Te Mahere ā-Tau 2025/2026

ANNUAL PLAN 2025/2026

Volume 2 Extract: Local Board Information and Agreements

Mihi

Nau mai e te Tai Whakarunga e te Tai Whakararo
Nau mai e te Tai Tūpuna o Rēhua,
o Te Moananui-o-Toi.
Nau mai ki Tāmaki i whakawhenuatia rā,
i ngā waitapu e rua nei arā ko te
Waitematā ko te Mānukanuka.
Koia i maea ake i te kōpū o Papatūānuku
e takoto mai nei,
kia tangihia tonuhia e Ranginui e tū iho nei.

He tātai whetū ki te rangi tū tonu
He tātai tāngata ki te whenua, ngaro noa.
E te iwi raro rā, whakarongo ake ki
te tangi a te iwi e tū nei
Hoki wairua mai, haere. Hoki ki te kainga
tuturū kia au ai te moe.

Āpiti hono tātai hono,
I te ao wairua, I te ao kikokiko nei hoki

Piki mai te mana, kake mai te mana
Tau tonu rā ki te tahuna nui ki te tahuna roa o Tāmaki
kia mihia nuitia e ngā pou me ngā whare wharau
O te Kaunihera o Tāmakau Makaurau
E Whakatau nei I a koutou ē....!

Welcome, o tides from the north and south.
Welcome, ancestral seas of Rēhua and of Toi.
Welcome to Tāmaki – the land conferred by sacred
right, born of the two sacred harbours: Waitematā
and Mānukanuka-a-Hoturoa.
You who emerged from the womb of Papatūānuku,
lying here still, lamented continually
by Ranginui above.

A genealogy of stars in the heavens endures,
while the line of humanity on earth fades away.
To those who have passed –
listen to the cry of those who stand here now.
Return in spirit, and go peacefully.
Return to the eternal homeland, and rest.

That which is bound remains joined, an unbroken line
– in the realm of spirit and the realm of the living.

To the esteemed; ascend, climb and rise –
to the broad and far-reaching shores of Tāmaki.
That you may be received and acknowledged
by the pou and the gathering places,
by the people and the Council of Tāmaki Makaurau
who welcome you all.

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He kōrero whānui mō ngā poari ā-rohe

Local board overview

▲ Matheson Bay, Rodney

He whakarāpopoto mō ngā poari ā-rohe

1.1 Local board overview

SHARED GOVERNANCE MODEL

The Governing Body (mayor and 20 councillors)

- focus on big picture and Auckland-wide issues
- develop Auckland-wide strategies and plans
- decision making of regulatory activities such as bylaws, licencing, inspection and animal management.

21 local boards (chairperson and local board members)

- represent local communities
- provide local leadership
- make decisions on local issues and activities
- Allocate local funding for services and projects that reflect the priorities and preferences of communities within the local board area.
- input to regional strategies and plans
- advocate to the Governing Body and council-controlled organisations (CCOs) on behalf of local communities.

Introduction

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand. It is made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 ward councillors) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for making decisions on local issues, activities and services. Local boards also provide input into regional strategies, policies and plans. Together, this is a shared governance model where decisions can be made both regionally and locally.

Local board decision-making comes from three sources:

1. **Legislation** – local boards are responsible for:
   - community engagement,
   - preparing local board plans,
   - agreeing and monitoring local board agreements,
   - communicating local views to the Governing Body on regional strategies, policies, plans and bylaws.
2. **Allocation of decision-making for non-regulatory activities** – the Governing Body has allocated responsibility for decision-making on certain non-regulatory activities to local boards. This includes a broad range of local activities such as local parks, libraries, events, recreational facilities and community activities. Refer to Volume 2, Part 3 for the Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for non-regulatory activities.
3. **Delegation of decision-making responsibilities** – the Governing Body may give responsibility for some regulatory activities to local boards, and Auckland Transport may give some decision-making responsibilities to local boards. Refer to Volume 2, Part 3 for the list of delegated responsibilities to local boards.

