



Te mahere ā-rohe o Howick

Howick

Draft Local Board Plan 2026

**Tāmaki Turuki.
Altogether Auckland.**



Mihi

**Tēnā kia hōea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi
o ata
e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki
ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.
I reira ka toia aku mihi ki te uru ki te Pūkaki-
Tapu-a-Poutūkeka,
i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.
E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka a Hoturoa
ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.
I kona ka rere taku haere mā te ākau ki te
puaha o Waikato,
te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna, Waikato
Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.
Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo
mā Maoro ki Waiuku ki Mātukureira
kei kona ko ngā Pā o Tahuna me Reretewhioi.
Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki
Pukekohe.
Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo ki te ao o te
tonga e whāriki atu rā mā runga i ngā hiwi,
kia taka atu au ki Te Paina, ki te Pou o
Mangatāwhiri.
Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiāua
te whākana atu rā ō whatu mā Tīkapa Moana
ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.
Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki
Maraetai
kia hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi, heteri mō
Pakūranga.
I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au i te awa o
Tāmaki
ma te taha whakarunga ki te Puke o
Taramainuku, kei kona ko Ōtara.
Katahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a
Tamapohore,
kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga ki runga o
Pukekiwiriki**

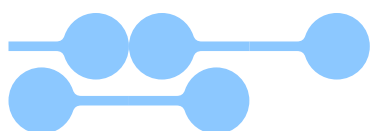
Let this vessel that carries my greetings
travel by way of the Tāmaki River
to the landing place of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.
There, let my salutations be borne across the
isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon
and the community of Māngere.
Paddling the Manukau Harbour
we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.
From there we fly down the coast to the
Waikato river mouth,
sacred waters of our forebears.
Coming ashore on the Northern side
at Maoro we head inland to Waiuku and
Mātukureira,
there too is the Pā at Tahuna and Reretewhioi.
Heading southward I come to Pukekohe.
My words turn to follow the ancient ridgelines
along the southern boundary,
dropping down into Mercer and Te Pou o
Mangatāwhiri.
My greetings reach you at Kaiāua
who gaze across Tīkapa Moana to the sacred
mountain, Moehau.
Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to
Maraetai
and then to Ōhūiarangi, sentinel to Pakūranga.
There we follow again the Tāmaki River
to Te Puke o Taramainuku, Ōtara resides there.
From here I reach for Manurewa
until my greetings come to rest on Pukekiwiriki
below lies Papakura and there I rest.



Ngā upoko kōrero

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair



We are proud to present the draft Howick Local Board Plan 2026. Inside, you will find more information on how we arrived at these decisions and how this plan aligns with annual plans, the 10-year plan, and the wider work of council.

This plan reflects thousands of conversations and feedback from local residents, gathered both this year and over many years. Combined with strategic context and expert advice, it sets out a direction that is both aspirational and practical. It will guide our work programmes, annual budgets, and funding decisions.

You will recognise some initiatives from previous plans as we continue to build on what has proven successful. At the same time, we are introducing new initiatives to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities.

Over recent decades, our population has grown significantly, but many community assets have not kept pace, and some areas remain underserved. We must take a more strategic, long-term approach to managing our assets to ensure they meet future needs. This includes maximising the value of what we already have to unlock new opportunities and address inequities across our communities.

Achieving this will require difficult decisions. We are committed to meeting this challenge and delivering the best outcomes for our communities. Throughout this process, we will communicate openly and transparently, ensuring meaningful opportunities for feedback before, during, and after decisions are made. We also remain focused on strengthening our engagement and visibility, creating more opportunities to connect and discuss the issues that matter most to you.

Local boards have recently been granted greater decision-making powers, including increased control over budgets. This brings greater visibility, accountability, and responsiveness. However, with reduced annual budgets in recent years, we must embrace the challenge of doing more with less, while keeping in mind future costs. We will take innovative and creative approaches, including building stronger public-private partnerships and supporting local procurement. We recognise that businesses and community organisations are also facing rising costs and inflation, and we are committed to supporting their financial sustainability and long-term success.

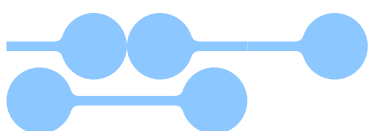
While the future will always bring uncertainty, it also presents opportunity. By working together with our community and partners, we are confident we can achieve our shared goals.

As Howick Local Board members, we are always keen to hear from, support and represent our community, so please get in touch. Our contact details can be found on the last page.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Kendall".

Bruce Kendall

Howick Local Board Chairperson



He aronga poto ki tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance



Community

Our community is strong, resilient, and connected. Our neighbourhoods are a great place to live, work, play, explore and be proud of.



Natural environment

Our natural environment, including our endemic and native flora, fauna, and waterways is protected and restored. This helps future generations inherit a safer, healthier, more resilient Howick Local Board area. Mana whenua as kaitiaki, together with local communities, are empowered to support this. Climate resilience is strengthened and space is made for water.



Built environment

Our town centres are active and vibrant, and our community spaces are safe, inclusive, accessible and affordable for all. Our public spaces foster a strong sense of belonging, ownership and pride.



Economic development

Our local economy is strong and supported by thriving businesses and Business Improvement Districts. People of all ages can access local employment opportunities. Visitors are attracted to our local area.



Transport

Our transport network is safe, reliable, and accessible, supporting walking, cycling, multi-modal and driving. It connects people to schools, community facilities, transport hubs, and local services. Our roading network is well planned and enables safe and efficient movement around the area.

