

Tahua ā-tau 2022/2023



Annual Budget 2022/2023




**Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea / Great Barrier
Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board**

**Volume
2
Extract**

Local Board Information and Agreements

Mihi

Noho mai rā Tāmaki Makaurau,
moana waipiata,
maunga kākārīki.
Mai i ngā wai kaukau o ngā tūpuna,
ki ngā puke kawē i ngā reo o te tini,
i puta ai te kī mōu.
Tū ana he maunga,
takoto ana he raorao,
heke ana he awaawa.
Ko ō wahapū te ataahua,
ō tāhuna te mahora,
te taiao e whītiki nei i a koe he taonga tuku iho.
Tiakina kia meinga tonu ai koe
ko 'te tāone taiooreore nui o te ao,
manakohia e te iwi pūmanawa'.
Tāmaki Mākaurau tirohia te pae tawhiti
he whakairinga tūmanako
mō ngā uri whakaheke o āpōpō,
te toka herenga mō te hunga ka takahi ake
mā ō tomokanga,
te piriti e whakawhiti ai
tō iwi ki ngā huarahi o te ora.
Tāmaki Mākaurau e toro whakamua,
hīkina te mānuka.
Tērā te rangi me te whenua te tūtaki.
Maranga me te rā, he mahi māu me tīmata,
ka nunumi ana ki te pō,
whakatārewahia ō moemoeā ki ngā whetū.
Ko te oranga mutunga mōu
kei tua i te taumata moana.
Whakatuwherahia ō ringa, kūmea mai k i tō uma.
Tāmaki Makaurau
he tāone ūmanga kurupounamu koe;
tukua tō rongō kia rere i te ao.

A lush green forest with a waterfall cascading into a pool of water. The waterfall is on the left side of the image, and the forest is dense with various types of trees and ferns. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding greenery. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**Tāmaki Makaurau
who bestrides shimmering seas,
and verdant mountains.
From the bathing waters of our forebears,
and hills that echo with voices
that acclaim.
Your mountains stand lofty,
your valleys spread from them
and your streams run freely.
Your harbours are majestic,
your beaches widespread,
the environment that surrounds you is a legacy.
Take care of it so that you will always be known
as ‘the world-class city
where talent wants to be’.
Tāmaki Makaurau looking to the future,
repository of our hopes
for generations to come,
anchor stone for those who venture
through your gateway,
and the bridge that connects
your citizens to life.
Tāmaki Makaurau moving on,
accepting all challenges.
Where even heaven and earth might meet.
Rise with the sun as there is work to be done
and when evening comes,
allow your dreams to glide among the stars.
Perpetual health and growth
is beyond the horizon of cresting waves.
Open your arms and pull them to your embrace.
Tāmaki Makaurau, you are a city
where valued business and enterprise thrives;
let your good name traverse the world.**

How this document is arranged

This document is an excerpt of Volume 2 of the Auckland Council Annual Budget 2022/2023. This is Auckland Council's plan for delivering services and building infrastructure during the 2022/2023 financial year, the second year of the council's 10-year Budget 2021-2031 (Long-term Plan or LTP).

Public consultation ran during February and March 2022. This involved feedback events across the Auckland region.

This plan was adopted by the Governing Body on 29 June 2022.



Volume

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Our annual plan for 2022/2023

Section One contains our plan for 2022/2023, including the climate action package, the impact of our budget challenges and ways of mitigation, plans to roll out the waste service standardisation, explanation of the rate changes, increased local board decision-making and information regarding Māori identity and wellbeing.

Section Two contains budgets for our key activities including the services, investment and savings planned to be delivered.

Section Three contains the financial overview for our organisation as a whole, key changes to rates and other fees, prospective financial statements for 2022/2023, rating policy overview, prospective funding impact statement and other key financial information.

Section Four contains information on The Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority.

Section Five outlines the structure of the council as well as ways to contact the council, a glossary of terms and the key word index.

Volume

2



Local board information and agreements

Section One provides information on local boards and a summary of their planned expenditure for 2022/2023.

Section Two contains a local board agreement (outlining local activity initiatives and budgets for 2022/2023) for each of the 21 local boards.

