

This year we will continue to focus on community-led processes to identify what needs to be done in Warkworth and Helensville, followed by Wellsford and Kumeu-Huapai. By partnering with the community we can lift the standard of our town centres and improve the way they look, feel and function.

We know that transport is the number one issue for Rodney, so we continue to advocate on your behalf for better transport solutions. In order to bring forward specific transport projects we have confirmed a targeted rate and this will be closely monitored with regular accountability reporting.

As well as the initiatives set out in the plan, the local board continues to fund and do the many smaller projects and works that make Rodney a great place to live.

That includes funding Anzac services and other community-led events, working with communities to build their capacity to deliver local place-making initiatives, and contributing funding for community-led projects.

Our hardworking and passionate communities are what makes Rodney such a great place and we look forward to working with our communities to achieve the outcomes in this agreement.

Beth Houlbrooke
Rodney Local Board Chair
**Introduction**

Auckland Council’s shared governance model means local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans. The local board agreement sets out the local board’s budget, funding for activities, levels of service, performance measures and targets for the financial year 2018/2019 which has been agreed with Auckland Council’s governing body.

The Rodney Local Board Plan 2017 is a three year strategic document that guides local board activity, funding and investment decisions. A key role of the local board plan is to provide a basis for development of the annual local board agreement for each financial year, this is set out below. Each local board also develops annual work programmes alongside adoption of their local board agreement.

Local boards also provide input to the governing body on larger scale investments, regional programmes and policy issues such as rates proposals, which are outside local board decision-making responsibilities. A list of key advocacy areas is set out as appendix A.

**About this area**

The Rodney Local Board area makes up 46 per cent of Auckland’s geographical land mass and is under significant growth pressure, particularly in Kumeu-Huapai and Warkworth. Rodney is home to an estimated 65,000 people, and the population is expected to grow steadily to 85,900 by 2033.

Planning for growth is essential along with completion of existing projects and upgrading existing assets. We also need new infrastructure and facilities, such as sports and recreation facilities, to accommodate that growth.

There are 37 towns and villages in Rodney, with the larger towns being Wellsford, Warkworth and Matakana in the east, and Kumeu-Huapai and Helensville in the west. According to Auckland Council research in 2016, the vast majority of residents (89 per cent) agree that Rodney is a great place to live.

**Local Board Plan outcomes**

The Rodney Local Board Plan 2017 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area. The outcomes in the Rodney Local Board Plan are:

**Outcome: We can get around easily and safely**

Our transport infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of our communities. Our growing townships have the same choices for quality public transport as the rest of Auckland. Communities have access to walkways, bridleways and cycleways. Our roads are well maintained.

**Outcome: Communities are influential and empowered**

Our communities influence local decision-making. They are empowered and enabled to act and take the lead on community projects and in the planning for their areas. Community groups and residents partner with the council and others to identify and deliver what is best for them.

**Outcome: Parks and sports facilities that everyone can enjoy**

Our local parks and sports facilities cater to a wide range of sporting and recreational interests. They are easily accessible, connecting our towns, villages and growth areas. Our parks are enjoyable places to visit and relax or be active in

**Outcome: Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy**

Our harbours and the rivers and streams that feed them are healthy and thriving natural marine environments. Our stormwater and wastewater services are reliable, well maintained and environmentally friendly, minimising
downstream environmental impacts. There is minimal sediment and silt flowing into our waterways from new developments and earthworks.

**Outcome: Arts and culture is vibrant and strong**

Local facilities are the heart of our communities. They are well used and cared for by communities that manage them. The diverse range of activities run by our communities creates a rich and accessible arts and culture scene.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2018/2019 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the Governing Body in accordance with the delegated power, and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

**Working with Māori**

Delivering on Auckland Council’s commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.

The Auckland Plan transformational shift to “significantly lift Māori social and economic well-being” is woven through the outcomes of the local board plan. Hui take place with iwi to share information and work together and the priority areas of importance to iwi and the wider community are being progressed.
Rodney Local Board Agreement 2018/2019

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council’s 2018/2019 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Rodney local board area are set out below under each local activity.