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



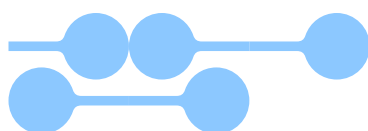
**Māori
Outcomes**



**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 e pāhekoheko ai mātou

How we will engage

Howick Local Board takes a targeted and inclusive approach to engagement to ensure the voices of its diverse communities are reflected in decision-making. By strengthening engagement with a wider range of communities across Howick, Pakūranga, Botany and Flat Bush, insights are used to shape priorities, test trade-offs, and guide investment into initiatives that respond to real community needs and aspirations.

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 from November 2025 to March 2026. SCP consultation on 27 July 2026.

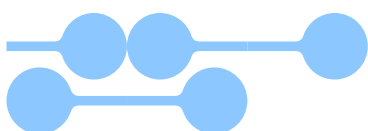
Te ara e tutuki ai ngā whāinga kei te mahere

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

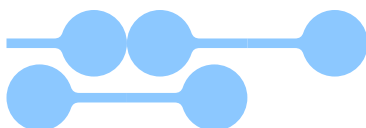


Te Rohe ā-Poari Local Board Area



MAP LEGEND

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





Newly upgraded destination playground at Barry Curtis Park awarded Playspace of the Year 2026

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.

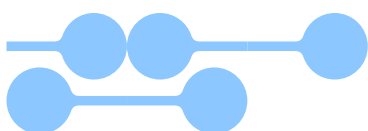
The **Auckland Plan 2050** sets out six outcomes that describe what Auckland is working towards over the

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 (wellbeing areas) that mana whenua and Māori communities have told us are important to them:

- 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.

This work will focus on Mana ki te Mana (authority to authority) engagements between local boards and mana whenua. The aim is to build relationships based on respect, shared priorities and mutual recognition for the mana that we each hold.

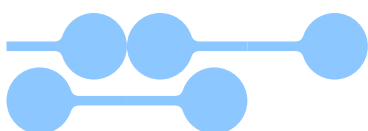
Local insights

The Howick Local Board is committed to strengthening its relationship with mana whenua who have interest in the local area, particularly with Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki as they are recognised as the primary iwi for the Howick area. There are strong opportunities to partner in activating sites of cultural significance, enabling iwi to share their stories, history, and identity with the wider community. Places such as Ō Wairoa Marae play an important role in this, providing a space where te ao Māori is visible, experienced, and celebrated. The nearby Emilia Maud Nixon Garden of Memories is a living museum that reflects both Māori history and early settler heritage, offering a unique environment for storytelling and cultural connection. Te Tahawai Marae, a pan-tribal urban marae located in Pakūranga, also contributes to Māori outcomes by providing a welcoming and inclusive space for cultural engagement and community connection. In addition, Te Tuhi Arts Centre delivers a wide range of programmes and workshops, including initiatives that explore and express the significance of Māori identity, culture, and contemporary narratives. Together, these partnerships, places, and programmes support the visibility of te ao Māori within the local area and create meaningful opportunities for connection, learning, and shared understanding across the community.

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 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

Howick’s extensive coastal environment, including locations such as Tāmaki Estuary, increases exposure to coastal hazards such as sea-level rise, erosion, and flooding. This highlights the need for adaptive planning, resilient infrastructure, and community awareness of climate risks.

Howick’s network of parks and reserves provides opportunities to enhance biodiversity, increase urban ngahere (tree canopy), and support nature-based solutions that contribute to both climate mitigation and adaptation. Protecting and restoring these natural assets is a key focus for improving environmental outcomes.

Community interest in future planning and sustainable living is increasing, with more focus on waste reduction, active transport, and environmental initiatives. Supporting these changes will help reduce emissions and build resilience in our community.

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.

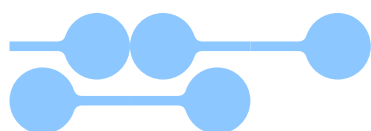
At its heart *Ngā Hapori Momoho* focuses on ensuring equitable outcomes for all Aucklanders – guiding Auckland Council to recognise that different groups and communities need different things to fully participate in the life of our region, and to feel valued, included, and that they belong.




Local insights

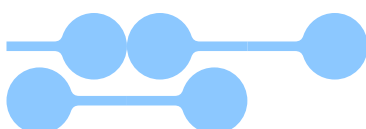
Howick is home to a diverse and growing population, with some communities experiencing barriers to participation due to factors such as income, language, accessibility, and transport. Addressing these barriers is key to improving equity across the area. There is a need to ensure that local facilities, programmes, and public spaces are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to the needs of different groups, including older adults, young people, people with disabilities, and culturally diverse communities.

Howick Local Board is committed to ensuring all communities have equal access to opportunities, services, and facilities, regardless of age, culture, ability, or socioeconomic background.

A plan that connects community, together with targeted investment and community-led approaches, will help connect with under-served communities and deliver more equitable outcomes.



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





Reflecting the rich diversity of those who call Howick home

Te hāpori Community

Our community is strong, resilient, and connected. Our neighbourhoods are a great place to live, work, play, explore and be proud of.

The Howick Local Board has the largest population by area in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, with just over 150,000 people (Census, 2023). With a very ethnically diverse population of over 52 per cent being Asian, 38 per cent European, 8 per cent Pacific, and 6 per cent Māori, 56 per cent were born overseas, with 39 per cent of our people that speak two or more languages.

The Flat Bush subdivision has grown substantially over the past ten years and will continue to grow. This brings both challenges and opportunities for our community in terms of creating social connection and helping our people feel a sense of belonging and inclusion. Local population growth and increased demand for community facilities outpaces the rate of delivery. This has been a key priority for us for years during which time we have advocated to the Governing Body for funding the development of a library and community centre, aquatic and leisure centre. We have seen some positive results with the most recent opening of the temporary library in Ormiston Town Centre which the local board has funded directly, but it's not enough. The local board will continue to prioritise the development of a new community facility to meet the needs of current and future Flat Bush residents.



