

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O WAIHEKE 2020

Waiheke Local Board Plan 2020



Mihi

Titiro ki te Pane o Horoiwi,
ka whakapukepuke, ka wha atiketike ki waho rā. He kawau,
he kawau, he kawau!
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna tōrea.
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna ki Waitematā.
Ko koutou ēna e ngā mātāwaka i rite ai te kōrero,
Ngā waka o Taikehu me he kāhui kātaha kapi-tai, ka eke!
Kua eke, hui e, tāiki e!
Te noho nei au i te kūrāe i Takaparawhā, ka titiro whakawaho ki
a koe Aotea
e tū hihīwai mai rā i te pae o te moana o Hauraki. Ka hoki whakaroto
ake aku mihi ki a Waiheke,
ki a Rangitoto te pueanga mutunga a te moana. Kia ū mai anō au
ki te one i Ōkahu,
kia takahia e au te rārangi maunga i uta. Ki te tonga ko Maungarei,
kei raro ko te Kōpua Kai a Hiku. Ka rere mā roto ki Puketāpapa,
kia piki au ki Maungakiekie, Tūpo-o-te-tini.
Ka whakamau taku haere mā
te Ahikāroa a Rakataura kia taka atu au ki te Ara Whakapekapeka
o Ruarangi.
I konā, ka aro tika atu au ki a koe e Maungawhau te tū whakahira
tonu mai nā i te pū o te wheke,
kua werohia nei e te Tūkoi o te Rangī, kia pokanoa au ki te pepeha a
Tītahi, “*Koia te pou whakairo ka tū ki Waitematā i ōku wairangitanga*”,
kia whakaotihia noa ai ki te kōrero rā, Te pai me te whai rawa
o Tāmaki.”

Look to the sandbanks at Achilles Point, rising majestically out there.
It is the visiting cormorant!
It has alighted onto the beach of the oystercatcher. A distinguished
visitor has come to the Waitematā.
It is you the descendants of the ancient voyagers, those who embody
the axiom,
*The canoes of Taikehu, like shoals of herrings on the tide, you have
arrived!*
The connections are made!
So here I sit on the headland at Bastion Point, and I look out to
Great Barrier Island shimmering on the Hauraki Harbour.
Returning my gaze to Waiheke and then to Rangitoto, the last gift
from the sea. Once more I stand on the shore at Ōkahu,
from where I can traverse the ancient peaks.
To the south is Maungarei,
below which lies the Panmure Basin. Flying inland I come to
Puketāpapa from where I scale Maungakiekie, resting place of those
who have gone before us.
I follow then the pathway to Mount Albert and down into Point
Chevalier.
From there I return to Mt Eden, shining gem at the heart of the great
city, lanced by the sky tower
so that I might appropriate the prophecy of Tītahi who said,
“A tower that will stand in the Waitematā – that is what I saw in
my feverish dream”,
and to end it with the maxim,
“*So flows the goodness and riches of Tāmaki*”.

Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover:
Waiheke High School students
playing touch rugby.



From the Chairperson

This Waiheke Local Board Plan 2020 was developed in a period of uncertainty, with the effects of COVID-19 being felt through our communities. The final plan is an outcome of that period, expressing some of its uncertainties and also its learnings. In particular, COVID-19 has strengthened our commitment to continue building resiliency and effective community connections.

After initial community engagement the plan was consulted extensively with our community, so it reflects many of your thoughts and aspirations, and these are interwoven with those of the Waiheke Local Board members.

Because our economy changed so significantly, we included some additional initiatives that you were invited to consider during the second community consultation process. The themes that emerged from the consultation align with the refreshed Essentially Waiheke document of 2016, which set out the aspirations of our community at that time. Among other things, you confirmed that you want the essential character of Waiheke protected, the land and sea to be restored, and for our efforts to meaningfully address climate change.

We have woven some of these themes into one new concept - that of Waiheke as an island sanctuary in the Hauraki Gulf. Your responses to this aspiration were overwhelmingly positive.

This is a place where we work together to restore the environment of both the island and the Hauraki Gulf. It's a place that embraces a slower more reflective pace, where respect for the island's ecology and our rich cultural heritage are paramount,

and where outdoor recreation is embraced. It is a place that will be pest free, where our dark skies will be protected, where arts and innovation flourish, and where the path to a fossil-fuel free and zero waste future is a shared goal. Solid actions are already underway to make these goals a reality; where longer-stay visitors recharge, exploring and enjoying the diversity of local experiences.

Augmenting Waiheke's current identity of pristine beaches, world-class wineries and great restaurants, we envisage our island itself being at the very centre of that identity; one where both our remarkable natural environment and our community thrives. Where Waiheke Island is indeed known as a sanctuary in the Hauraki Gulf.

Community demand for Waiheke to have a greater say within council on matters that affect us locally was a recurring theme in the consultation. The council's governance pilot, which is in its third year, has led to a greater decision-making role for the Waiheke Local Board. Our vision for Waiheke expressed in this plan now needs to be reflected in all of council's decisions that impact Waiheke.

Outcomes in this plan reflect your concerns that we advocate for fair competition on our transport routes, and that Mātiatia be a welcoming gateway to Waiheke as well as being a well-organised exit point for locals.

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During the consultation we asked you about your longer-term aspirations for Waiheke, and we have added that in with other public feedback on the draft Waiheke Area Plan. That plan will directly influence the development of Waiheke over the next 30 years.

Many of the initiatives in this plan are dependent on finance and resources. These may be more difficult to secure over the period of this local board plan as council's forecasting is challenged by the unknown ramifications of COVID-19.

Thank you for your feedback, all of which was fully considered prior to finalising this plan.

