



Te mahere ā-rohe o Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan 2026

**Tāmaki Turuki.
Altogether Auckland.**



Mihi

**E toko ake rā e te iti, whakatata mai rā e te rahi.
Kia mihi koutou ki ngā kupu whakarei a te
hunga kua tīpokotia e te ringa o te wāhi ngaro.
Rātou, e kaikini tonu nei i ngā mahara i te ao, i
te pō.**

**Ngā oha i mahue mai i tērā whakatupuranga
kia āpitihiā e tātou ki ngā tūmanako
o tēnei reanga,
hei mounga waihotanga ki te ira whaimuri i a
tātou.**

**Koinā te tangi a Ngākau Māhaki,
a Wairua Hihiri me Hinengaro Tau.
Oho mai rā tātou ki te whakatairanga
i ngā mahi e ekeina ai te pae tawhiti ka tō mai
ai ki te pae tata.**

**Tēnei au te noho nei i runga i te puia moe o
Takarunga -
kāinga o te tini tāngata i tōna wā,
puna wai e ora ai ngā iwi.**

**Kei waho rā ko ngā tai piringa o Tīkapa Moana
me Te Waitematā Ka rere whakarunga ngā
kamo ki te Waiwharariki o mua,
Takapuna kāinga,
Takapuna tupuna.**

**I reira ka heke iho ki te mātārae ki Ōperetū,
Kia taka ki tua ko Maungaūika te tū hēteri mai
rā i te pūwaha o Tāmaki Makaurau,
Tāmaki herehere waka.
E koutou mā ka ea, kua ea.**

Kia ora huihui mai koutou katoa.

Welcome to you all.

Let me greet you with the eloquent words of
those, lost long ago to the unseen hand of
eternity.

Them, for whom we unendingly mourn. Let
us enjoin the legacy they left to the hopes
and aspirations of this generation as our gift
to those who will follow us.

That is the pledge of the humble heart, the
willing spirit, and the inspired mind.
Let us rise together and seek to do what is
necessary to draw distant aspirations closer
to realisation.

Here I sit upon the sleeping cone of
Takarunga - home of many in its time spring
of life for them all.

Out there are the watery havens of Tīkapa
Moana and Te Waitematā.
My eyes gaze northward to former
Waiwharariki, now Takapuna community,
Takapuna the progenitor.

Then from there, I glance to the foreland of
Ōperetū. Beyond stands Maungaūika
sentinel of Tāmaki Makaurau and anchorage
of many canoes.

It is done.

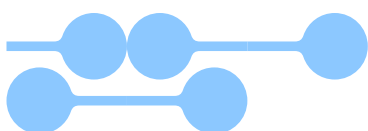
Greetings to you, one and all.



Ngā upoko kōrero

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the chair

Kia ora and welcome to the 2026 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan.

This plan sets out our aspirations and guides the development of our work programme for the following three years. All members of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board have contributed to setting the priorities and desired outcomes for our area. We are guided by the council's 'value for money' directive and aim to achieve outcomes that are sensible while meeting the needs of our Devonport-Takapuna community.



Our plan concentrates on five key themes – community, natural environment, built environment, economic development and transport. As your elected representatives we will act and advocate on your behalf for these priority areas.

The challenges of severe weather events are 'front of mind' for the local board. We continue to advocate for funding of the Nga Wairau Blue-Green Network project (stages 2 and 3) and for the Making Space for Water programme. These projects are key to our emergency planning and the council's long-term flood protection strategies.

During our three-year term we look forward to applying the council's new approach to deliver maintenance contracts and explore opportunities to work with local contractors. We know local companies are proud to help with local projects, and we value their insight. We will continue to progress the work that was started by the previous local board and complete our ongoing projects.

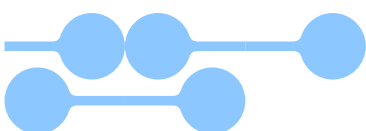
I would like to thank those of you who have contributed to this plan by providing input through consultations, attending business meetings or by taking time to talk to board members. We always appreciate your involvement and contribution to help us shape our plan which represents our community.

Collectively, as local board members, we understand the challenges and opportunities that every part of our community faces. We are a collaborative and professional board, and we are proud to represent you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trish Deans'.

Trish Deans

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chairperson



He aronga poto ki tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance



Community

Our community is connected, resilient and has access to services and facilities that meet their diverse needs.



Natural environment

Our natural environment is healthy and well cared for.



Built environment

Our built environment supports future growth through vibrant, accessible places that are resilient to climate change and celebrate local identity.



Economic development

Our local economy is strong, our town centres are thriving, and our communities are prospering.



Transport

Our transport network is efficient and reliable, and we can offer our communities ways to move around our area that are safe and affordable.