Community wellbeing (hauora) is at the heart of our plan, and we want to ensure that all aspects of our community's needs that contribute to their wellbeing are supported through our facilities, parks and open spaces, various events and activities, and arts and culture that can be experienced and enjoyed by all. Through support for Māori arts and cultural programmes in Howick, we also contribute to Tuakiri Ora - the wellbeing of Māori cultural identity in our local area. A plan that is community-centric will provide a framework for how communities, groups and individuals can work together to achieve great outcomes for all.

As a local board, we acknowledge the significance of our Māori community, especially iwi that have whakapapa to the local area. We support Iwi ora – Iwi wellbeing by enabling them to shape the future of our local area through working together on projects and activating spaces where Māori people can share their stories, culture, and history with the rest of our community.

Challenges












- Limited resources and funding limits opportunities to build capacity within the community to strengthen resilience so people, organisations and community groups can better prepare for, respond to, and recover from challenges.
- The Howick Local Board area has grown significantly over the last 10 years and is still growing with a current population of just over 150,000 people. As the area evolves, there is an increasing need to support community connection and ensure people understand and can navigate changes across language, time, and cultural dynamics.
- Low civic participation limits effective decision-making. Increasing community involvement through sharing views on local issues, volunteering, and shaping local initiatives helps ensure decisions reflect local needs, priorities, and lived experience.
- Cost of living limits choices in many areas including work, recreation, mobility, and wellbeing.

Opportunities


















- Develop a plan that maps out and strengthens the relationships, groups, and organisations within a community so they can work better together to achieve shared goals. Understand who is in the community, how they are connected, and how those connections can be improved.
- Develop and build on the community's relationship with council, particularly with the local board, and ultimately improve civic participation numbers.
- Explore public/private partnership opportunities to deliver community initiatives.
- Use digital tools and platforms to increase community connection, participation, and access to services.
- Improve communication and engagement channels to ensure information is accessible, timely, and reaches diverse communities, including through multilingual and culturally appropriate approaches.










Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
Systematic approach to creating opportunities for our diverse communities to work together, build connections, and strengthen understanding across the local board area.	Develop and implement a plan that identifies priority opportunities for our diverse communities to build connections and understanding, while enabling them to lead these efforts that supports collaborative projects between two or more groups—encouraging partnerships, co-delivery, better value for taxpayers, and broader community reach. 
Enable participation, learning, and growth through our community facilities, multi-use spaces including libraries/pools/leisure centres that support social wellbeing.	Ensure our community spaces such as libraries/pools/leisure centres are thriving, that are fit-for-purpose and accessible, used and enjoyed by all. 
	Support the development and wellbeing of our Tamariki and rangatahi through play by implementing our Play Plan. 
	Implement our Playground Strategy to reflect local community diversity in play spaces. 
Public parks and open spaces are safe, well managed, and shared environments that support a wide range of recreational activities, enabling everyone to enjoy them with confidence.	Support the Ngā Hapori Momoho / Thriving Communities Strategy 2022–2032, by creating healthy social environments and opportunities for our communities to participate.  
	Work with Animal Management to address local issues, and clearly communicate rules and regulations to the community, especially the rules around having dogs in public spaces.
	Ensure our parks and open spaces are clean and safe, and offer a range of amenities including shade, various play opportunities like waterplay, and recreational activities to be enjoyed by all. 
	Provide facilities and activities across our parks network to suit people of diverse demographics and abilities. 
	Explore options to develop a cultural garden that celebrates diverse traditions, supports community connection, and provides opportunities for learning and shared experiences. 
	Develop inclusive play spaces designed for neurodiverse children, supporting safe, engaging, and enjoyable experiences for all. 
Public parks and open spaces are safe, well managed, and shared environments that support a wide range of recreational activities, enabling everyone to enjoy them with confidence.	Activate local spaces and places by encouraging community-led use of parks, facilities, and public spaces to bring people together and strengthen neighbourhood identity. 



A strong, connected community where people of all ages and cultures come together, build relationships, and actively participate	Empower community groups and support them to build capability to become more sustainable.	
	Work with community groups to identify and co-deliver projects that protect and maintain community assets - creating a sense of ownership and belonging.	
	Support activities that bring together people of all ages, cultures and abilities through the development and implementation of a plan.	
Continue, develop and strengthen relationships with iwi and Māori community so they feel connected, included and thriving, helping to shape the future	Develop and strengthen relationships with mana whenua and mātāwaka to support ongoing Māori engagement in local decision-making and encourage joint participation in local government processes.	
	Ensure Māori culture, language, art and stories are incorporated into the design of public spaces.	
	Create opportunities for our diverse communities to understand te ao Māori to build mutually beneficial relationships.	
	Ensure Māori culture, language, art and stories are told by Māori.	
	Partner with Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki to activate spaces like Ō Wairoa Marae for all our people to enjoy.	 
	Strengthen relationships with Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki to identify joint aspirations and priorities and acknowledge them as kaitiaki of our area.	
Develop a holistic approach to community resilience by integrating social wellbeing, economic resilience, disaster readiness, and sustainable food-growing initiatives.	Ensure that our community is aware of and has access to the local board emergency response plan, so they are prepared and have a plan in place in case of an emergency.	
	Assist community groups in putting safety strategies into action across the area and facilitate connections with other agencies.	
	Support the Howick community to be more resilient through emergency planning, and partner with other agencies including community organisations so they can support each other in an emergency.	
Rangatahi/youth have a voice, are valued and contribute.	Continue to support a youth-run, youth-led space for our rangatahi.	
	Continue to support the work of the Howick Youth Council.	 
	Explore opportunities to connect with other youth organisations to create pathways for rangatahi (youth) to grow, develop and thrive.	