Nga mihi nui,

Cath Handley
Chairperson,
Waiheke Local Board

He kōrero nō te Heamana

I waihangatia te Mahere Poari ā-Rohe 2020 i te wā o te ngākaurua, i ngā taumahatanga o te MATE-KORONA e rāngona ana e ngā hapori. He hua te mahere whakamutunga o taua wā, o taua ngākauruatanga, o aua akoranga. Nā, kua tino whakamārō te MATE-KORONA i tō mātou hiahia ki te whakakaha i ngā hapori, ki te whakakaha hoki i ōna herenga tangata.

Whai muri i te whakawhitinga kōrero tuatahi, i whakatakotohia te mahere ki mua i te aroaro o tō tātou hapori, ki reira kimi kōrero ai. Nā runga i tērā kua whai wāhi atu ō koutou whakaaro me ō koutou wawata, he mea tuitui ki ērā whakaaro me ērā wawata o ngā mema o te Poari ā-Rohe o Waiheke.

I te mea kua tino huri te ohaoha, i tāpiritia ētahi kaupapa i whakatakotohia ki mua i tō aroaro i te wāhanga whakawhitiwhiti kōrero tuarua ki te hapori. I taka iho i ērā whakawhitinga kōrero ngā kaupapa matua e rite tonu ana ki te puka Essentially Waiheke i whakahoungia i te tau 2016. He puka tērā i whakatakoto i ngā wawata o te hapori i taua wā. Ko ētahi kaupapa nui, hei tāpiri ki ērā atu kaupapa, i whakatakotohia e koutou ko te hiahia kia whakaruruhautia te tuakiri motuhake o Waiheke, kia whakaorahia te whenua me te moana, kia whai take ai ngā mahi whakangāwari i ngā raru āhuarangi.

Kua tuia ētahi o ēnei kaupapa matua ki te whakaaro kotahi - te motu o Waiheke hei moutere whakamaurutanga i te Tikapa Moana o Hauraki. I ngākaupai te tino nuinga o ngā whakahokinga kōrero e pā ana ki tēnei wawata.

He wāhi tēnei e mahi ngātahi ai tātou ki te whakaora i te taiao, te moutere, te Tikapa Moana o Hauraki. He wāhi e āhua pōturi ana te rere o ngā mahi, he wāhi e whai mana nui ai te hauropi o te moutere, ngā taonga tuku iho o te moutere, ngā mahi whakangahau o te taiao.

He wāhi e noho kore-riha ai, he wāhi e pūrangiaho ai te rangi i ngā pō, he wāhi e puāwai ai te wairua auaha me te wairua toi, he wāhi e whāia ngātahitia ai te ara ki te āpōpō kore-koranehe, kore-parataiao hoki. Kua kōkiritia kētia te whakatinanatanga o ēnei whāinga; ka whai wāhi ngā manuhiri noho-roa ki te whakangao, ki te torotoro i ngā kaupapa huhua o te moutere.

He mea tautoko i te tuakiri motuhake o Waiheke - he ākau rerehua, he whare wāina tiketike, he whare kai tino pai - e kite ana mātou i te moutere hei pou tokomanawa o tērā tuakiri; he wāhi e taurikura ai te taiao, te hapori hoki. E matua mōhiotia te moutere o Waiheke hei moutere whakamaurutanga i te Tikapa Moana o Hauraki.

I tōaitia e te hapori te whakahau kia kaha ake tō tātou reo i ngā kaupapa kaunihera e hāngai ana ki a tātou. Kua toru tau te kaupapa kāwana hou o te kaunihera e ora ana, nā tēnā kaupapa i kaha ake ai te reo o te Poari ā-Rohe o Waiheke i ngā whakataunga nui. Me whai wāhi ngā wawata mō Waiheke, i whakatakotohia i tēnei mahere, ki ngā whakataunga o te kaunihera e hāngai ana ki Waiheke.

Ka whai wāhi atu o āwangawanga mō te tika o ngā whakataetae aratau ki ngā whāinga o tēnei mahere, ā, e whakaae ana mātou - ko Mātiatia he tatau ki Waiheke, he tatau putanga i Waiheke hoki mō ngā tāngata o konei.

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Hei tāpiri ki ērā atu kaupapa, i whakatakotohia e koutou ko te hiahia kia whakaruruhautia te tuakiri motuhake o Waiheke, kia whakaorahia te whenua me te moana, kia whai take ai ngā mahi whakangāwari i ngā raru āhuarangi.



I a mātou e torotoro atu ana ki te kōhi kōrero, i whakatakotohia ngā pātai mō ngā whāinga pae-tawhiti mō Waiheke, kua tāpiritia ērā whakautu me ngā whakahokinga kōrero o te tuhinga tuatahi o te Waiheke Area Plan. Ka whai wāhi atu tērā mahere ki ngā whanaketanga o Waiheke i ngā 30 tau kei mua i te aroaro.

Kei te nui o te pūtea te oranga, te hinganga rānei o ngā kaupapa o roto i tēnei mahere. Kei uaua ake te whiwhi pūtea mō ēnei kaupapa i ngā tau whakahaere o tēnei mahere poari ā-rohe nā runga i te uaua ki te matapae i ngā pānga o te MATE-KORONA.

Nei rā te mihi i ō whakahokinga kōrero, he āwhina nunui, he kohinga i whai wāhi atu ki ngā whiringa kōrero i mua i te whakamārōtanga o tēnei mahere.

Ngā mihi nui,

Cath Handley

Heamana,
Poari ā-Rohe o Waiheke



He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance

We will focus on seven outcomes to guide our work and make Waiheke a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



A tiny house on Waiheke.

Outcome 1: Sustainable development and liveable places

The character of Waiheke is protected and enhanced in line with the principles of Essentially Waiheke.



Ostend Market.

Outcome 2: A sustainable economy

Our Waiheke community has a strong, independent, entrepreneurial spirit and our natural assets provide many economic and lifestyle opportunities.