Te Whakawhanake i ngā Take Mātāmua ā-Rohe Pātata

1.2 Developing local priorities

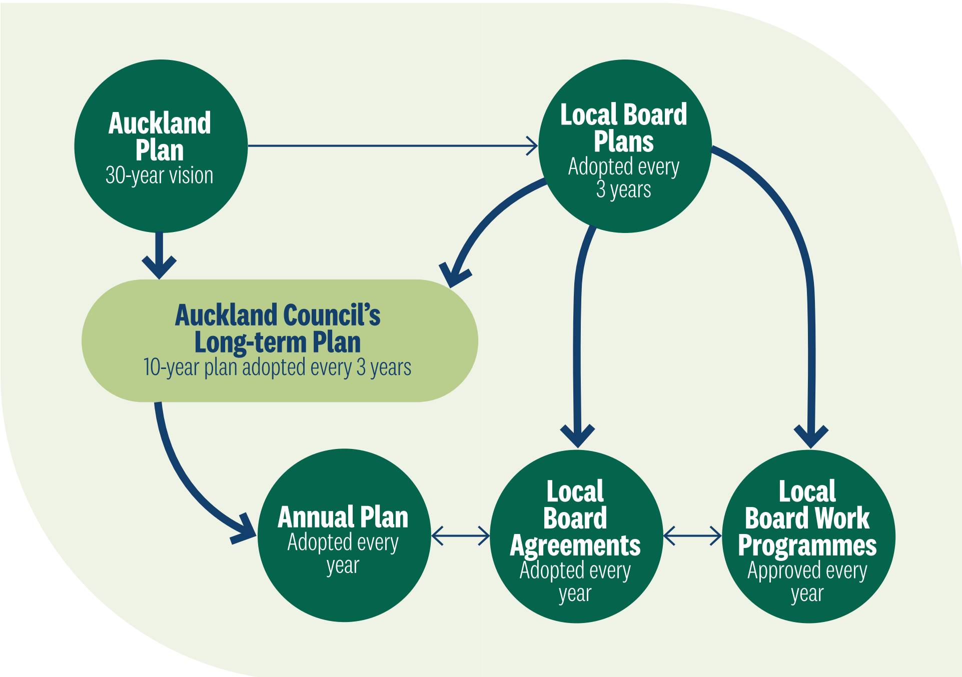
Local board plans are strategic documents that set the direction for local boards and also inform the long-term plan. Reflecting community priorities and preferences, the plans are developed every three years to guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also influence local board input into regional strategies and plans and provide a basis for developing local board agreements.

Every year, a local board agreement is developed between the Governing Body and each local board. It agrees the delivery and funding of local activities, intended levels of service, performance measures and targets, for the year. The agreement takes into account local board plan priorities but must also reflect Governing Body decisions such as Auckland-wide priorities, budget constraints and trade-offs across all council activities.

Each local board also agrees annual work programmes in line with their local board agreement. These are operational and capital work programmes for activities in which they have decision-making responsibilities. They contain specific initiatives and projects in greater detail than appears in a local board agreement. Local board work programmes play a critical role in delivering on the needs of communities and are informed by local board plans.

Local board agreements for 2023/2024 have been agreed between each local board and the Governing Body and are set out in Part 2.

▶ Diagram 1: The relationship between Auckland Council plans and agreements.



Local activities

Local boards have decision making responsibility for a range of activities, as set out in the following list.