Levels of service, performance measures and targets are also set out below under each local activity. Note that some of the descriptions of our levels of service, performance measures and targets have changed from how they are described in the 2017/2018 local board agreements. This is to better explain our local activities and to align the descriptions to those used in other strategic plans. Our actual levels of service (the activities that we as a Council perform in each local board area) have not changed.

Local Community Services

Local community services is a broad activity area, which includes:

- Supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- Providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- Maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of $11.5 million and capital investment of $10.1 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2018/2019 include:

- progressing a business case to construct a local indoor courts facility at Huapai domain
- starting the masterplan (concept plan) for the future reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat
- contributing $150,000 to the design of the future multisport building at Warkworth Showgrounds
- beginning work on an Open Space Omnibus Plan to address the needs and future uses of Rodney’s reserves and open space
- funding Rodney’s conservation volunteers in our public spaces, including community planting programmes, plant and animal pest control, and providing materials and green waste disposal
- progressing the design of priority greenways links that have completed feasibility assessments.
- funding the investigation and detailed design of town centre improvements in Warkworth and Helensville, followed by Wellsford and Kumeu-Huapai.

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Rodney Local Board Plan:

- Parks and sports facilities that everyone can enjoy
- Communities are influential and empowered
- We can get around easily and safely
- Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy.
Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity.

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<tr>
<th>Level of service</th>
<th>Performance measure</th>
<th>Actual 2016/17</th>
<th>Annual Plan Target 2017/18</th>
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<tr>
<td>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life</td>
<td>The number of internet session at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks) (million)</td>
<td>0.23</td>
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<td>The number of visits to library facilities (million)</td>
<td>0.42</td>
<td>0.41</td>
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<td>Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery</td>
<td>86%</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identify and connect people</td>
<td>The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>New measure</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people</td>
<td>The percentage of arts and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>New measure</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities</td>
<td>The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that are community led</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>New measure</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>New measure</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities</td>
<td>Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe</td>
<td>Day: 92%</td>
<td>Day: 92%</td>
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<td>Night: 42%</td>
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<td>We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection</td>
<td>The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>New measure</td>
<td>88,949</td>
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<td>The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>New measure</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often</td>
<td>The percentage of park visitors who are satisfied with the overall quality of sportsfields</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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2.16 Rodney Local Board

Levels of Service
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks 69% 75% 69%
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months 83% 85% 83%
We showcase Auckland’s Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations N/A New measure 3%

Local Planning and Development
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.
Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $180,000.
The key initiatives we have planned for 2018/2019 include:
• supporting and partnering with the NorthWest District Business Improvement District on local economic and town centre initiatives.

The local planning and development activity, including the key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Rodney Local Board Plan:
• Communities are influential and empowered.

Levels of Service
We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity.
We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland
The percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations 100% 100% 100%

Local Environmental Management
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.
These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.
Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $368,000.
The key initiatives we have planned for 2018/2019 include:

- continued funding of our healthy harbours fund, to provide landowners and community groups with financial assistance to protect and restore the riparian margins of our waterways
- maintenance and improvements of stormwater infrastructure in rural drainage areas of Okahukura, Te Arai and Giorit, to prevent flooding.

The local environmental management activity and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Rodney Local Board Plan:

- Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy.

**Levels of Service**

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity.

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<tr>
<td>We manage Auckland’s natural environment</td>
<td>The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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**Local Governance**

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 Local Board Agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

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. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2018/2019.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $1 million.

**Local Funding**

Auckland Council has a shared governance model for making decisions on local activities. Under the Local Board Funding Policy adopted in August 2014, funding is allocated to local boards to deliver local services, through the following methods:

1. **Asset based services** - the governing body allocates funds to deliver local activities based on decisions about region-wide service levels. This includes allocation of funds for local asset based services, such as building a new swimming pool or library.

2. **Locally driven initiatives** – an allocation is based on a formula applied to each local board, with the exception of Great Barrier and Waiheke Local Boards who agree funding requirements with the governing body on an annual basis. This includes both operational and capital funds.