Paul Kviecinkas of Te Korowai o Waiheke trapping pests on the island.

Outcome 3: Waiheke's environment is protected, restored and enhanced

We want to protect, maintain and enhance our unique islands; land, coastline, bush, wetland and marine environments for future generations.



Hinemoa Elder, Jeanine Clarkin and Kashmir Postel standing in front of the Korora Road mural by George Kahi.

Outcome 4: Thriving, strong and engaged communities

Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity and wellbeing which is enhanced through active community participation.



Waiheke High School kapa haka group.

Outcome 5: Māori outcomes

We will work with and support mana whenua and mātāwaka to increase the wellbeing of all residents, with respect to Te Ao Māori.



Fitness class at Waiheke Resources Trust.

Outcome 6: Vibrant places for people

Our parks, reserves and beaches are enjoyed and respected by residents and visitors. Our community, arts and cultural facilities are well used and accessible.



Tourists cycling in Oneroa..

Outcome 7: Resilient transport and infrastructure

We have safe, fit for purpose and environmentally friendly transport infrastructure – with integrated transport options that encourage shared use of the road corridor. We have environmentally appropriate, resilient stormwater infrastructure.



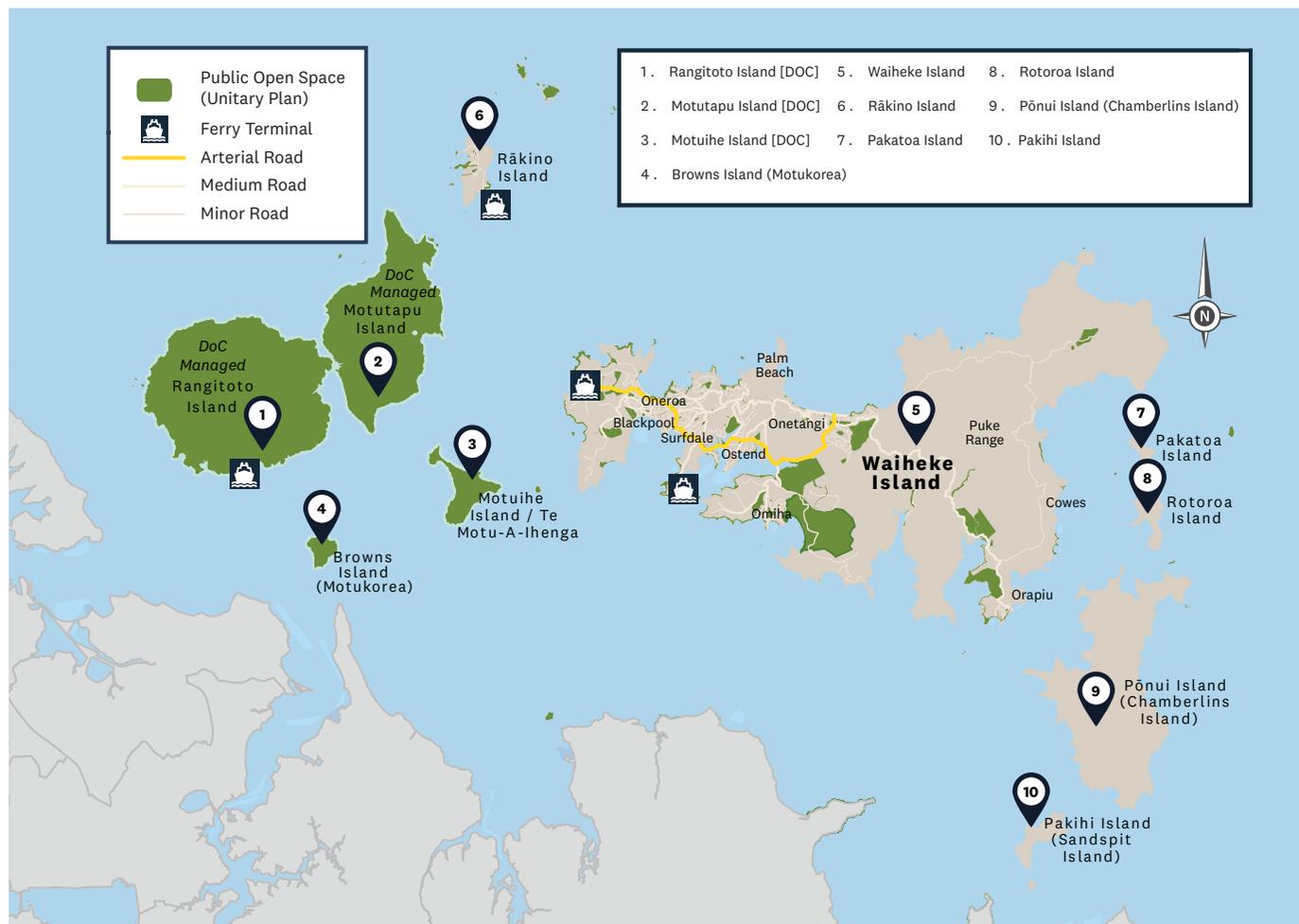
Te Rohe ā-Poari o Waiheke

Waiheke Local Board area

The Waiheke Local Board area includes Waiheke Island along with Rangitoto, Motutapu, Motukorea, Motuihe, Ponui, Rākino and smaller islands, some of which are uninhabited reserves. Waiheke is the largest island.

The Waiheke Local Board area (including Rākino and Ponui islands) is home to an estimated 9,600 people (NZ Stats as at 30 June 2020). More than 1,000,000 people visit Waiheke each year.

Waiheke Island has around 40km of beaches and the eastern part is mostly farmland, vineyards and a regional park.