You will find these Auckland-wide commitments woven through our plan:



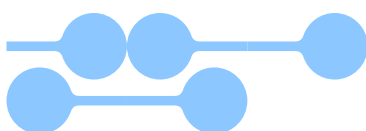
**Māori
Outcomes**



**Climate
outcomes**



**Equitable
outcomes**



Te tirohanga whānui o Te Mahere a te Poari ā-Rohe

Local Board Plan Overview

He kōrero mō tēnei tuhinga

About this document

This local board plan sets out the vision and priorities for our area over the next three years. It outlines our commitments to our community – shaped by what you've told us matters most, and by the role local boards play within Auckland Council.

Te take kei a mātou te mahere nei

Why we have this plan

Local boards are responsible for decisions on local services and activities, and for representing local views on wider Auckland issues.

This plan guides:

- what we focus on and fund locally
- how we work with mana whenua, partners, and community organisations
- how we make the best use of local assets such as parks, libraries and community facilities
- where we will advocate to others on your behalf.

Te ara i whakaritea ai te mahere nei

How this plan was developed

To make sure the plan reflects local aspirations, we built on:

- public feedback from the previous local board plan, annual plans and other consultations
- surveys such as People's Panel
- community engagement held on 29 November 2025.

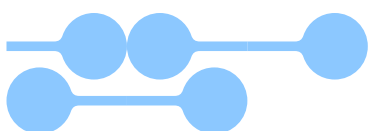
Te ara e tutuki ai ngā whāinga kei te mahere

How the plan will be used

The plan provides direction for the next three years and influences council's wider decision making. To deliver on it we will:

- prioritise budgets and resources to focus on the initiatives in this plan
- work with our partners to deliver on the objectives in this plan.

Visit the [Auckland Council website](#) to find out more about local boards

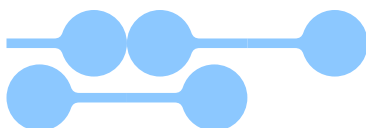


Te Rohe ā-Poari Local board area



MAP LEGEND

- 
 Local board office
- 
 Public open space (Unitary Plan)
- 
 Industrial, commercial and reserve land
- 
 Motorway
- 
 Arterial road
- 
 Medium road
- 
 Minor road





Takapuna Playground

Tā mātou ki ngā huanga hei painga mō Tāmaki Makaurau

Our contribution to positive outcomes for Auckland

Local board plans connect local priorities and projects with the wider goals for Auckland. In particular, the local board plan connects with the:

- [Auckland Plan 2050](#) – the 30-year vision for how Auckland will grow and change. This includes the Future Development Strategy.
- [long-term plan](#) – the council’s investment and funding priorities over the next 10 years.
- [annual plan](#) – local funding decisions for each financial year.

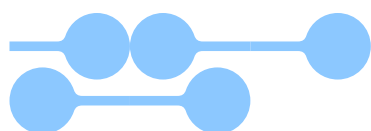
By linking to these wider plans, our local board plan can draw on Auckland-wide opportunities to deliver locally, while ensuring the goals of local communities contribute to Auckland’s shared future.

The **Auckland Plan 2050** sets out six outcomes that describe what Auckland is working towards over the long term. The council’s strategic framework organises all work and spending into **seven investment areas** to show how these outcomes are achieved.

This local board plan focuses on **five** of those investment areas — the ones where local boards make decisions and can have the greatest influence at a local level.

The strategic framework also identifies three considerations for all decisions and investments:

- Māori outcomes: Honouring Te Tiriti and ensuring Māori thrive in Tāmaki Makaurau



- Climate outcomes: Leading urgent action for a low-emissions, resilient future
- Equitable outcomes: Ensuring all Aucklanders have access to what they need to thrive

These three areas are mutually reinforcing. Improving one of the three required considerations is likely to contribute to improvements in the others.

Ngā huanga Māori

Māori outcomes

Māori identity and culture are Auckland’s unique point of difference in the world.

Māori outcomes describe how Auckland Council supports Māori goals — from partnership and participation to visibility and wellbeing. They also reflect the council’s commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our statutory responsibilities, and our ongoing relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities across Tāmaki Makaurau.

The refreshed *Tāmaki Ora Māori Outcomes Strategy* reflects the vision that when Māori are well, Tāmaki Makaurau will also be well. *Tāmaki Ora* guides Auckland Council to focus on seven Ora outcomes:

- Iwi Ora - Iwi wellbeing
- Te Taiao Ora - Environmental wellbeing
- Tuakiri Ora - Cultural identity wellbeing
- Huatau Ora – Future wellbeing
- Te Hapori Ora – Whānau & community wellbeing:
- Whai Rawa Ora – Economic wellbeing
- Marae Ora - Marae vitality

Local boards play a key role in achieving *Tāmaki Ora*. This can be through:

- partnering with mana whenua and Māori communities

- supporting local initiatives that reflect Māori priorities
- embedding Māori identity, language and values into local spaces and activities.