1. Local Community Services
2. Local Planning and Development
3. Local Environmental Management
4. Local Governance.

Local board agreements outline for each activity area the key initiatives and funding for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Te Tuku Pūtea

1.3 Funding

Auckland Council has a shared governance model for making decisions on local activities. Under the Local Board Funding Policy 2025, funding for local boards is determined based on the following:

Operating funding (to maintain and operate assets and services, like libraries, pools and parks, as well as provide local programmes and initiatives) is made up of:

- fees and charges set by the local board and collected from local assets and services
- revenue from a targeted rate set by the Governing Body to fund local assets and services
- any other revenue including grants, donations, and sponsorships
- an allocation of general rates based on an equity formula

On top of this an allocation for governance services based on the number of elected members and associated administrative costs for each local board.

Capital funding (to renew and develop assets) for local boards is allocated to local boards based on an equity formula for local boards.

In addition to the identified operating and capital funding methods set out above, the Governing Body will provide operating and capital funding for specific items identified in Section 3.3 of the Local Board Funding Policy 2025, based on the assets and services in each local board area.

The total estimated funding allocation for all 21 local boards over the 2025/2026 financial year is shown in following tables. The budgets for each local board for the 2025/2026 financial year are included within the individual local board agreements in this volume.

Fairer funding

Local boards are responsible for the local services that strengthen Auckland communities, including parks, environmental initiatives, libraries, pools, arts, recreation centres, community halls, local programmes and events, as well as support for local community groups. The Governing Body approved a fairer funding approach for local boards in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). This will enable local boards to better respond to the needs of their communities.

This annual plan begins to address the funding imbalances between the 21 local boards by allocating available funding to local boards based on an 'equity formula'. This is calculated according to each local boards':

- population (80 per cent)
- levels of deprivation (15 per cent)
- land area (5 per cent).

To support a transition to this new approach, an additional $35 million of operating funding and $33 million of capital funding will be allocated to local boards in 2025/2026 as provided for in the LTP.

In early March 2025 it was signalled that due to increased repairs and maintenance and utilities costs, increased staffing levels to meet health and safety requirements, and revenue reductions across community facilities, local boards were facing shortfalls of around $14 million from their funding levels indicated in the LTP.

Under the new fairer funding approach, local boards would usually need to address these types of cost increases from within their funding envelope by making decisions to increase revenue or reduce expenditure. However, 2025/2026 will be treated as a one-off transition year with funding for these cost increases addressed at a regional level.

The $14 million operating shortfall and any other cost pressures relating to local activities will however need to be addressed by local boards in the Annual Plan 2026/2027 and subsequent years.

Work is underway to ensure local boards are supported by advice and improved financial information to resolve these challenges in the 2026/2027 financial year.

Gross capital expenditure for 2025/2026 by local board

$000 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE	LTP 2024/2025 ($000)	LTP 2025/2026 ($000)	ANNUAL PLAN 2025/2026 ($000)
100 - Albert-Eden	3,889	11,619	7,348
115 - Great Barrier	400	1,651	1,651
105 - Devonport-Takapuna	5,452	5,841	6,101
110 - Franklin	7,686	8,043	11,136
120 - Henderson-Massey	13,599	8,996	21,613
125 - Hibiscus and Bays	13,678	14,922	21,847
130 - Howick	7,757	10,782	10,332
135 - Kaipātiki	6,880	9,201	6,714
140 - Mangere-Otahuhu	6,455	10,127	9,730
145 - Manurewa	9,477	6,980	9,588
150 - Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	14,532	17,810	21,822
155 - Ōrākei	8,141	8,130	7,455
160 - Ōtara-Papatoetoe	6,247	8,538	8,538
165 - Papakura	3,903	6,351	5,734
170 - Puketāpapa	3,234	6,084	5,684
175 - Rodney	10,159	9,206	8,322
180 - Upper Harbour	13,204	19,734	6,911
185 - Waiheke	1,115	3,476	3,192
190 - Waitakere Ranges	2,339	4,846	4,846
195 - Waitematā	10,693	7,123	9,928
200 - Whau	8,097	30,680	23,802
Grand Total	**156,937**	**210,140**	**212,294**