Waiheke is **19km**
long with a surface area of
92km and **133km**
of coastline



We are home to:

85

parks and reserves



2

sports parks



and the

Whakanewha Regional Park

270

hectares of

- bush
- forest
- beach
- wetlands



Artworks precinct includes:

1



library



a cinema, theatre and community art gallery



1 marine
reserve



Te Ara Hura

100

KILOMETRE

round-
island
walking
track



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 councillors) 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 have a critical role in advocacy; representing the view of our communities on issues of local importance.

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.

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.

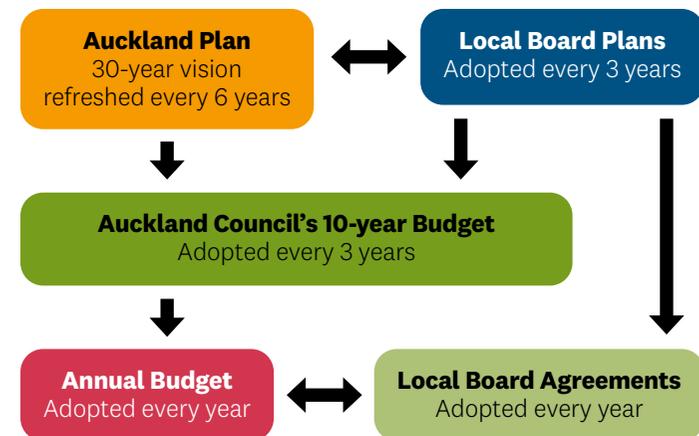
They support the following:

- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the Waiheke Area Plan – the 30-year vision for Waiheke
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including that of local boards
- Auckland Transport's 10-year budget (Regional Land Transport Plan)

- 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.

Detail of our projects, budgets and timelines are outlined in our annual work programmes. Progress is reported quarterly and communicated to our communities.



He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

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're 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.



The three pou at Waiheke Library, Tikapa (front), Putiki o Kahu, and Piritaha 2014, Lucas Thompson, Chris Bailey, Pita Mahaki, Nico Otero, Hemi Thompson, Teddykoro Whatarangī, and others.



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.

A draft plan was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2019 and April 2020.

The draft was also developed by considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you and heard your views on a wide range of topics.

During July and August 2020, we consulted on the draft plan so we could better understand your views. To help with this and

ensure we reflected your needs and desires, we engaged with our community at a range of events and activities across the board area.

The issues and priorities you raised with us through these interactions helped us finalise this plan.

The social and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic mean some of our aspirations have been modified. Our response is delivered via the annual budgeting process but the decisions we make will focus on ensuring the benefits for our community.

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: Whanaketanga
toitū me ngā wāhi pai ki te noho

Outcome 1: Sustainable development and liveable places

The character of Waiheke is protected and enhanced in line with the principles of Essentially Waiheke.

Strength in diversity.

Adopted in 2000 and refreshed in 2016, the **Essentially Waiheke** strategy sets out a community approved framework for achieving sustainable development and environmental outcomes.

We recognise Essentially Waiheke as our community voice and a guide for future planning and development. We expect it to be at the forefront of decision-making for our island. Prior Waiheke Local Boards were committed to ensuring its values and principles were central to the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan, as well as succeeding planning documents.

The current board will advocate for cultural, social and environmental impacts to be considered in all development and activity planning, in order to retain our distinctive character. We will ensure our community has an active voice in local planning and development.

We must ensure that these principles are also reflected in the new Waiheke Area Plan that is under development. This board-led document will help shape planning and decision-making for Waiheke and the other islands in the board area over the next 30 years.

“ We also want to ensure that Waiheke remains a water-sensitive community, with sufficient resiliency in terms of drinking water supply, and for stormwater and wastewater management systems. ”



A tiny house on Waiheke.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Make sure growth does not take over the greenspace of the island.”
- “Keep the essence of Waiheke intact.”

We must ensure Waiheke develops in a sustainable and liveable manner. Part of that commitment is to ensure that a set of urban design principles guide the development of our built environment.

We also want to ensure that Waiheke remains a water-sensitive community, with sufficient resiliency in terms of drinking water supply, and for stormwater and wastewater management systems.

Opportunities

- To align our activities with the identity of Waiheke Island as an island sanctuary in the Hauraki Gulf.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, subject to post COVID-19 pandemic financial constraints.



A Waiheke wetland..





Oneroa Village.

Outcome 1: Sustainable development and liveable places

Objective	Key initiatives
Advocate and act to promote and integrate the outcomes sought in the Waiheke Area Plan in the council's operations, strategies, policies and, to the extent possible, regulatory frameworks	<p>Recognise the Māori world view – te ao Māori – in all programmed work</p> <p>Ensure the Waiheke Area Plan process includes a definition of an enduring Waiheke identity which draws key elements from Essentially Waiheke and other current workstreams</p> <p>Support the design outcomes in the Waiheke Area Plan for a high-quality built environment, especially for the villages and main thoroughfare, that reflect a bespoke Waiheke design vernacular</p>
A water sensitive community	<p>Advocate for the monitoring of water quality in streams and beaches, and support compliance programmes to improve water quality</p> <p>Support planning for water catchment and storage, and increase rainwater tank capacity requirements for new builds and renovations</p> <p>Advocate for groundwater monitoring sites on Waiheke, and monitoring of water take from the Waiheke aquifers</p> <p>Support education campaigns for residents on managing private wastewater and stormwater systems for the benefit of both public health and the natural environment</p>
Planning that enables local placemaking	<p>Complete and implement the Waiheke Area Plan in consultation with our community</p> <p>Develop precinct plans for Oneroa and Ostend villages</p>



Ostend Market.

Whakaotinga rua: He ōhanga toitū

Outcome 2: A sustainable economy

Our Waiheke community has a strong, independent, entrepreneurial spirit and our natural assets provide many economic and lifestyle opportunities.