The aim is to build relationships based on respect, shared priorities and mutual recognition for the mana that we each hold.

Local insights

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is committed to building strong working relationships with mana whenua and mātāwaka¹ groups in our area to deliver positive outcomes for Māori.

Key initiatives like the resoration of the wāhi tapu site on Takapuna Beach, Te Uru Tapu, are a high priority. We are committed to increasing the visibility of Māori culture, language and values through projects like Te Kete Rukuruku dual-naming programme. This project reflects the rich Māori heritage and stories of the area significant to Māori in our local parks and reserves.

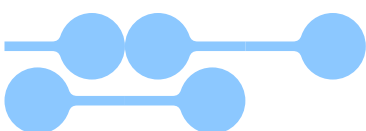
He huanga āhuarangi

Climate outcomes

In 2019, Auckland Council declared a climate emergency and adopted *Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan* in 2020. Meeting the goals of this plan requires ambitious action to reduce emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

Local boards contribute by including climate action into everything we do – from community investment and transport choices to restoring the environment and local events. We also support regional initiatives and enable community-led initiatives that build local resilience to the effects of climate change. Climate action also connects with the *Ngā Hapori Momoho / Thriving Communities Strategy 2022–2032*, which recognises that social and environmental wellbeing are closely linked— communities thrive when they

¹ Māori living within a particular area who are not part of the local mana whenua



have healthy environments, green spaces and can respond together to climate challenges. Tāmaki Ora also recognises Māori goals around climate leadership and resilience.

Local insights

Devonport-Takapuna is defined by its coastal geography which also makes the area vulnerable to climate change. We have already seen recent weather events create severe and ongoing flood risks to people, homes and infrastructure in parts of our local board area.

We are working towards building resilient communities, improving our stormwater infrastructure, increasing our tree canopy cover and promoting sustainable practices whenever possible. We are also improving our walking and cycling connections from Devonport to Takapuna. This will help to reduce our carbon emissions by providing people with a practical alternative to driving.

He huanga tautika

Equitable outcomes

Auckland is one of the most diverse cities in the world, yet not all communities experience the same access to opportunity, wellbeing or resources. Supporting more equitable outcomes is central to the Auckland Plan 2050. It recognises that the region’s success depends on making sure all Aucklanders can




be part of and contribute to society, access opportunities and have a chance to develop to their full potential.

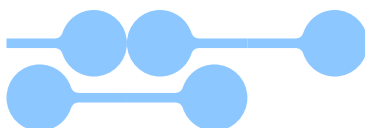
Ngā Hapori Momoho | Thriving Communities Strategy 2022–2032 is Auckland Council’s regional strategy for a fairer and more sustainable Tāmaki Makaurau where every Aucklander belongs. It reflects what communities say they need to thrive, for Tāmaki Makaurau to be a region where whānau have everything they need to live a good life, where diversity is celebrated, and where all Aucklanders can participate and belong.

At its heart *Ngā Hapori Momoho* focuses on ensuring equitable outcomes for all Aucklanders – guiding Auckland Council to recognise that different groups and communities need different things to fully participate in the life of our region, and to feel valued, included, and that they belong.

Local insights

The population of Devonport-Takapuna is growing and diversifying. Within our communities, our residents face language and accessibility challenges and increased social isolation. We know our local facilities and services need to be safe, easy for everyone to use and access, and responsive to the diverse needs of our communities. We are committed to addressing these challenges to ensure equity and a sense of belonging for all who live in our rohe (area).

Auckland-wide outcomes	How it’s reflected across the plan
 Ngā huanga Māori Māori outcomes	Partnership with mana whenua, Māori identity in local places and support for initiatives that reflect Māori priorities.
 He huanga āhuarangi Climate outcomes	Reducing emissions, protecting biodiversity and building community resilience.
 He huanga tautika Equitable outcomes	Targeted investment, access to services and a focus on inclusion and fairness.





Takapuna Summer Days Festival 2026

Te hāpori

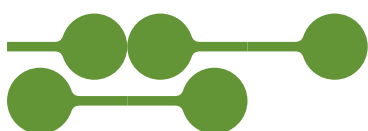
Community

Our community is connected, resilient and has access to services and facilities that meet its diverse needs.

This focus area is about supporting community wellbeing and participation, including the community facilities used to deliver these services. Our area is growing and becoming more diverse, which means more demand for services, spaces, and activities. We want people to feel connected, included, and able to have their say in local decision making. We're focused on making sure our parks, facilities, and services are safe, easy to use, and meet a wide variety of needs. We want to support our community to look after each other and build resilience, particularly following the extreme weather events that have impacted our area in recent years.