3. **Governance services** – an allocation is based on the number of elected members and associated administrative costs for each local board.
Funding priorities for local activities

Capital spend

By activity area

- Local Community Services: 10.1M

By category

- Renewals: 8.3M
- Improvements: 1.0M
- Growth: 745.9K

Key projects

- Parks - Asset renewals: 6.6M
- Parks - Coastal asset renewals: 2.1M
- Local Board discretionary capex: 675.9K
- Sport development: 472.0K
- Local Indoor Court Facility (OLI): 80.0K

Operating spend

By activity area

- Local Community Services: 368.2K
- Local Planning: 11.6M
- Local Environment Services: 180.0K
- Local Governance: 1.0M

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**Funding Impact Statement**

This prospective funding impact statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 21 (5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. It covers the year from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and outlines the council’s sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

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<td><strong>Financial year ending 30 June</strong></td>
<td><strong>2017/18</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Sources of operating funding:</strong></td>
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<td>General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties</td>
<td>13,532</td>
<td>15,243</td>
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<td>Targeted rates</td>
<td>178</td>
<td>181</td>
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<td>Subsidies and grants for operating purposes</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Fees and charges</td>
<td>199</td>
<td>132</td>
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<td>Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td><strong>Total operating funding</strong></td>
<td>13,946</td>
<td>15,568</td>
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<td><strong>Applications of operating funding:</strong></td>
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<td>Payment to staff and suppliers</td>
<td>10,396</td>
<td>11,771</td>
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<td>Finance costs</td>
<td>1,409</td>
<td>966</td>
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<td>Internal charges and overheads applied</td>
<td>2,174</td>
<td>2,452</td>
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<td>Other operating funding applications</td>
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<td><strong>Total applications of operating funding</strong></td>
<td>13,979</td>
<td>15,189</td>
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<td><strong>Surplus (deficit) of operating funding</strong></td>
<td>(32)</td>
<td>379</td>
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<td><strong>Sources of capital funding:</strong></td>
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<td>Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure</td>
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<td>Development and financial contributions*</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in debt</td>
<td>6,411</td>
<td>9,675</td>
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<td>Gross proceeds from sale of assets</td>
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<td>Lump sum contributions</td>
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<td>Other dedicated capital funding</td>
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<td><strong>Total sources of capital funding</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Application of capital funding:</strong></td>
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<td>- to meet additional demand</td>
<td>371</td>
<td>746</td>
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<td>- to improve the level of service</td>
<td>624</td>
<td>1,024</td>
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<td>- to replace existing assets</td>
<td>5,384</td>
<td>8,284</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in reserves</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in investments</td>
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<td><strong>Total applications of capital funding</strong></td>
<td>6,379</td>
<td>10,054</td>
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<td><strong>Surplus (deficit) of capital funding</strong></td>
<td>32</td>
<td>(379)</td>
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<td><strong>Funding balance</strong></td>
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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 10-year Budget, but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

Key advocacy areas for this local board include:

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<td>Local Indoor Courts Facility – Huapai (key advocacy project)</td>
<td>Request a local indoor courts facility on Huapai Domain; noting that this is the Rodney Local Board’s key advocacy project</td>
<td>Governing Body</td>
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<tr>
<td>Growth funding for Greenways Paths</td>
<td>Request that the Governing Body prioritise the allocation of growth funding towards the construction of Greenways paths in the Rodney Local Board area which is an area of high population growth</td>
<td>Governing Body</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equitable funding across the region</td>
<td>Request equitable funding for local facilities region wide, such as operational funding for arts centres and community facilities to bring them in line with similar facilities in other local board areas</td>
<td>Governing Body</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increased resource for compliance and enforcement</td>
<td>Request that more funding and resource be made available for compliance monitoring and enforcement, particularly in rural areas</td>
<td>Governing Body</td>
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<tr>
<td>Additional funding for drainage districts</td>
<td>Request additional funding for drainage districts in Rodney to address historic underfunding and lack of maintenance in these areas</td>
<td>Governing Body</td>
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<td>Review planning controls for clean and managed fills</td>
<td>Advocate for a review of the Auckland Unitary Plan controls for clean and managed fills to determine the effectiveness (or otherwise) of these in managing the adverse effects on the transport network</td>
<td>Governing Body</td>
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Appendix B: How to contact your Local Board

Local boards have been established to enable local representation and decision-making on behalf of local communities. You are encouraged to contact your elected members to have your say on matters that are important to your community.

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