Economic activity on Waiheke must balance development with impacts on the environment and infrastructure. This includes ensuring that our community lifestyle is not adversely impacted.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the Waiheke economy's reliance on tourism and visitors. Fortunately, there are other sectors adding value. This includes exports, viticulture and horticulture, farming, commuter income, technology and the arts, among others. This plan seeks to address both the rebuild of the visitor economy, and further economic diversification. The board will advocate the promotion of Waiheke as a desirable relocation destination for compatible small to medium operators.

Waiheke's extraordinary natural landscape, its engaging and artistic community, its vineyards and restaurants and its proximity to Auckland means it is now viewed as a destination of choice. This has brought with it both opportunities and challenges.

Along with Auckland Unlimited, we will work with mana whenua, the community and the Waiheke Island Tourism Inc to develop a longer-term visitor strategy. This will draw on the **Sustainable Communities and Tourism Strategy 2019**, developed by Project Forever Waiheke following community consultation.

In line with our vision for Waiheke Island as a sanctuary in the Gulf, the board will establish an awards programme to acknowledge and promote local organisations which lead and succeed in embodying the principles of sustainability in their ventures.

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Our infrastructure and environment face the significant challenge of supporting not only the needs of our estimated 9600 residents, but also the visitors once tourism returns. The board will continue to advocate for a robust infrastructure within the wider council organisation.

Opportunities

- Waiheke offers significant business opportunities for a potential range of employers/enterprises, particularly those who operate with aligned values

- There is scope for food production enterprises to increase Waiheke’s food resiliency
- Diversification of our economy into higher value industries.

Challenges

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, subject to post COVID-19 pandemic financial constraints:

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “We’d like more support for small businesses in high value areas.”
- “We need to create job opportunities for our young people in eco-tourism.”
- “Let’s encourage longer-term visitors.”



Ahipao Café and Destination Store.



Waiheke Community Art Gallery.

Outcome 2: A sustainable economy

Objective

Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island's character and our need to increase our resiliency

Key initiatives

Support and advocate for Waiheke projects that create employment

Develop a strategy for sustainable business growth that includes attracting new and diverse business, and growing higher value employment opportunities

Support the development of initiatives to grow local business networks, e.g. a chamber of commerce

Support collaboration between businesses and tertiary providers to create economic/career development opportunities for young people

Support innovative or sustainable business and community initiatives that align with the island's identity

Recognise and support the role of markets as business incubators

Support initiatives that increase business and community resiliency

Work with Auckland Unlimited, mana whenua, local businesses and the community to achieve sustainable economic growth

Quantify the effects of tourism, and explore mechanisms to fund and mitigate the impacts

Build a business case for the Governing Body and central government to fund essential visitor infrastructure

Support development of a visitor strategy involving the Tourism Forum and Project Forever Waiheke, which attracts longer-stay visitors to the island and adds economic, environment and community value

Develop a Waiheke award or endorsement framework to acknowledge and promote organisations that excel at supporting sustainable communities, environment and economy





Tourists at a vineyard on Waiheke.

Outcome 2: A sustainable economy

Our visitor industry grows in alignment with our values of sustainability

Actively promote Waiheke's identity as an unspoilt natural destination

Support eco-tourism on Waiheke that sustains and supports our environment

Support community groups that actively promote conservation volunteerism

Support the development of an education strategy to ensure visitors understand how to care for and respect the island's delicate environment

Waiheke is recognised as an arts destination

Support the arts community to promote arts venues and activities collectively, as a Waiheke identity

Advocate to the Governing Body for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

Develop a Waiheke-specific strategy to inform future public art opportunities, including location options



Whakaotinga toru: E tiakina,
e whakaoratia, e whakareitia
ake te taiao o Waiheke

Outcome 3: Waiheke's environment is protected, restored and enhanced

We want to protect, maintain and enhance our unique islands' land, coastline, bush, wetland and marine environments for future generations.

We acknowledge the importance of our natural environment to Māori and will work with mana whenua and mātāwaka to achieve our combined environmental aspirations.

We must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding Gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is protected and restored.

Community education and volunteer programmes have a crucial role to play. We will foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with volunteer groups committed to protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural environments (wetlands, native bush, marine).

We will promote best practice for environmental management including stormwater, wastewater, wetlands, weed and animal pest control. Use of agrichemicals on Waiheke council land will continue to be restricted unless the board approves dispensation.

“ We must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding Gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is protected and restored. ”



Paul Kviecinkas of Te Korowai o Waiheke trapping pests on the island.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Plant more trees to create habitat for our native species.”
- “Push for better marine protection in the Gulf.”
- “We need to do something as an island about the climate crisis.”

Marine environment

We will actively promote the development of marine protection strategies within the Gulf, including reducing sedimentation.

Waterways, weeds and pests

Wetlands cover 1.3 per cent of our land with some being nationally significant because they are relatively intact. Their function supports the health of the Gulf, including flood control and water filtration.

We want to protect and regenerate our animal and plant biodiversity by encouraging a coordinated approach of the agencies working to protect and restore the environment.

Waiheke is free of Kauri Dieback Disease and the board will continue working proactively with the Department of Conservation, the council and community organisations to keep it that way.

Waste management

With the new waste services contracts now in place, we will support the development of the new Resource Recovery Park, and other initiatives to move the Waiheke local board area towards a zero-waste future. We support community-driven initiatives to reduce waste through education, the use of renewable resources and increased upcycling.

Climate change

Climate change is central to all local board plans and initiatives, both in terms of climate change mitigation and addressing climate change effects. We will work with our community to prepare for the future.



Waiheke Sustainability Centre.

Opportunities

- To involve communities, volunteers and visitors in wide-ranging tree planting programmes
- To make a significant reduction in waste going to landfill
- To re-establish healthy marine environments around Waiheke and in the Hauraki Gulf
- To support indigenous responses to climate change
- To work with our communities to leverage skills, knowledge and capacity, to reduce emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, subject to post COVID-19 pandemic financial constraints.