Challenges

- A growing population is increasing the demand for services, facilities and public spaces.
- Our current funding is not enough to meet costs to maintain high standards at our community and recreational facilities.
- Different levels of understanding about the role of local boards and how to take part in local decision-making.











- Community wellbeing has been negatively impacted due to recent significant weather events.
















Opportunities

- We have passionate and engaged community groups and residents associations.
- There are active mātāwaka groups in our community that we can build and develop relationships with.
- We have an established Ethnic Leaders Circle that connects us with our diverse communities.
- Our active youth board is eager to have a say in decisions that impact them.
- Established relationships with organisations to focus on crime prevention in our area.
- There is high community interest to volunteer in our local parks and reserves, more than we can currently manage.
- We are currently reviewing our property assets to better meet the needs of our communities.
- We have established arts, sports, cultural and social organisations in our area that provide our communities with a wide range of opportunities.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)	
Our communities feel they can have a say in decisions that affect them.	Hold community forum meetings every three months at community venues across the local board area.	  
	Support Younite Youth Board to work with our rangatahi (young people). We want to include youth aspirations in local planning and decision-making.	
We involve Māori in our decision-making.	Build working relationships with mana whenua to communicate regularly and ensure their views guide our decision-making.	
People of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds feel a sense of belonging, and we celebrate diversity within our communities.	Implement the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Plan to support our ethnic communities to achieve their goals.	
	Continue to develop a Chinese-themed and co-designed playground in the Sunnynook/Forrest Hill area to help create a sense of community and belonging for our growing Chinese population.	
	Partner with mana whenua and mātāwaka to share Māori cultural knowledge and practices, celebrate te reo Māori and respond to Māori aspirations.	



	Provide our senior population with services and opportunities to help them feel connected, safe and empowered.	
	Explore and encourage opportunities to bring people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds together.	
	Promote and celebrate cultural events like Matariki and Chinese New Year.	 
Our parks, facilities and recreational spaces are safe, accessible and meet the needs of our community.	Partner with community organisations to provide safety and crime prevention activities in our area.	
	Ensure accessibility is a key consideration in the development and maintenance of our parks, facilities and recreational spaces.	
	Develop and maintain our parks, community facilities and recreational spaces with sustainable and locally sourced materials where possible.	
	Continue to look into developing a multi-use library and community services space in Takapuna that reflects the needs of our community.	
	Complete the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan.	
	Provide safe and well-lit public spaces across the local board area.	
Our communities are resourced and empowered to be resilient and support each other.	Provide opportunities for our community groups and organisation to connect and build support networks across the local board area.	
Our flood-affected communities are supported in their recovery and are prepared for future extreme weather events.	Support community-led initiatives that help people better prepare for emergencies.	
Our people have opportunities to enjoy local sports, arts, cultural and social activities.	Work with our community houses, recreational facilities, sports clubs, arts partners and leaseholders to ensure they provide coordinated local programmes and initiatives.	
	Improve our facilities and recreational spaces to make sure community activities are supported.	
	Explore partnership opportunities with local organisations to make more spaces and services available for community use.	



	Explore opportunities to implement the Devonport-Takapuna Play Plan.	
We explore opportunities to reflect Māori identity and support Māori wellbeing in our parks, public spaces and community facilities.	Continue to deliver Te Kete Rukuruku, the dual-naming of parks and reserves, to celebrate and share stories that reflect our unique Māori identity and heritage.	
	Work with mana whenua and mātāwaka to identify sites of significance to Māori in our local area.	
	Restore and enhance the wahi tapu site, Te Uru Tapu / Sacred Grove.	
	Reflect Te Aranga Māori design principles in our public spaces.	

Advocacy

Some local priorities that matter to our community are not part of our direct decision-making role. ‘Advocacy’ is how we influence other governance decision-makers to prioritise the things our community cares about.

What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)	Who we will advocate to
Accessible, easy ways for people to take part in regional consultations.	Governing Body
Continued funding of the Storm Recovery Navigation Service and ongoing support for communities affected by flooding.	Governing Body
Investment in community networks that respond to emergencies.	Central Government
Establishment of a regional heritage facilities maintenance fund to support local boards to maintain, renew and preserve heritage buildings.	Governing Body
Increased funding for the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund, and the Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, to support active recreation across the region.	Governing Body
Increased financial support for Auckland’s creative industries.	Governing Body
Increased funding and resourcing for the council’s regional homelessness initiatives.	Governing Body





Noughty Wasters Makerspace Session

Te taiao māori

Natural environment

Our natural environment is healthy and well cared for.