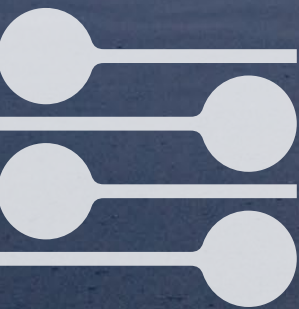
Section Three contains the allocation of Decision-making Responsibilities of Auckland Council's Governing Body and Local Boards Policy.

Section Four contains a glossary of terms and key word index.

Wāhanga tuatahi:

He whakarāpopoto mō ngā poari ā-rohe

Section one: Local board overview



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 discretionary funding such as community grants and events
- 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, comprising the Governing Body (made up of the mayor and 20 ward councillors) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision making on local issues, activities and services and providing 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 activities such as community engagement, preparing local board plans, agreeing and monitoring local board agreements and 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 decision-making responsibility for certain non-regulatory activities to local boards. Local boards make decisions on, and have oversight of, a broad range of local activities such as local parks, libraries, events, recreational facilities and community activities. Please see 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 delegate responsibility for some regulatory activities to local boards and Auckland Transport may delegate some decision-making responsibilities to local boards. Please see 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

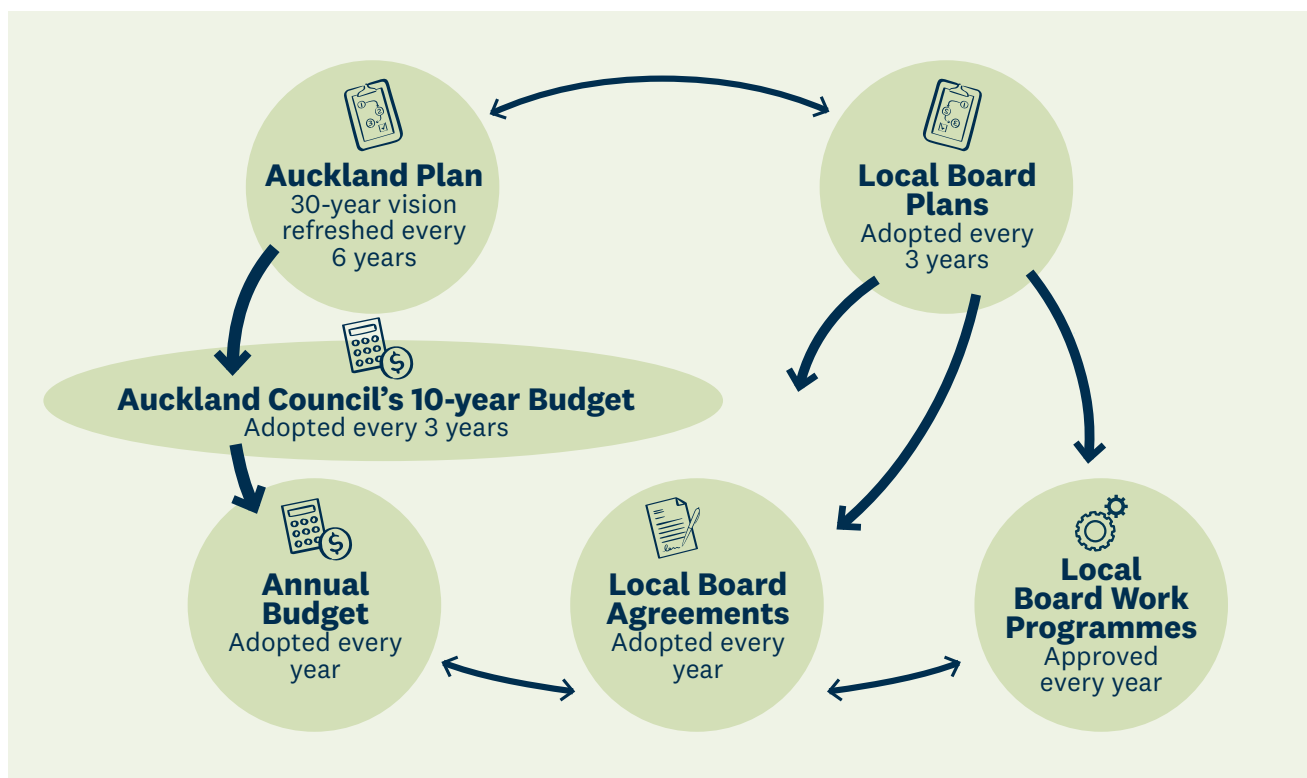
Local board plans are strategic documents that set the direction for local boards and also inform the 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan). Reflecting community priorities and preferences, the plans are developed every three years to guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also 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 2022/2023 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 the key initiatives and funding for each activity area for the 2022/2023 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, funding is allocated to local boards to deliver local services, through the following methods:

1. **Asset based services** – the Governing Body allocates funds to deliver local activities based on decisions about region-wide service levels. This includes allocation of funds for local asset based services, such as building a new swimming pool or library.
2. **Locally driven initiatives** – an allocation is based on a formula applied to each local board, with the exception of Aotea / Great Barrier and Waiheke Local Boards who agree funding requirements with the Governing Body on an annual basis.
3. **Governance services** – an allocation is based on the number of elected members and associated administrative costs for each local board.

The total planned expenditure for local activities across all 21 local boards over the 2022/2023 financial year is shown in following table below. The budgets for each local board are listed within the individual local board agreements in this volume.

Expenditure for all local board areas for 2022/2023 by local board

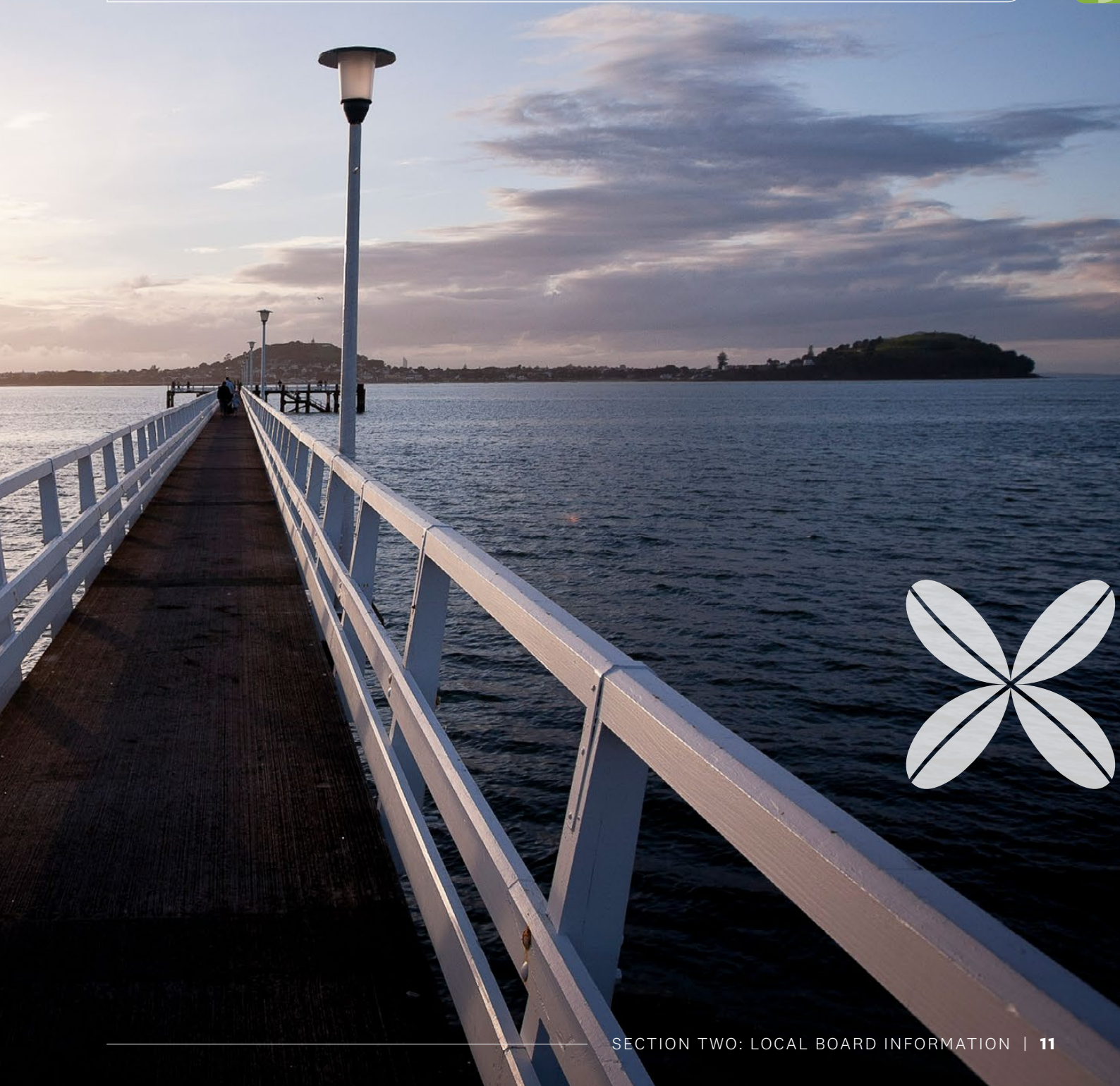
\$'000 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE	LTP 2021/2022	LTP 2022/23	ANNUAL PLAN 2022/23
Gross Capital Expenditure			
Albert-Eden	4,844	4,187	4,187
Devonport-Takapuna	5,650	4,731	4,935
Franklin	8,617	9,875	10,347
Great Barrier	254	632	591
Henderson-Massey	13,335	11,294	14,373
Hibiscus and Bays	7,670	12,723	19,078
Howick	5,616	5,691	6,464
Kaipātiki	9,662	7,359	6,870
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	5,329	4,618	4,403
Manurewa	4,716	2,093	2,093
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	6,738	6,615	7,898
Ōrākei	5,177	6,479	6,651
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	5,999	6,304	6,304
Papakura	5,503	3,658	3,483
Puketāpapa	1,101	1,635	1,635
Rodney	9,437	11,659	11,853
Upper Harbour	10,683	6,044	12,794
Waiheke	2,350	2,696	2,739
Waitākere Ranges	2,905	2,961	3,668
Waitematā	12,289	6,366	6,866
Whau	10,326	19,314	16,253
Capex Total	138,201	136,933	153,485