Electric Island electric vehicle.



A tui on Waiheke.

Outcome 3: Waiheke’s environment is protected, restored and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
Restore, enhance and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community	Support initiatives which protect, restore and enhance the island’s natural biodiversity
	Advocate for stronger protection for significant trees
	Develop and implement an island forest (Ngahere) Strategy to provide new habitat for native flora and fauna, increase canopy cover and improve Waiheke Island’s carbon footprint
	Continue to support the work and public messaging of predator-free groups, especially Te Korowai O Waiheke and pest eradication programmes
	Support public and private initiatives that establish wildlife corridors across Waiheke, Rakino and our other islands
	Continue to deliver wetland and ecological restoration and regeneration projects with key community organisations, schools and other agencies
	Support the Sustainable Schools programme
Respond to the challenge of climate change	Protect our night skies by completing and implementing the Dark Skies Management Plan
	Continue to endorse Electric Island Waiheke in its goal to support Waiheke to become fossil-fuel free by 2030
	Develop a Waiheke Climate Resiliency Plan which aligns with the Coastal Compartment Plan and council’s Climate Action Plan (to include elements such as sea level rise, coastal inundation, energy sources, increasing stormwater, food resiliency and water security)
	Restore freshwater ecosystems to provide flood mitigation, habitats for native biodiversity, and carbon sequestration through riparian planting





Hauraki Gulf viewed from Waiheke.

Outcome 3: Waiheke’s environment is protected, restored and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment	Work with the Hauraki Gulf Forum, community groups and council to support the implementation of marine protection strategies within our local board area and the wider Gulf
	Advocate for and support initiatives to prevent sedimentation of the Hauraki
	Continue to support marine regeneration projects with key community organisations, schools and other agencies
Reduce the waste stream	Support regional and community led initiatives that move Waiheke towards a zero-waste future
	Support the introduction of the new Waiheke resource recovery and waste services including the planned Resource Recovery Park
	Advocate for all public rubbish bins in tourism/visitor areas to provide for landfill, recycling and organic compostable separation and, as practicable, reduce public litter collection sites at other locations
	Support community-led programmes that achieve sustainable and low-carbon behaviour change and self-sufficiency such as composting, vegetable gardens, renewable energy generation and food waste reduction



Whakaotinga whā: He hapori taurikura, kaha, tūhonohono hoki

Outcome 4: Thriving, strong and engaged communities

Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity and wellbeing which is enhanced through active community participation.

We will work with mana whenua and mātāwaka on all aspects of planning for our communities.

We are a diverse, close-knit community and we value our differences.

We are creative, innovative and aware of the important role arts and culture plays in our sense of identity and cohesion.

Events play an important part in growing community spirit, and we will support locally run events that are consistent with our community's values.

Waiheke and Rakino communities need to be resilient and well-prepared. Having well-connected and sufficiently resourced neighbourhoods and local communities is important. We will continue to develop how best to respond to and recover from emergencies, drawing on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We need to understand the needs of our senior residents. We should ensure our island is safe and accessible, and promote opportunities for appropriate care services.

We will work to implement the key actions of the board's Housing Strategy. This includes advocating for policies that enable worker accommodation, affordable and social housing.

We encourage members of our community to be involved and active in local issues. We will consult with diverse community groups, including youth and our older population, when planning for the future.

“ We are creative, innovative and aware of the important role arts and culture plays in our sense of identity and cohesion. ”



Hinemoa Elder, Jeanine Clarkin and Kashmir Postel standing in front of the Korora Road mural by George Kahi.



Opportunities

- Creating an age-friendly and accessible island
- Learning from our experience during the COVID-19 pandemic to build future resiliency.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, subject to post COVID-19 pandemic financial constraints.



Cafe on Waiheke.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Let’s keep the village spirit.”
- “Rest home care for seniors is a big priority.”
- “The arts are essential for the cultural and mental wellbeing of a community. They can help to unite, stimulate, inspire and connect people.”



Catherine Mitchell Art Centre.

Outcome 4: Thriving, strong and engaged communities

Objective	Key initiatives
Sustainable living and healthy homes	Implement key actions from the Waiheke Housing Strategy, including advocating for regulation changes, to meet identified community needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion of visitor accommodation to permanent dwellings • Tiny houses • Worker accommodation
	Support initiatives that enable elders to age in situ, including community efforts to establish rest home and respite care
	Support community-led healthy homes projects for low income residents to create warm, dry, energy efficient homes
	Support Waiheke health providers in their advocacy for Waiheke based services
A resilient and connected community	Support local initiatives that enhance connection, reduce isolation and promote community development
	Coordinate a community-led resilience and recovery plan that utilises our COVID-19 pandemic experience
	Support the development of community hubs, including the development of the Ostend Market and its collaboration with the RSA
Increased community wellbeing and participation	Support events that promote and celebrate our unique spaces and places
	Use community grants and partnerships to support community-led activities and projects
	Support the advancement of senior services and activities
	Support actions and policies aimed at reducing harm caused by alcohol, smoking, drugs and gambling, including development of a local alcohol policy





Students at Waiheke High School.

Outcome 4: Thriving, strong and engaged communities

Objective

Key initiatives

A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity

Develop a broad, overarching arts strategy that aligns with council's **Toi Whitiki**, and other community-based strategies

Support the arts community to generate, maintain and grow the arts on Waiheke

Youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive

Advocate for dedicated and joined-up youth services

Support community-led youth initiatives, including the new Surfdale Youth Hub

Create avenues for youth to influence decision-making





Waiheke High School kapa haka group.

Whakaatinga rima: Ngā Putanga Māori

Outcome 5: Māori outcomes

We will work with and support mana whenua and mātāwaka to increase the wellbeing of all residents, with respect to te ao Māori.