This focus area is about protecting, enhancing, and sustainably managing the natural environment of Devonport-Takapuna. Our local board area is a diverse landscape which boasts a beautiful coastline, two of Auckland's fourteen mountains, and the region's only natural freshwater urban lake. These unique natural features are highly valued by our community and play an important role in our local identity and way of life. Our vision is for people to enjoy and care for our environment, and we support efforts that will protect it for future generations.

Challenges

- There are often significant costs involved to protect and restore the natural environment.
- Our local board area is heavily urbanised, creating water quality issues from stormwater runoff, increased flood risks, and limited opportunities to restore nature.
- There are severe and ongoing flood risks to people, homes and infrastructure in parts of our local board area.
- Climate change is increasing the risk to our coastline and low-lying areas.




- We must manage new and ongoing plant and animal pests that threaten our marine environment and freshwater ecosystems.
- Local board's have limited ability to influence environmental regulation and region-wide policy.





Opportunities

- Community conservation efforts from local groups and volunteers help us do more with the limited resources we have.
- We can use local mātauranga māori / māori knowledge when protecting our environment.
- We have shared environmental aspirations with our neighbouring local boards.
- We have adopted an urban ngāhere (forest) action plan to guide local tree planting for the next 10 years.
- The Ngā Wairau flood resilience project provides an opportunity to improve the health of the Wairau estuary, improve biodiversity and increase open green space in our area.
- The geography of our local board area offers a wide range of natural assets for our community to use and enjoy.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)	
Protect and restore the water quality of our coastline and waterways.	Work with the Kaipātiki Local Board and community partners to reduce pollution and improve water quality of the Wairau Estuary.	
Conserve and protect our natural heritage and areas of significance to Māori.	Complete the Te Uru Tapu (Sacred Grove) restoration project.	 
Our communities contribute to local conservation efforts, particularly pest management.	Support community-led environmental groups to take part in community-led conservation to help manage the negative effects of plant and animal pests in our rohe (area).	 
Continue to support the work of ecological and environmental volunteers in our local parks.		 
Increase tree canopy coverage across our local board area.	Implement the Devonport-Takapuna Urban Ngāhere Action Plan. Support appropriate planting and the principle of ‘the right tree in the right place’.	



Support and encourage sustainable outcomes and living practices.	<p>Support initiatives that teach our young people, whānau (families) and communities about how to reduce their carbon footprint and live more sustainably, such as education on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using bike hubs and electric scooters • community gardens • composting workshops • regeneration and sustainability workshops • different ways to travel for short journeys. 	 
	Support waste reduction initiatives that reuse and recycle materials rather than sending them to landfill.	
Improve access and encourage interaction with our natural environment.	<p>Support projects that improve access to our parks, reserves and open spaces.</p> <p>Complete the Devonport-Takapuna Open Water Access plan.</p>	

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<p>Continued investment in the Wairau catchment to better manage stormwater and the effects of extreme weather. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding for stages 2 and 3 of the Ngā Wairau Blue-Green Network • ongoing funding for the Making Space for Water programme. 	Governing Body
Regional funding to help reduce pollution from urban developments and land use entering our waterways.	Governing Body
Continue the natural environment targeted rate to manage pests, weeds, and pathogens such as kauri dieback disease.	Governing Body
Continue the water quality targeted rate to keep ongoing investment in improving water quality.	Governing Body





Stanley Bay Park path upgrades

Te taiao kua hangaia

Built environment

Our built environment supports future growth through vibrant, accessible places that are resilient to climate change and celebrate local identity.

This focus area is about how we plan and improve our urban spaces to make them safe, resilient, and enjoyable places to live, work, and visit. Our area is experiencing growth and increasing housing density, which is putting pressure on our existing infrastructure and assets. Our aim is to regenerate our town centres, improve flood resilience, and make better use of our existing assets. We want people to experience high-quality, well-connected urban environments that reflect our local identity.

Challenges

- We have a number of heritage-listed public assets which are costly to repair and maintain.
- We are expecting significant high-density housing developments in parts of our local board area that our current infrastructure does not support.
- Local boards have a limited ability to influence urban planning decisions for the region.
- Rising costs and limited funding are making it harder to deliver new projects.
- Many of our coastal assets and infrastructure are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.