Support local arts, culture, music, and heritage experiences.	Support groups/organisations that deliver festivals/events to become more financially self-sufficient.	
	Continue to fund local arts through operational grants for local arts centres, theatre and music groups, such as Uxbridge Arts Centre, Howick Little Theatre and Howick Brass Band.	
	Support arts facilities to collaborate with community groups to create art experiences which showcase our ethnically diverse population and cultural heritage and allow people to appreciate or experience culture and creativity, such as Arts Out East.	 
	Recognise, promote and celebrate all of Howick Local Board's unique history through education, exploration and tourism initiatives.	
Sports and recreational opportunities respond to the needs of our communities	Continue to support multi-club and code facilities, such as: Lloyd Elsmore Park.	
	Explore ways to assist local sports clubs to improve sharing and utilisation of existing facilities and resources, and/or new developments.	

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

Advocate for Auckland Council and Watercare to adopt consistent multilingual and culturally appropriate service standards and engagement practices, to ensure information and participation opportunities are accessible, relevant, and effective for Howick's diverse communities.	Auckland Council Watercare
Advocate for coordinated initiatives to strengthen community safety, including crime prevention, safer public spaces, and improved lighting and urban design, in partnership with relevant agencies.	NZ Police Auckland Council
Advocate for increased and more accessible external funding to support diverse communities, with a focus on equitable access and building community capability.	Central Government Department of Internal Affairs
Support and advocate to Auckland Council and other local boards for region-wide initiatives that improve public understanding of the role of local boards and increase civic awareness and participation in local decision-making.	Auckland Council Local boards





Working together at Mangemangeroa Reserve to restore native habitat and support biodiversity, with Pest Free Howick Ward.

Te taiao māori

Natural environment

Our natural environment, including our endemic and native flora, fauna, and waterways is protected and restored. This helps future generations inherit a safer, healthier, more resilient Howick Local Board area. Mana whenua as kaitiaki, together with local communities, are empowered to support this. Climate resilience is strengthened and space is made for water.

We live in a beautiful part of the Auckland rohe/region, with so much on offer, from beautiful coastlines to walkways and reserves like Mangemangeroa. We can enjoy recreational activities on the water, east-facing beaches, with the Te Wai o Tāiki/Tāmaki river stretching from the Waitemātā Harbour all the way through to Ōtāhuhu, and of course, the breathtaking views from the top of Ōhuingarangi/Pigeon Mountain!

Mana whenua, as guardians (kaitiaki) of this area, have a special relationship with the natural environment. Through kaitiakitanga (stewardship) and mātauranga (knowledge) Māori, they lead efforts to restore the life force (mauri) of our land (whenua), waters (wai), and treasured species (taonga). This supports Te Taiao Ora—healthy and thriving environments.

We all need to work together with iwi and community groups to care for our environment, so it stays healthy, strong, and sustainable for future generations. Decisions we make today will affect future outcomes, so it's imperative we make the right ones.




Challenges

- Financial constraints and the need to balance investment fairly across the local board area limits the ability to protect and enhance the natural environment, like tree canopy coverage, pest plants and waste and dumping, particularly as growth continues and demands increase.
- Ongoing changes to Resource Management legislation and requirements impacts the local area's infrastructure, environment, and overall social wellbeing of our community.
- Waste management remains a significant challenge, especially in fast-growing areas where construction and development waste contribute to pollution, such as silt entering our waterways. There is a lack of adequate waste management facilities in the local area, making it difficult to safely and correctly dispose of waste. Illegal dumping on private land is also a challenge in our local area.
- Finding the right balance between building flood protection, protecting the environment, and meeting what the community needs and expects.
- Limited available land and possible effects on nearby properties can make it harder to build projects that use land and water-based (blue-green) solutions to manage flooding.
- Climate change is causing more frequent extreme weather, which is increasing the risk of flooding and erosion in low-lying areas of Howick. This is putting local communities, and natural environments including important coastal parks and assets at greater risk and increasing demand on limited resources (budget, planning) to support climate adaptation strategies and initiatives.










Opportunities

- The local board can get involved early by helping shape Auckland-wide land and water-based (blue-green) flood projects from the beginning. This includes sharing local knowledge, identifying community needs and flood-prone areas, and working with council and mana whenua to influence project ideas before decisions are finalised.
- Use parks and reserves to store floodwater and support nature.
- Volunteer networks and local community groups care deeply about our local natural environment. We want to support them further and work closely on natural environment initiatives. We want to acknowledge the work they do to care for Howick.
- Continue to enhance our natural resources, such as the Tāmaki estuary, Ōhūiarangi/Pigeon Mountain and Mangemangeroa.
















Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
Care for, protect and maintain our natural environment.	Empower Pest Free Howick to develop a local, community-led environmental protection plan to educate and empower the community. 



	Partner with Enviroschools to support schools and existing community hubs in environmental learning and action.	
	Support the Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan by enabling community-led initiatives that educates our diverse population and builds local resilience to the effects of climate change.	
Our communities are well prepared and equipped for extreme weather events.	Support community-led action to ensure our diverse communities are able to plan and adapt to a changing climate with more frequent extreme weather and climate-related hazards.	
Empower, support, recognise, and celebrate communities taking environmental action, including during and beyond construction.	Continue to support the growth of the Pest Free Howick Ward pest animal and plant programme.	
	Support and connect local environmental groups to share resources and promote greater collaboration.	
	Work with local communities and schools to deliver projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restore sensitive ecological areas • improve local water quality • reduce pests • clean up our environment and • allow people to connect with nature • rehabilitate displaced native fauna and protect their habitat. 	
	Develop an Eco-neighbourhood programme to encourage new groups to form and work together on environmental and climate projects they are passionate about.	
Protect and enhance our unique coastline.	Support and partner with organisations to implement sustainable measures to manage coastal erosion and inundation, including minimizing loss of sand from local beaches and streams going through private properties.	
Protect the mauri (lifeforce) of our awa (waterways).	Support and partner with organisations to minimize the effects of climate change by restoring freshwater ecosystems to provide ecological services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flood mitigation • habitats for native biodiversity • carbon sequestration through riparian planting • Armouring. 	
	Protect and enhance the mauri of local awa, streams and coastal environments through restoration projects, sediment reduction initiatives, and community-led monitoring, with a focus on areas impacted by development and climate change.	