Gross operating expenditure for 2025/2026 by local board

$000 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE	LTP 2024/2025 ($000)	LTP 2025/2026 ($000)	ANNUAL PLAN 2025/2026 ($000)
100 - Albert-Eden	16,405	20,588	23,860
115 - Great Barrier	2,504	3,679	4,032
105 - Devonport-Takapuna	16,700	17,249	17,011
110 - Franklin	18,141	22,183	25,028
120 - Henderson-Massey	33,760	34,966	37,528
125 - Hibiscus and Bays	25,727	27,820	29,198
130 - Howick	33,761	34,934	36,670
135 - Kaipātiki	21,351	24,220	26,579
140 - Mangere-Otahuhu	23,565	24,206	26,860
145 - Manurewa	18,439	24,846	27,623
150 - Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	19,366	20,936	22,666
155 - Ōrākei	16,529	18,074	19,835
160 - Ōtara-Papatoetoe	23,622	24,231	27,007
165 - Papakura	16,709	16,911	18,794
170 - Puketāpapa	10,692	13,502	14,902
175 - Rodney	17,108	25,442	27,219
180 - Upper Harbour	19,333	20,127	22,518
185 - Waiheke	6,126	7,260	7,714
190 - Waitakere Ranges	12,360	13,069	14,274
195 - Waitematā	34,685	35,967	39,204
200 - Whau	17,140	21,648	22,406
Grand Total	**404,023**	**451,858**	**490,928**

Budgets include interest and depreciation, and exclude corporate overheads.

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Ngā pārongo me ngā whakaaetanga a ngā poari ā-rohe

Local board information

▲ Walking the Clevedon Trails

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Whau

Whau Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

Message from the Chair

As chair of the Whau Local Board, I am proud to present the 2025/2026 Local Board Agreement, which sets out the board's priorities and intentions for the coming year.

Whau Local Board now has the opportunity to better-respond to the needs of our local communities, because Auckland Council is introducing a 'fairer funding' approach to address historical funding imbalances between the 21 local boards.

In the past year, the board has had the pleasure of seeing progress on two long-standing key initiatives. First, our ongoing advocacy for a Whau aquatic centre led to the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee committing more than $89 million over the next few years to buy a suitable site and develop a business case for the centre. The board aims to speed-up the process this year by allocating funding for site selection. Secondly, Te Hono, a new community facility, is slowly springing to life in the heart of Avondale.

We also approved the Auckland Emergency Management work programme which helps to ensure the Whau community is better-prepared to respond to the impacts of future weather events.

For the coming year we aim to deliver better environmental outcomes through working with the community, local businesses and organisations to care for our parks, open spaces and waterways. We will continue to advocate to buy land at the Avondale Racecourse to retain significant green space. As well as providing additional support for our rangitahi, we will deliver more free and easily accessible events and activities in our libraries, community centres, hubs, houses, parks and green spaces.

I encourage you to get out of your cars and on your own, or with family or friends, enjoy the paths and walkways that we continue to develop. These connect different corners of the Whau and often bring you closer to the Whau River – a jewel in our area that we are striving to improve.

Ngā mihi,

Kay M Thomas

Kay Thomas

Chair Whau Local Board

Whau Local Board area

We are home to more than **80** local parks and **3** libraries

A diverse population with:

11% identified as Māori
38% identified as European
42% identify as Asian
20% identify as Pasifika

LEGEND

- Local board office
- Public open space (Unitary Plan)
- Motorway
- Major road
- Arterial road
- Medium road
- Minor road
- Te Hono

Includes the major town centres of **Avondale** and **New Lynn**

Council Growth Scenario AGS23v1 (Feb 2024), StatsNZ Census 2023 (initial release May 2024).

Whau Local Board Plan 2023

The Whau Local Board Plan 2023 is a three-year plan that sets out what we want to achieve for the local board area. The plan aims to achieve the following outcomes:

Ō Tātou Tāngata

Our People

Our diverse communities are supported, represented, respected, empowered, and able to thrive. Everyone can engage with local democracy to influence what happens in their neighbourhood and contribute to a collective west Auckland identity and voice.