Opportunities

- Stages 2 and 3 of the Wairau flood resilience project will reduce the effects future flooding has on homes and important infrastructure in our area.
- The Takapuna urban regeneration programme has prepared our metropolitan centre for development.
- A review of our community services and assets will help us make better use of what we have and identify where we need more investment.
- The Devonport-Takapuna Play Plan guides future investment in play in our public places.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)	
Prioritise investment in areas with the greatest need.	Complete the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan.	  
Reflect Te Aranga Māori design principles in our projects.	Support and encourage the use of Te Aranga Māori design principles in our development opportunities whenever possible.	
Prioritise greater local procurement, eco-friendly materials and sustainable building practices whenever possible.	Support and encourage the use of eco-friendly options and sustainable materials in our projects and renewals where appropriate, and where budget allows.	
Include play elements in our places and open spaces.	Implement the Devonport-Takapuna Play Plan to reflect play elements and principles in our open spaces where appropriate.	
Conserve, repurpose and celebrate our built heritage.	Review the site at 27 Lake Road, including options to restore the Claystore building.	
Maximise our existing assets to deliver new and upgraded fit-for-purpose facilities.	<p>Explore opportunities for shared-use agreements with schools, sports clubs and community organisations.</p> <p>Explore opportunities for flexible, shared spaces where services and community activities can operate together.</p>	
Develop 'greenway' connections to link our public spaces and improve local connections.	Complete the review of the Devonport-Takapuna Greenways Plan 2015.	



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More funding to protect and renew our heritage assets.	Governing Body
Invest in infrastructure and open spaces in areas where increased housing density is planned under Unitary Plan Change 120.	Governing Body
Consult more with the Auckland Urban Design Panel for advice around large-scale developments.	Governing Body





Milford Town Centre upgrades

Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

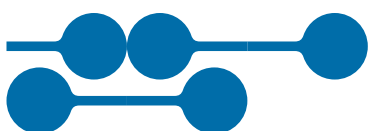
Economic development

Our local economy is strong, our town centres are thriving and our communities are prospering.

This focus area is about supporting local businesses, economic growth, employment opportunities, and overall prosperity for our communities. Devonport-Takapuna's local economy is mostly driven by the healthcare sector due to North Shore Hospital, and the nearby Smales Farm Business Park hosts several large corporations that are major employers for our area. The Royal New Zealand Navy, based in Devonport, is also a major employer. Our local economy benefits from our coastal environment and proximity to the city, as well as our established Business Improvement Districts. Our vision is for vibrant town centres that are appealing places to live, work, and visit.

Challenges






- Rising living costs are reducing consumer spending and making it harder for households to manage their budgets.
- Growth in our town centres is limited by transport challenges like traffic congestion on Lake Road, and parking availability in Takapuna.
- Changes in how people work and shop are reducing activity in our local business centres.



Opportunities

- We have strong, well-established Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) that strengthen our town centres.
- Our coastal environment and proximity to the city centre, supported by ferry and bus connections, makes our area an attractive place to live, work and visit.
- The council is currently reviewing its maintenance contracts which provides an opportunity to prioritise local companies when awarding contracts.

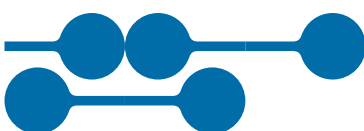
Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)	
Our town centres are viable for local businesses, and attractive destinations for shoppers and visitors.	Support our Business Improvement Districts to organise events in our town centres.	 
	Deliver key actions from our local area and town centre plans.	
There are opportunities for youth employment and training in our area.	Continue to partner with Shore Junction Innovation Centre.	
	Support initiatives that provide access to business mentoring and work experience for young people and rangatahi Māori.	 

Advocacy

Some local priorities that matter to our community are not part of our direct decision-making role. ‘Advocacy’ is how we influence other governance decision-makers to prioritise the things our community cares about.

What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)	Who we will advocate to
Create more opportunities for local and Māori businesses to work on council projects.	Governing Body





Bayswater Bridge, part of the upgraded Devonport to Takapuna Green Route

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Transport

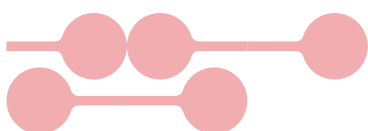
Our transport network is efficient and reliable, and we can offer our communities ways to move around our area that are safe and affordable.

Devonport-Takapuna’s coastal geography can make it difficult to move around our area. Lake Road is the sole route connecting the Devonport peninsula to the rest of Auckland, and it experiences significant congestion. As our population grows, this pressure will increase. Many of our transport improvement projects aim to reduce congestion in the area. We want to make it easier and safer for people to get around by improving walking and cycling options, supporting better public transport, and reducing congestion so people have more reliable and affordable choices for their daily journeys.

At the time of developing this draft plan, the Government is progressing the *Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill*, which, if passed, will change how transport is governed and delivered in Auckland. While the details of how transport is to be governed in Auckland are still to be confirmed, our community has told us that safe, reliable, and sustainable transport remains a top priority. The local board will continue to advocate strongly for these priorities, and will adapt this section in response to both community feedback and any changes made to the Bill throughout the Parliamentary process.

Challenges

- Limited access routes to the Devonport Peninsula cause traffic congestion on Lake Road and other key transport routes.



- High dependency on motor vehicles adds to traffic congestion on our road network.
- High-density housing developments expected in our area will increase pressure on our transport network.
- Our cycling network needs investment to become a more viable option for getting around our area.