	Support community groups, schools and mana whenua to adopt and care for local waterways through education, restoration projects, cleanups and long-term stewardship programmes.	 
	Support council-led (or department-led) partnership with Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki on waterway and climate resilience outcomes in the local board area.	 
Our natural areas are enhanced and protected to maintain sustainable natural environments.	Continue to support community-led initiatives to restore native fauna and flora and enhance our natural environment.	
	Continue to deliver the Howick Urban Ngahere Action Plan 2021 to increase tree canopy coverage on public land by 3 per cent, ensuring a mix of native and exotic trees are used.	
	Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to protect and enhance Ōhūiarangi / Pigeon Mountain.	
	Continue to support Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki in its management of Te Naupata / Musick Point.	
	Support the Ngā Hapori Momoho / Thriving Communities Strategy 2022–2032, by empowering our communities so they can respond together to climate challenges.	 
Our neighbourhoods look cared for, and our communities recognise the importance/value of waste reduction.	Support action to address illegal dumping and strengthen waste reduction including through community, business and school initiatives.	
	Investigate options to initiate a plan to fund and deliver a recycling/recovery centre and hazardous waste disposal centre in the local board area.	
Build a culture of care in neighbourhoods so communities take ownership of their environment and prevent illegal dumping.	Strengthen community-led approaches to prevent illegal dumping by encouraging and supporting people to take responsibility for their waste, such as community street clean-ups and ‘adopt a stream’ initiatives.	
Partner with organisations to take environmental action.	Educate the community through multi-lingual communications to promote i-waste and e-waste collection services to encourage responsible disposal and recycling of their waste.	
	Encourage businesses to get involved in environmental initiatives.	



Reduce flood risk in high-risk areas by supporting nature-based projects that slow down, store, and manage water.

Support projects that manage floodwater naturally across the Howick area as part of Auckland Council’s Making Space for Water programme. This includes:

- Advocate for Howick to be prioritised for flood projects
- Support improving streams, floodplains, and using parks to store floodwater
- Support upgrades to bridges and drainage structures
- Engage early with communities if property is needed, to ensure transparency and fairness.



Advocacy

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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)	Who we will advocate to
Implementation of strategies in the Highbrook-to-Whitford Shoreline Adaptation Plan to ensure council assets are resilient, fit-for-purpose and can be adapted for future coastal hazard risk.	Governing Body
Continued advocacy for funding to support the Shore Adaptation plans for our area which could include replacing sand that has been taken away in trucks or shifting sand back to where it is needed to reduce erosion of soil and protect council assets.	Governing Body
Building a recycling/recovery centre and hazardous waste disposal facility in the local board area is essential to meeting community needs and protecting the environment. These facilities will make it easier for residents to dispose of waste responsibly, reduce illegal dumping, and ensure hazardous materials are managed safely. Investing in local infrastructure strengthens sustainability, improves public health outcomes, and supports a cleaner, more resilient community.	Governing Body
Re-introduction of the Tidy Kiwi Campaign or Keep Auckland Beautiful Campaign as a high-impact, low-cost way to improve local environmental outcomes, community pride, and public space quality.	Governing Body
Early local board involvement in the planning and design of Auckland-wide blue-green flood resilience projects, including sharing local knowledge of flood-prone areas, identifying community needs, and working collaboratively with council and mana whenua to help shape project options before decisions are finalised.	Governing Body



Advocate for an effective and responsive water pollution reporting system, including a dedicated hotline, to ensure pollution events are reported easily and investigated in a timely manner.	Watercare
Advocate for better protection of urban trees by improving how they are assessed in planning and development decisions.	Auckland Council





A temporary Flat Bush Library supporting a growing community at Ormiston Town Centre

Te taiao kua hangaia

Built environment

Our town-centres are active and vibrant, and our community spaces are safe, inclusive, accessible and affordable for all. Our public spaces foster a strong sense of belonging, ownership and pride.

The Howick Local Board continues to face significant challenges in delivering timely infrastructure and community outcomes. A substantial gap in funding means upgrades to community facilities are delayed, impacting the ability to provide fit-for-purpose spaces for our growing population. Many council buildings also require seismic strengthening, creating additional cost pressures and requiring careful prioritisation across competing infrastructure needs.

Despite these challenges, there are important opportunities to improve outcomes for our communities. These include strengthening partnerships and leveraging initiatives, as well as maximising the benefits of major investments like the Eastern Busway to support sustainable growth and high-quality public realm development.

Our plan sets out a clear focus on ensuring community infrastructure keeps pace with growth, improving accessibility and inclusivity of public facilities, and supporting vibrant town centres that reflect local identity. The plan also prioritises climate resilience, multi-use public spaces, youth-focused developments, and partnerships that enable the growth of local sports and recreation facilities. Together,



these priorities aim to ensure Howick remains a connected, resilient, and thriving place for all communities.