We will recognise the role of mana whenua as kaitiaki of land and water resources.

Waiheke Island has a rich Māori history and we have significant archaeological and cultural features, including pā and tapu sites. We will work with mana whenua, mātāwaka, the council and government agencies to ensure these sites are protected.

We will promote the use of Te Reo Māori.

We acknowledge the importance of our natural environment to Māori, and will work with mana whenua and mātāwaka to achieve our combined environmental aspirations.

We also recognise the four cornerstones of Māori health – taha tinana (physical health), taha wairua (spiritual health), taha whānau (family health), and aha hinengaro (mental health).

“ Waiheke Island has a rich Māori history and we have significant archaeological and cultural features, including pā and tapu sites. ”





Opportunities

- Increased connectedness between residents and tikanga Māori
- Greater Māori agency, particularly with issues that affect Māori
- Increased presence of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in community planning

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, subject to post COVID-19 pandemic financial constraints.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “We want more Te Reo Māori and more historical knowledge.”
- “Cultural identity needs to be more visible.”



Waiheke High School kapa haka group.



Te Rerenga Wai O Tikapa Moana by Chris Bailey at MacKenzie Reserve.

Outcome 5: Māori outcomes

Objective

Key initiatives

Strengthen collaboration and partnership with Māori

Develop mana whenua relationship agreements to advance partnership and support mana whenua aspirations

Develop a partnership with Ngāti Paoa to support their aspirations, including involvement in the development of Mātiatia and reconvening the Rangihoua/Tawaipareira Reserve management subcommittee

Create opportunities for effective Māori participation and influence in decision making

Provide forums for dialogue with mana whenua and mātāwaka

Sustain and celebrate Māori identity, knowledge and practice

Work with mana whenua and mātāwaka to identify ways to protect ngā taonga tuku iho (treasures handed down)

Ensure sites of significance are appropriately identified, marked and managed

Honour and experience Māori history through placemaking that includes the establishment of Māori place names, and provides cultural and heritage interpretation such as signage or pou

Designate appropriate areas for the internment of koiwi tangata (burial of human remains)

Promote the use of Te Reo Māori

Marae are sustainable cultural centres

Support Piritahi Marae in its aspirations to further develop as a local community centre

Support the development of kaupapa Māori-based learning and wānanga facilities

Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential

Support initiatives that grow the local Māori economy, as well as employment

Increase opportunities for rangatahi skill development and leadership

Recognise traditional activities that support Māori health and wellbeing within te whare tapa whā model (the four cornerstones of Māori health)



Whakaotinga ono: Ngā wāhi
ngangahau mō te tangata

Outcome 6: Vibrant places for people

Our parks, reserves and beaches are enjoyed and respected by residents and visitors. Our community, arts and cultural facilities are well used and accessible.

Parks and open spaces

We will finalise reserve management plans to ensure park use and development align with our values and aspirations.

The Rangihoua Reserve / Onetangi Sports Park Management Plan seeks to reconcile historic differences with respect to recreational use, environmental protection, public access and cultural values. The Omnibus Waiheke Parks Management Plan seeks to catalogue all other Waiheke Island reserves (including their respective plans) in a single document.

Recreation

We will continue to improve facilities at the Onetangi Sports Park. We will refresh the Waiheke Sports Strategy to address the facility needs of our growing number of sports clubs and players.

The community supports the development of a swimming pool and it is a local board priority to complete the planning. We want to ensure everyone can learn to swim in a safe environment, while providing a valuable therapeutic and recreational facility.

“ Our facilities are very important to our community, and we will continue to look at ways to ensure their use is maximised. ”



Fitness class at Waiheke Resources Trust.



Volunteer groups

We will continue to support volunteers who play an important role in fostering community identity and looking after our environment.

Community and arts facilities

Our facilities are very important to our community, and we will continue to look at ways to ensure their use is maximised.

The Artworks complex was established in 1991 and serves as an arts and cultural centre.

Guided by the Arts and Culture Needs Assessment, we will support development of Artworks as an arts and cultural precinct, including advocating for an upgrade of the entire complex, as plans and resources develop.

Opportunities

- Continue to develop our sports and recreation facilities to keep people healthy and active
- Our parks and open space strategies are aligned with Waiheke's identity and the wishes of locals and visitors alike.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, subject to post COVID-19 pandemic financial constraints.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “There is growing involvement in sport which is putting pressure on facilities.”
- “We really value our bush and coastal walks.”



Catherine Mitchell Art Centre.



Waiheke High School students playing touch rugby.

Outcome 6: Vibrant places for people

Objective	Key initiatives
Improve the open space network on the island	Finalise and implement the Omnibus Waiheke Parks Management Plan and the Rangihoua Reserve / Onetangi Sports Park Management Plan
	Implement the Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve Concept Plans
	Develop a concept plan for Te Huruhi Reserve
	Explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways in accordance with the Waiheke Pathways Plan , including their promotion
	Explore opportunities for further off-leash areas for dogs
Improve our community's wellbeing by providing quality arts and recreational facilities	Continue to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool
	Advance planning for future redevelopment of the Artworks complex
	Complete sand-carpeting and lighting for field three at Rangihoua Reserve / Onetangi Sports Park
	Adapt the changing facilities at Rangihoua Reserve / Onetangi Sports Park to allow for the increasing use and new codes
	Develop a strategy to improve recreational boating related infrastructure and facilities
Support our communities to lead active and healthy lifestyles	Refresh the Be Accessible Plan, and ensure that facilities are accessible to all
	Encourage the development of a collaborative Waiheke sports management network
	Refresh the Waiheke Sports Strategy to align with the development of sporting codes, and plan for the facilities they require





Tourists cycling in Oneroa.