Opportunities

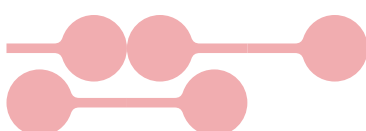
- A significant legislation reform is proposed to give local boards more control over local transport decisions.
- Our coastal geography means we can use ferry services as part of our transport network.

Our priorities

Set out below, are the transport priorities for the Devonport-Takapuna local board area. In some instances, implementing these may require Governing Body decisions, under the governance arrangements proposed in the *Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill*.

This proposed legislation change is expected to impact on what things might be a part of our direct decision-making role and what things might be considered as advocacy. Due to this uncertainty, the local board’s transport priorities are set out in a single category in this draft plan.

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we want to happen in the next 3 years (Priorities)	
Support and promote sustainable modes of transport that reduce carbon emissions and reduce congestion on the roads.	Continue improvement projects to address congestion on Lake Road.	
	Secure funding from the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) to deliver the Francis-to-Esmonde walking and cycling bridge project.	
	Progress the Takapuna Cycling Connections project.	
	Upgrade bus and ferry shelters across our public transport network to make them meet the needs of our communities.	
	Retain funding from the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to deliver local transport projects.	
	Complete the review of the Devonport-Takapuna Greenways Plan 2015 and continue to develop our ‘greenways’ network that links parks, reserves, waterways and streets with safe, green paths for people and wildlife.	
Improve safety on our road network for drivers, cyclists and walkers to reduce deaths and serious injuries.	Install speed advisory signs and other measures to help slow traffic across the area.	
	Identify and address issues with our existing pedestrian network.	



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Funding information

Local board funding is approved through Auckland Council's budget-setting process. This includes the Governing Body adopting a long-term plan every three years and an annual plan each year.

The Local Board Funding Policy sets out how funding is allocated to local boards for local activities, services and facilities within their decision-making responsibilities.

Funding for local activities, services and facilities is split into:

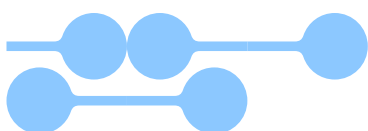
- operating expenditure (opex): to maintain and operate local assets like libraries, pools and parks, and to provide local activities and services
- capital expenditure (capex): to renew and develop local assets.

The priorities in this local board plan will inform decisions about funding that are made through the annual plan process and local board work programmes. This applies to decisions for both operating and capital spend.

Local boards have been allocated decision-making over local levels of service. This means they can prioritise services and initiatives to achieve local objectives, while ensuring costs are managed within the local board's allocated funding.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

The next long-term plan is due to take effect from 1 July 2027. This could change funding for operating and capital spend in our area and will affect how we achieve the goals set out in this local board plan.



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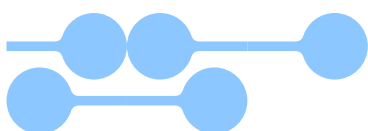
Levels of service

The Long-term Plan 2024–2034 outlines the decision-making responsibilities of local boards, as set out in legislation or allocated to the local boards. These responsibilities are grouped into local activities and described through levels of service statements. The following table summarises the local activities and levels of service for this local board area.

Local Activities	Level of service statements
<p>Local community services</p> <p>We support strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers</p>	<p>Enable a range of choices to access community services and recreation opportunities.</p> <p><i>Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives. *</i></p> <p>Provide urban green spaces (local parks, paths and ngāhere) and access to the Coast</p>
<p>Local planning and development</p> <p>We support local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives</p>	<p>Facilitate economic development opportunities and promote Auckland as a destination (<i>Support a strong economy. *</i>)</p>
<p>Local environmental management</p> <p>We support healthy ecosystems and sustainability through local board-funded initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, healthy homes, and waste minimisation projects.</p>	<p>Protect, improve and minimise risks to the natural environments and cultural heritage.</p>
<p>Local governance</p> <p>Activities in this group support the local board 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>Lead Council Group response to partnership and participation of Māori in decision making and deliver Māori outcomes (<i>Respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and Māori Communities. *</i>)</p>

** Levels of service statement from Local Board Agreement.*

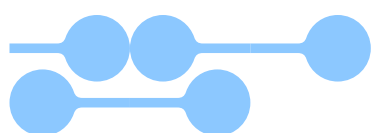
The statement of service provision, default levels of service statements, performance measures and performance targets from our last long-term plan can be found in section 2.6 in [volume 2 of the 10-Long-term Plan 2024-2034](#). The local board’s performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Agreement 2025/2026 which is available as part of the [Annual Plan 2025/2026](#).