Challenges

- A large proportion of local buildings, facilities, and infrastructure are ageing simultaneously, creating increasing demand for maintenance, upgrades, or replacement, while a substantial capital funding gap is delaying timely renewals and upgrades for community use—requiring difficult, innovative, and collaborative decisions to prioritise investment, renewal, or potential divestment.
- The speed at which council delivers projects and responds to community needs can be slow, which can delay important improvements and infrastructure that communities rely on. When there are long timeframes between identifying an issue and delivering a solution, it can reduce community trust and confidence in decision-making processes.
- Many buildings require earthquake (seismic) strengthening to meet modern safety standards. This can be costly, time-consuming, and disruptive for building owners and users. Delays in strengthening can place pressure on council and owners to prioritise investment across competing infrastructure needs.

Opportunities

- Signage and wayfinding, where collaboration can support clearer, more consistent, and culturally meaningful signage across parks, town centres, and public spaces. This can improve accessibility, enhance visitor experience, and strengthen local identity.
- Opportunity to use existing community and privately provided spaces, such as school sports fields and shared facilities, to deliver local needs more efficiently, allowing the council to partner, optimise use of existing assets, and reduce pressure on limited funding for new infrastructure.
- Use major investment projects such as Eastern Busway and Airport to Botany bus rapid transit project to help deliver high quality residential, commercial and public realm development on adjoining land, and support sustainable city growth.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
Community infrastructure keeps pace with growth and responds to the changing needs of local communities.	Plan for and deliver community infrastructure upgrades and new facilities in growth areas, using community insights and data to ensure spaces remain fit-for-purpose and responsive to changing local needs. Create supportive environments for our diverse communities including family-oriented spaces where children of all ages can play. 



Public facilities are inclusive by design and usable by everyone.	Design, upgrade, and maintain public facilities to be accessible, safe, and welcoming for all people, including those with disabilities, diverse cultural backgrounds, and varying ages and abilities, while also reflecting and sharing Māori culture through storytelling, interpretation, and place-based narratives within parks and open spaces.	
Maintain vibrant, culturally rich town centres across the local board area, including Howick Village, Pakūranga, and Botany, by supporting heritage, tourism, and retail—celebrating the distinct identity of Howick Village while fostering the continued growth of Flat Bush as an emerging town centre in Ormiston.	Partner with Howick Village Association to support implementation of aspects of their strategic plan where it aligns with Howick Local Board outcomes (including the Pakūranga Masterplan).	
	Support Business Improvement Districts and Town Centre organisations for wayfinding and safety in all of our town centres.	
	Investigate public/private partnerships with privately owned town centres to support local businesses.	
Amenities are easily accessible.	Develop and enhance urban trails to provide safe, convenient, and well-signposted connections to key community amenities, parks, and transport hubs.	
Maintain climate resilience.	Implement and maintain infrastructure, natural assets, and community programmes that enhance climate resilience in line with Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan, reducing risks from flooding, storms, and other climate-related impacts.	
Public spaces are multi-use.	Design, upgrade, and manage public spaces to be flexible and multi-use, supporting a variety of community activities, events, and recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities.	
Developing growth of youth space into hubs.	Investigate the possibility of youth-led youth spaces in other subdivisions of the local board building on the success of the Te Taiwhanga Taiohi youth space in Botany Town Centre.	



Support the development of sports clubs:

- Ostrich Farm
- Barry Curtis Park
- Marist Rugby Club
- Lloyd Elsmore Community Hub
- Highbrook Watersports Club.

Explore opportunities for public/private partnerships to help develop multi-use sports clubs throughout the local board area.



Explore ways to make our assets work better and generate more income.

Look into selling underperforming properties to help fund priority projects.

Explore public/private partnership opportunities to fund and deliver priority projects.

Advocacy

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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)

Who we will advocate to

Advocate for stronger alignment between land-use intensification, infrastructure upgrade, and transport investment timing.

Governing Body
AT
Watercare

Stormwater and wastewater upgrades to improve infrastructure that is able to cope with growth.

Watercare
Healthy Waters

Schools and relevant infrastructure that meets the growing needs of our community.

Ministry of Education

Sufficient funding for local boards to maintain and build the assets and services our community needs.

Governing Body





East Tāmaki is one of New Zealand's most significant manufacturing and distribution hubs, home to over 3,000 businesses - Image by Business East Tāmaki

Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

Our local economy is strong and supported by thriving businesses and Business Improvement Districts. People of all ages can access local employment opportunities. Visitors are attracted to our local area.

Howick Local Board works closely with two Business Improvement Districts – Howick Village Association and Business East Tāmaki in growing opportunities for employment so our people can live, work and play in our local area. The local board is also committed to work with East Auckland Tourism to bring more visitors into our area from far and wide to explore and experience all that our local board area has to offer, including the iconic Howick Historical Village.

Local procurement is a key priority for the local board and continues to get behind this with the importance of prioritising local suppliers where appropriate.

The local board recognises the importance of Whai Rawa Ora – Economic wellbeing of Māori businesses, landowners and entrepreneurs that drive a thriving, resilient Māori economy and grow intergenerational wealth.



Challenges

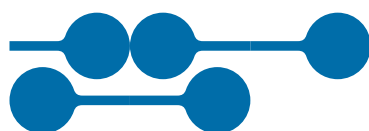
- Economic conditions are influenced by factors outside the local board’s control, such as central government planning, global uncertainty, supply chain disruptions, and fuel costs, which can impact business confidence, operating costs, and local spending.
- Rapid population growth, particularly in areas like Flat Bush, has not always been matched by the timely development of town centres and commercial infrastructure, limiting opportunities for local economic activity and job creation.
- Small businesses, which make up a large part of the local economy, can face challenges with rising costs, staffing, and navigating regulations, making it harder for them to grow and remain resilient
- Communication with local business owners from diverse cultural and language backgrounds requires tailored and inclusive approaches.