Tō Tātou Taiao

Our Environment

Our natural environment is protected by proactively working with our communities to achieve sustainability goals and build resilience. Individuals understand the need to adapt to a changing climate and take action to include sustainable practices in their daily lives.

Tō Tātou Hapori

Our Community

Accessible, inclusive facilities and services are provided in collaboration with our communities to enrich people's lives at all stages and foster a sense of belonging. Individuals are aware of what is available to them, face fewer barriers to participation, and feel connected and supported.

Ō Tātou Wāhi

Our Places

Our communities are physically and socially connected. People feel safe, have a sense of ownership and pride, and enjoy spending time in our town centres, neighbourhood centres, parks, and open spaces.

Tā Tātou Ōhanga

Our Economy

Our local economy is strengthened through partnership and by collaborating on initiatives that encourage our communities to shop and work locally. We bolster economic prosperity through connecting with key local industry sectors.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we deliver on our plan through agreed activities in the 2025/2026 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the Governing Body and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

Working with Māori

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

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

In the heart of the Whau is the historical Māori portage route between Waitematā and Manukau Harbours via the Whau River. Several areas within Whau have mahara tapu (sacred memory) and significance for Māori throughout Tāmaki Makaurau. While Te Kawerau ā Maki and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei are mana whenua of the area, several other iwi and hapū have historic ties to the land.

We aim to achieve positive outcomes for Māori with initiatives that support Māori identity and culture, improve Māori wellbeing and support Māori to take part in local decision-making. These outcomes are identified in the Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau (now Tāmaki Ora) framework.

Initiatives in the Whau include:

- building relationships with mana whenua through the rangatira-ki-te-rangatira / chief to chief (governance) hui with Te Kawerau ā Maki and Whau, Waitākere Ranges and Henderson-Massey local boards
- working with Community Waitakere and Ko Taku Reo (Deaf Education NZ) management to find ways to deliver wananga, or place of learning, for deaf rangatahi (young people) and their whānau
- taking opportunities to create a Māori identity in our parks and facilities through actions such as:
  - dual naming or renaming places
  - using 'interpretive' signage to share stories about the area's heritage
- providing opportunities for our communities to attend Te Ao Māori and Te Reo Māori classes, at our libraries and community hubs and houses including activities such as:
  - cooking and hangi lessons
  - Rongoa Māori/herbal healing classes
  - weaving classes
  - education on marae protocols and tikanga Māori
- encouraging the use of Mana Whenua design features in parks and facilities
- providing support for culturally significant events like Matariki.

Whau Local Board Agreement 2025/2026

Planned operating and capital spend in 2025/2026

Key areas of spend	Community services	Environmental services	Planning services	Governance	Total
Planned operating spend 2025/2026	$19.6 million	$445,000	$1.0 million	$1.4 million	$22.4 million
Planned capital spend 2025/2026	$23.8 million	-	-	-	$23.8 million

Key activities areas

Funding priorities, key activities, key initiatives and key performance measures in the Whau Local Board area are included for the following local activity areas:

- Local community services
- Local planning and development.
- Local environmental management
- Local governance

Local Community Services

We support strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy services, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a services, community group partnerships and volunteers.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of $19.6 million and capital investment of $23.8 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2025/2026 include:

- Fund a community arts broker to develop strategic relationships and contacts within the creative community, resulting in exhibitions, plays, workshops etc, in different locations across the Whau
- support community-led arts activity including temporary street projects, events, programmes and activities
- fund a youth coordinator to support the Whau Youth Board and increase the number of youth-led activities – with more youth participation in varied events like finance workshops, music competitions, beach tidy-ups in the Whau
- provide opportunities for our diverse communities to connect, learn and take part in social, cultural, creative and literacy activities in welcoming, safe and inclusive environments like our libraries, art centres and community venues and centres, like:
  - Avondale and New Lynn Community Centres
  - Avondale, Blockhouse Bay and New Lynn libraries and hubs
  - community houses in Blockhouse Bay, Glenavon, Kelston, New Windsor and Green Bay
- fund the Out and About Activation programme to enable and coordinate a range of free activities to encourage our local community to be physically active
- fund the Whau Migrant Community Conservation Volunteer Programme in local parks to support volunteers to organise an ongoing programme of ecological and environmental initiatives, including:
  - community planting
  - annual pest plant and animal control activities
  - local park and beach clean-ups
  - community environmental education events.

These local community services and key initiatives contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Whau Local Board Plan:

- Our people
- Our environment
- Our community
- Our places

Levels of service and key performance measures

Performance measure	Actual 2023/2024	Long-term plan Target 2024/2025	Annual plan Target 2025/2026
Enable a range of choices to access community services and recreation opportunities			
Number of visits to library facilities[1]	438,237	341,000	453,000
Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community	New measure	100%	100%
Percentage of local community facility components that are not in poor or very poor condition[2]	New measure	85%	91%
Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives			
Number of partner organisations supported to sustain their governance capacity and capability[3]	New Measure	15	20
Provide urban green spaces (local parks, paths and Ngahere) and access to the coast			
Percentage of local parks, facilities and spaces meeting maintenance quality standards	New measure	90%	90%
Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition[2]	New measure	93%	87%
Number of trees planted in the Urban Ngahere programme[3 4]	New Measure	25	32

[1]Blockhouse Bay Library was closed for the majority of 2024/2025. The target increase is based on Blockhouse Bay Library being open for the full year and increased library hours for all libraries in Whau in 2025/2026.

[2]The target is based on the forecasted 2025/2026 asset condition which is determined by the condition and age-based asset deterioration model.

[3]The target has changed compared to prior year due to changes in the local board's investment allocation in line with their priorities through the annual work programme

[4]Urban Ngahere programme delivers on planting large specimen trees

Local planning and development

Local planning and development activities includes supporting local town centres and communities to thrive, through town centre plans and development, business improvement districts, and heritage plans and initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $1.0 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2025/2026 include:

- begin construction on Te Hono Project - a combined library, community centre and hub in the heart of Avondale town centre
- fund research into and review potential sites for a pool and recreation centre
- carry out a 'service provision assessment' to guide the future development of parkland at Crown Lynn Place

- provide funds to the Blockhouse Bay Business Improvement District (BID) to look into expanding the BID boundary
- fund delivery of programmes to support individuals, households, groups and businesses interested in progressing climate action
- fund a Whau Urban Ngahere Planting Plan to find the best areas to plant trees to improve tree coverage in public open spaces.

The local planning and development activity, including the key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Whau Local Board Plan:

- Our places
- Our economy
- Our environment

Levels of service and key performance measures

Performance measure	Actual 2023/2024	Long-term plan Target 2024/2025	Annual plan Target 2025/2026
Support a strong local economy			
Percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) targeted rate grant agreement obligations	100%	100%	100%

Local environmental management

We support healthy ecosystems and sustainability through local board-funded initiatives like planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, healthy homes, and waste minimisation projects.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $445,000.