Setting priorities and making ‘trade-offs’

The local board will use this plan to inform how it prioritises resources, services and activities in the local area over the next three years. In doing so, it will take into account rising costs, limited resources and changing community needs. When making financial decisions, the local board will:

- prioritise actions that most strongly contribute to achieving the intended outcomes and goals of this local board plan
- consider value for money when making decisions about local services and assets within its decision-making responsibilities
- consider advice on ways to increase funding for services, activities and facilities from sources other than rates where appropriate,
- consider advice on opportunities to work with other local boards and external partners, where this supports shared goals
- consider advice on the ongoing suitability, performance and community value of local assets.



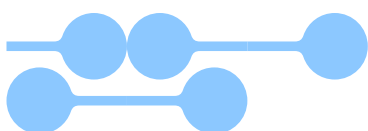
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Financial overview

The estimated costs shown in the table below for major service priorities are high-level, indicative only, and subject to change. These figures should not be relied upon as final and will be reviewed and updated through the Long-term Plan and Annual Plan processes.

\$ 000	2026/2027	Indicative 2027/2028	Indicative 2028/2029	Indicative 2029/2030
Operating funding				
General rates	12,360	12,382	12,618	12,944
Targeted rates	1,063	890	907	924
Fees and charges	1,627	1,671	1,716	1,764
Other revenue	761	697	704	712
Total operating funding	15,810	15,640	15,946	16,345
Operating expenditure				
Community services (Community)	2,217	2,261	2,306	2,353
Libraries	1,643	1,676	1,711	1,747
Pools and Leisure	6,765	6,965	7,038	7,246
Maintenance	1,359	1,401	1,509	1,540
Utilities	1,618	1,263	1,237	1,288
Other community expenses	97	103	110	118
Local Environmental Management (Natural Environment)	2,217	2,261	2,306	2,353
Local Planning				
BIDs	1,059	905	922	940
Other planning expenses	108	108	108	108
Local Governance	944	957	1,005	1,005
Total operating expenditure	15,809	15,640	15,946	16,345
Net operating funding	0	0	0	0
Capital funding				
Increase in debt	6,644	9,783	9,958	8,933
Total capital funding	6,644	9,783	9,958	8,933
Capital expenditure				
Community services (Community)	6,644	9,783	9,958	8,933
Total capital expenditure	6,644	9,783	9,958	8,933
Net capital funding	0	0	0	0

The local board's latest funding impact statement can be found in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Agreement 2025/2026 which is available as part of the [Annual Plan 2025/2026](#).



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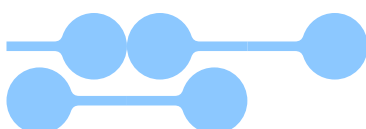
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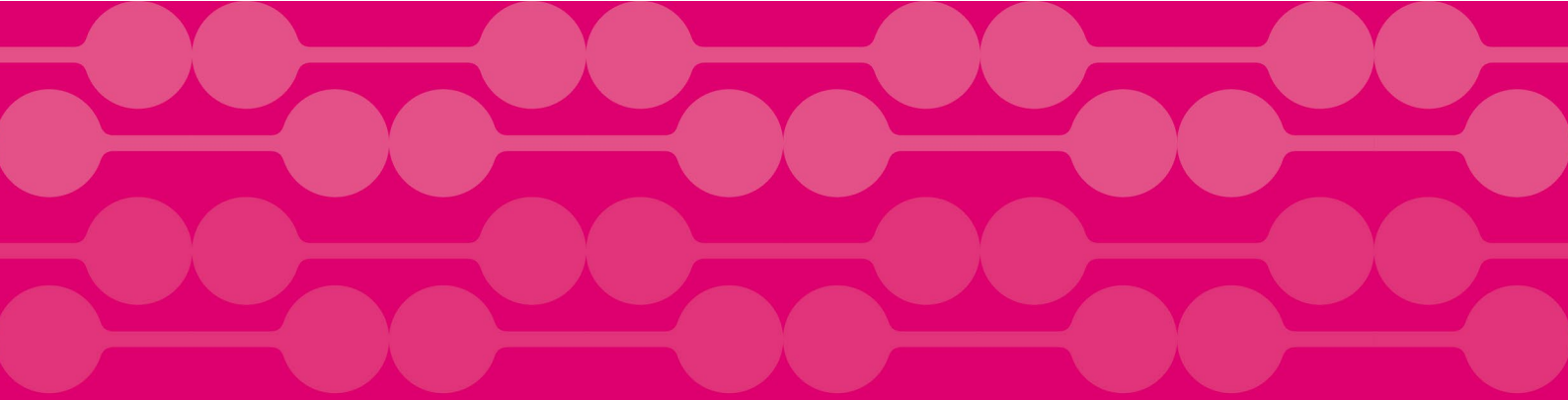


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