Opportunities

- Leveraging local events to attract regional visitors to our area.
- Growing the visitor and tourism economy by promoting local beaches, parks, cultural assets, and events, supported by better wayfinding, signage, and visitor experience improvements.
- Expanding employment and skills pathways by partnering with local employers, schools, and training providers to create accessible job opportunities and career development for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)	
Town centres are vibrant, active and supported by community-led events and activities.	Support community-led events and activities that reflect local identity, including Māori culture, storytelling, and presence (te ao Māori) in town centres.	
	Create opportunities for mana whenua and mātāwaka to contribute to placemaking, events, and activation of spaces that will attract visitors from all over the region.	
Empower local businesses to enhance local economy.	Identify opportunities for community-led social enterprises.	
	Enable local businesses, including Māori enterprises, to successfully tender for council contracts by providing information, building capability, and exploring new opportunities for participation.	
	Support initiatives that build resilience of local and Māori businesses, particularly in response to economic and climate challenges.	
	Support Business Improvement Districts and wider business communities with regards to their crime prevention initiatives.	



Create jobs and grow business by attracting more visitors to the local board area.	Continue to support East Auckland Tourism to attract more visitors and enhance the area as a destination, including promotion of Māori cultural experiences and narratives.	
	Support East Auckland Tourism in becoming more self-sufficient.	
	Explore opportunities to work with mana whenua and Māori enterprises in developing tourism offerings.	
	Investigate options for growing our presence in regional tourism and economy.	
	Continue to provide operational funding support for the Howick Historical Village, including them pursuing other funding avenues.	
Support the growth of businesses across all centres in the Howick Local Board area, including industrial areas, commercial hubs, town centres and local retailers.	Support local Business Improvement Districts (Business East Tāmaki and Howick Village Association).	
	Partner with local town centre organisations to deliver council services such as the Botany Library in Botany Town Centre and Flat Bush Library in Ormiston Town Centre.	
Support pathways into employment for local people, including rangatahi Māori.	Continue to encourage local businesses and Business Improvement Districts to participate in initiatives that support local people, youth and Māori workforce development.	 

Advocacy

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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)

Who we will advocate to

Advocate to strengthen partnerships and enable clearer pathways from education to employment through work experience, volunteering, vocational training, and exposure to local career opportunities.

Governing Body
Central Government
Education providers
BIDs

Additional resourcing to support more effective delivery of local economic development outcomes in the Howick Local Board area.

Governing Body





An electric ferry parked at Half Moon Bay ferry terminal

Tūnuku Transport

Our transport network is safe, reliable, and accessible, supporting walking, cycling, multi-modal and driving. It connects people to schools, community facilities, transport hubs, and local services. Our roading network is well planned and enables safe and efficient movement around the area.

The Howick Local Board area is home to over 150,000 residents who travel throughout the area daily for work, education, and access to services. The Howick Local Board plays an important role in advocating for and influencing transport outcomes that support safe, accessible, and well-connected movement across the local area.

This includes supporting a balanced and integrated transport network that enables walking, cycling, public transport, and private vehicle use to work together effectively, helping to reduce congestion and improve overall network efficiency.

A key challenge is that residential intensification is increasing travel demand, often with limited or no off-street parking provision, which places additional pressure on local streets and infrastructure and can create access and congestion issues for residents.

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

- Continued growth in the local board area, particularly Flat Bush places significant pressure on the roading network, causing major congestion on our roads.
- Funding constraints continue to limit the timely delivery of projects.
- As development intensifies, on street parking in residential areas is increasing pressure on the current roading infrastructure.
- Transport connectivity between the Howick Local Board area and the rest of Auckland is needed, particularly at key entry and exit points.

Opportunities

- There's an opportunity to champion safe, accessible, and well-connected neighbourhoods where walking and cycling are practical and attractive options for everyday travel.
- There is scope to partner with schools, businesses, and community organisations to co-design and deliver active travel initiatives that encourage healthier and more sustainable transport choices.

Our priorities

Set out below, are the transport priorities for the Howick 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)
Neighbourhoods are safe and people feel confident travelling around their local area.	Ensure bus routes connect easily with main hubs, facilities and town centres throughout the local board area.
	Ensure barriers that prevent pedestrians, motorists and cyclists from moving around safely are identified and removed.
Active transport networks are safe, connected and support everyday local travel.	Identify opportunities where shared paths can be developed, such as Eastern Busway Alliance project.



Improve road safety and transport infrastructure to support the movement of goods and people.	Streamline existing roading infrastructure to improve safety and investigate implementing a Comprehensive Parking Management Plan.
Support a climate-ready, low-emission transport system that reduces congestion and provides real travel choices.	Identify high congestion areas and investigate options for improvement to reduce travel time and keep our emissions low.
Public transport supports access to services, facilities and community life.	<p>Ensure current transport options are meeting the needs of our community.</p> <p>Continue to represent community interests in the delivery of the Eastern Busway.</p>
Active transport infrastructure enables connection with schools, key community facilities and transport hubs.	<p>Implement projects from the Howick Walking and Cycling Network Plan to help our community to move around easily, increasing connectivity to key local destinations.</p> <p>Investigate options for more commuter focused cycleways in partnership with the Eastern Busway Alliance and other stakeholders.</p>
Efficiencies of transport & roading network.	<p>Provide safe, reliable, and timely public transport, with improved bus services, accessible routes, and well-designed, sheltered bus stops for the community.</p> <p>Ensure safe and accessible connections within Ormiston Town Centre and between Ti Rākau Drive and Highbrook for all road users.</p>
Ensure effective communication and integration of significant infrastructure projects to deliver positive outcomes for the community.	<p>Advocate for timely, clear and accessible public communication and engagement on NZTA Waka Kotahi projects affecting our communities, ensuring residents are well informed, such as commercial transport with connections like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Busway • Airport 2 Botany • Highbrook to Ti Rakau <p>Business East Tāmaki business zone.</p>