Whakaotinga whitu:
Te Ikiiki me ngā Hanganga

Outcome 7: Resilient transport and infrastructure

We have safe, fit-for-purpose and environmentally friendly transport infrastructure - with integrated transport options that encourage shared use of the road corridor. We have environmentally appropriate, resilient stormwater infrastructure.

Local board transport governance

The Waiheke Local Board now has an enduring **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Auckland Transport, and an approved **10-year Transport Plan** that has been consulted with the community. The local board will work with Auckland Transport to implement that 10-year plan, with annual reviews.

The local board will continue to appoint a transport forum as a sub-committee of the board; the terms of reference for that forum are to be determined by the board. The forum will include residents with particular experience and interest in Waiheke transport matters.

Fit-for-purpose and sustainable transport

Waiheke will get Auckland's first electric bus fleet in 2020. We will continue to work with Auckland Transport for a reliable and accessible public transport network.

To ensure safe sharing of roads on Waiheke Island, the local board is will working with Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency to lower speed limits.

“ The Waiheke Local Board now has an enduring Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Auckland Transport, and an approved 10-year Transport Plan. ”





WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “We need better footpaths and cycleways to make it safer to use the roads.”
- “Mātiatia must be redeveloped as an appropriate gateway to the island.”

Transport design

In the MOU, Auckland Transport has committed to water sensitive design principles when roads and footpaths are designed in collaboration with Healthy Waters. The implementation of the 10-year Transport Plan and finalisation of a Waiheke Transport Design Manual will support planning.

Connectivity

In line with **Waiheke’s Pathways Plan**, we will continue to develop our walking and cycling networks. We will continue advocating to Auckland Transport for safe and accessible connections to key regional amenities and services such as hospitals and the airport.

Transport hubs

Mātiatia, Kennedy Point and Auckland ferry terminals are the key transport hubs for Waiheke, and we will continue advocating for them to be fit for purpose for travel to and from Waiheke.

The Mātiatia Strategic Plan will provide a coordinated approach to improving Mātiatia and its facilities for residents, visitors, transport operators and local businesses. The plan will be fully consulted with the community.

It will address traffic and public transport flows to create safe, functional facilities for all users, including pedestrians and cyclists. It will address visitor services, including access to information. Concept plans for the surrounding open spaces will provide for future needs and aspirations. Cultural, heritage and environmental values will be protected and enhanced.

Opportunities

- Complete and implement the Mātiatia Strategic Plan to improve the main gateway to the island
- Work with Auckland Transport to bring a Waiheke flavour to transport projects to maintain the character of the island, and keep the roadways safe.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, subject to post COVID-19 pandemic financial constraints.



Mātīatia ferry terminal.

Outcome 7: Resilient transport and infrastructure

Objective

Key initiatives

Mātīatia is redeveloped in consultation with mana whenua, and subsequently with all other stakeholders

Complete the Mātīatia Strategic Plan after full public consultation

Support the Auckland Transport Mātīatia business case development for NZTA funding

Phased work at Mātīatia to proceed as Auckland Transport/NZTA funding is made available

A safe roading network that meets the needs of all road users, and supports the special character of Waiheke

Draft the Waiheke Transport Design Manual in collaboration with the Local Board Transport Forum, prior to public consultation (including lighting)

Advocate for funding the Waiheke 10-Year Transport Plan through the Auckland Regional Land Transport Plan process

Support Auckland Transport to implement the Waiheke 10-Year Transport Plan

Advocate to Auckland Transport for the delivery of prioritised cycleways and footpaths within the Pathways Plan, especially the delivery of a continuous cycleway between Mātīatia and Onetangi

Support advocacy for the upgrade of the eastern Waiheke loop road

Continue to advocate to Auckland Transport for a reduction of speeds on Waiheke

Support a continual rationalisation of Waiheke signage to reduce visual pollution





Bike parking at Matiatia ferry terminal.

Outcome 7: Resilient transport and infrastructure

Objective

Key initiatives

An accessible and fit for purpose public transport network with fleet diversification

Work with Auckland Transport to add park-and-ride facilities

Advocate for legislative change for Waiheke ferries to be included in the Public Transport Operating Model

Advocate for fully integrated ticketing to include the Waiheke ferries, and for equity in all regional transport subsidies

Work with Auckland Transport to deliver actions within the Be Accessible Plan

Stormwater is managed sustainably

Implement the Waiheke Catchment Management Plan in consultation with residents and businesses, prioritising areas of repeated flood events

Promote initiatives that minimise adverse effects of stormwater run-off and encourage the use of water-sensitive design practices

Monitor the drainage network and advocate to the Governing Body to develop drainage infrastructure where necessary





He kōrero take pūtea

Funding 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, in which the local board and the governing body agree the local board budget for each year, 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. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the Long-term Plan 2018-28 and updated through subsequent annual plans (including the Emergency Budget 2020/2021). Updated financial information and levels of service will be adopted as part of the long-term plan which is due to be adopted in June 2021. The Long-term Plan 2021-2031 will be informed by the local board plans and may impact the initiatives in this local board plan.



Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

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 default level of service statements set out in the 2018-28 Long-term Plan. These level of service statements may change when they are reviewed as part of the Long-term Plan 2021-2031.

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

Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local community services	
This is a broad activity area, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• supporting local arts, culture, events, sport and recreation• providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services• maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.	<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> <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>



Local activities	Levels of service statements
<p>Local planning and development</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>Local environmental management</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>These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.</p>	<p>We manage Auckland’s natural environment.</p>
<p>Local governance</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> <p>There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2020/2021.</p>

Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Financial overview

Revenue, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Waiheke Local Board for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Annual Budget Financials	2020/2021 (\$000)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	100
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total operating revenue	100
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	6,833
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	130
Local governance	330
Total operating expenditure	7,293
Net operating expenditure	7,193
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	1,142
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	1,142



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