In 2025/2026, we plan to:

- fund EcoMatters Environment Centre (EcoHub) and associated education programmes, and provide minimum level funding for EcoMatters Trust. This will help to:
  - manage the EcoMatters Environment Centre (EcoHub)
  - provide and promote free and affordable meeting spaces to other environmentally focused community groups
  - deliver a minimum of 26 sustainability related seminars and workshops
- fund the Rosebank Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme (PPP) to inform industries about the impacts their activities could have on local waterways. This programme teaches businesses about stormwater network connections and how they affect the health of local waterways
- fund the Whau Wildlink Project to support several small groups who work together on projects in their own backyards to:
  - improve water quality and biodiversity
  - increase collaboration in environmental work
  - incorporate tikanga into environmental work
- fund a Whau Stream Improvement Programme to improve local reserves and waterways through community engagement, environmental restoration and flood education. This programme involves working with local schools, community hubs and organisations to:
  - clean streams
  - remove invasive weeds
  - plant 200-300 plants on each site

- continue funding support for the Manukau Harbour Forum
  - deliver part-time mentoring programme during school holidays
  - progress our communications plan and focus on strengthening our engagement with the community and mana whenua partners.

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

- Our environment
- Our community
- Our people

Levels of service and key performance measures

Performance measure	Actual 2023/2024	Long-term plan Target 2024/2025	Annual plan Target 2025/2026
Protect, improve and minimise risks to the natural environments and cultural heritage			
Number of participants in sustainable initiative programmes	New measure	4,660	4,670

Local governance

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, developing local board plans, agreements and work programmes, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $1.4 million .

Levels of service and key performance measures

Performance measure	Actual 2023/2024	Long-term plan Target 2024/2025	Annual plan Target 2025/2026
Respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and Māori communities			
Number of local activities that deliver moderate to high outcomes for Māori as outlined in Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau (now Tāmaki Ora) (Auckland Council's Māori outcomes framework).	New measure	Set baseline	Set baseline

Funding impact statement

This prospective funding impact statement explains how the council will fund local activities in the Whau Local Board area and how we plan to use these funds.

We have prepared the statement to meet the requirements of Section 21(5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. It covers the year from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

$000 Financial year ending 30 June	Long-term plan 2024/2025	Annual Plan 2025/2026
Sources of operating funding:		
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties	18,166	23,309
Targeted rates	960	992
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	27	28
Fees and charges	209	222
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	73	49
Total operating funding	**19,436**	**24,600**
Applications of operating funding:		
Payment to staff and suppliers	12,815	17,683
Finance costs	4,683	4,493
Internal charges and overheads applied	1,792	2,314
Other operating funding applications	0	0
Total applications of operating funding	**19,290**	**24,491**
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	**146**	**109**
Sources of capital funding:		
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	0	0
Development and financial contributions	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	7,951	23,693
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	0
Lump sum contributions	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0	0
Total sources of capital funding	**7,951**	**23,693**
Application of capital funding:		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand	5,177	12,252
- to improve the level of service	420	803
- to replace existing assets	2,500	10,748
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	**8,097**	**23,802**
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	**(146)**	**(109)**
Funding balance	**0**	**0**

Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that it may not have decision-making responsibility or funding for but recognises the value it will add to the local community.

The key initiatives that the local board advocated for as part of the annual plan were:

Initiative	Description
Park land at Avondale Racecourse	Buy significant park land in Avondale Racecourse as part of region-wide reprioritisation of funding.
Whau pool and recreation centre	Buy land to follow site identification to deliver the Whau pool and recreation centre by 2032, This benefit all the inner-west and Waitakere Ranges local board areas.
Te Whau Pathway	Build the bridge across the Whau River to connect the Avondale and New Lynn sections of Te Whau Pathway.
Cost pressures	Advocate for inflation and rates increases to fund rising costs. Many local boards will have to make major cuts to services to meet rising costs from 2026/2027 onwards. This could have a serious impact on our communities, with services getting worse each year.
Deed of Acknowledgement	Request that the Governing Body allocates funding and resources to complete the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Deed of Acknowledgement and a Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Strategic Plan in 2025/2026.
Te Kawerau ā Maki	Advocate for governing body support for Te Kawerau ā Maki's ability to navigate Auckland Council's regulatory processes more smoothly, by giving priority where reasonable and possible, to any administrative procedures that may arise between the two parties.

Appendix B: How to contact your local board

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

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For further information:

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