<p>Strengthen transport connectivity by improving the reliability, convenience, and accessibility of public transport while providing a range of travel options beyond private cars, including walking, cycling, and other transport modes.</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to develop a Park & Ride/shuttle bus to key hubs.</p> <p>Ensure school students are able to walk and cycle to school safely, and improved enforcement around schools enhancing safety of our tamariki.</p>
<p>Advocate for and support the development of large-scale transport projects that improve connectivity, improve links, enabling safer, faster and more efficient movement of people and goods.</p>	<p>Advocate for the timely delivery of the Airport to Botany Rapid Transit project to improve access for East Auckland communities, support economic growth.</p> <p>Advocate for the development of improved east-west transport infrastructure between Howick and Beachlands to strengthen connectivity across East Auckland and support safe, efficient movement for all road users.</p> <p>Advocate for parking regulations that are efficient and flexible, ensuring they support development and community needs without imposing unnecessary requirements.</p>



He kōrero take pūtea

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:

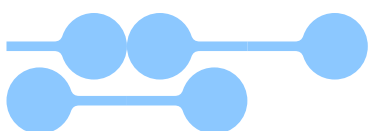
- operating expenditure (opex): to maintain and operate local assets like libraries, pools and parks, and to provide local activities and services
- capital expenditure (capex): to renew and develop local assets.

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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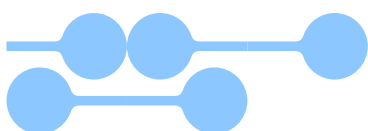
Levels of service

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 Ngahere) 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

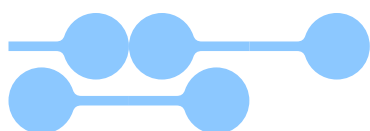
The statement of service provision, default levels of service statements, performance measures and performance targets from our last long-term plan can be found in section 2.6 in [volume 2 of the 10-Long-term Plan 2024-2034](#). The local board’s performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Howick Local Board 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.



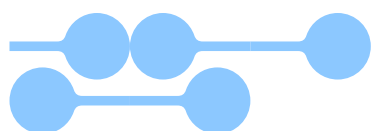
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Financial overview

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	28,035	28,166	28,694	29,385
Targeted rates	843	853	869	885
Fees and charges	3,853	3,931	4,010	4,095
Other revenue	1,171	1,141	1,156	1,171
Total operating funding	33,903	34,090	34,728	35,536
Operating expenditure				
Community services (Community)				
Libraries	3,592	3,664	3,737	3,811
Pools and Leisure	4,491	4,580	4,685	4,793
Maintenance	15,693	16,115	16,327	16,766
Utilities	3,009	3,231	2,898	2,963
Other community expenses	4,424	3,768	4,249	4,338
Local Environmental Management (Natural Environment)				
Local Planning				
BIDs	930	937	955	973
Local Governance	1,313	1,332	1,401	1,402
Total operating expenditure	33,903	34,090	34,728	35,536
Net operating funding	0	0	0	0
Capital funding				
Increase in debt	15,090	19,158	27,727	27,984
Total capital funding	15,090	19,158	27,727	27,984
Capital expenditure				
Community services (Community)	15,090	19,158	27,727	27,984
Total capital expenditure	15,090	19,158	27,727	27,984
Net capital funding	0	0	0	0

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



Ngā Mema o tō Poari ā-Rohe o Howick

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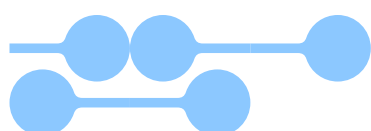
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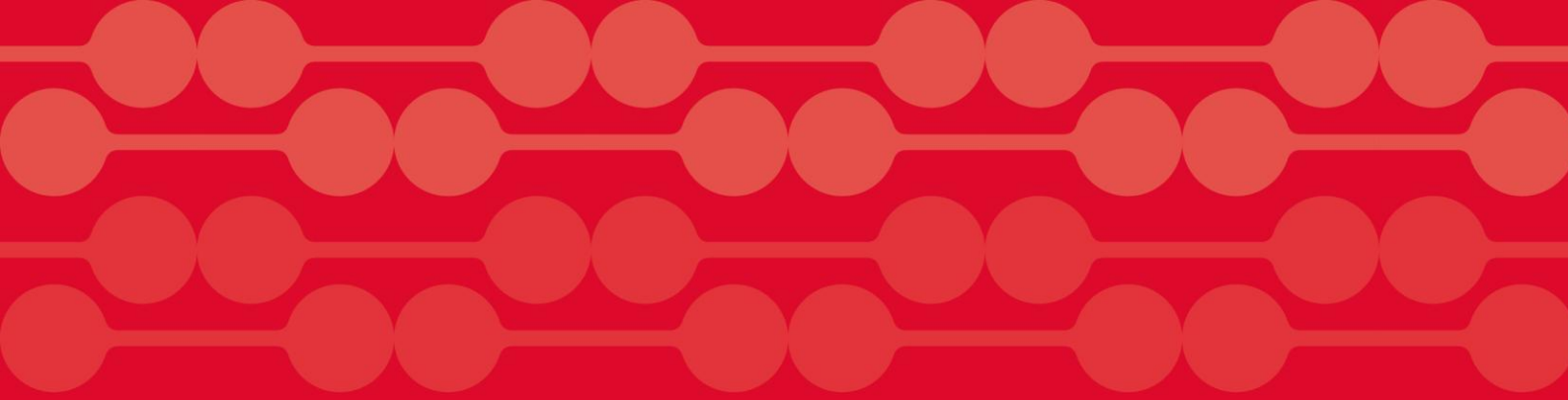


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