\$000 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE	LTP 2021/2022	LTP 2022/23	ANNUAL PLAN 2022/23
Gross Operating Expenditure			
Albert-Eden	17,394	17,782	14,265
Devonport-Takapuna	15,640	15,959	16,254
Franklin	15,667	16,091	16,323
Great Barrier	2,832	2,912	2,271
Henderson-Massey	29,524	30,258	30,798
Hibiscus and Bays	20,600	21,090	20,800
Howick	28,801	29,046	31,262
Kaipātiki	19,237	19,742	22,357
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	17,305	17,665	20,463
Manurewa	15,910	16,257	17,328
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	15,157	15,548	15,493
Ōrākei	14,092	14,462	14,562
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	19,130	19,539	22,623
Papakura	11,759	11,997	14,271
Puketāpapa	10,289	10,544	9,603
Rodney	17,681	18,163	15,005
Upper Harbour	13,583	13,881	14,240
Waiheke	7,662	7,846	6,037
Waitākere Ranges	9,497	9,822	11,087
Waitematā	29,155	29,826	30,822
Whau	15,310	15,749	14,369
Opex Total	346,225	354,179	360,233

Budgets include inflation, interest and depreciation, and exclude corporate overheads

Wāhanga tuarua:
He whakarāpopoto mō ngā poari ā-rohe

Section Two: Local board information



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea / Great Barrier

2.2 Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

Message from the Chair

Despite the upheavals of COVID-19, progress has been made on many projects and life has been incredibly active with plenty of online meetings.

We'd like to acknowledge our health trust, welfare group, education and emergency providers, and all environment and service industries for their outstanding work. Some key achievements over the year include the installation of the Aotea Learning Hub, the install of the Claris locky-dock electric bike charger, and the employment of a food resilience co-ordinator and community garden manager.

We've been honoured to work alongside mana whenua on the Tū Mai Taonga project, Caulerpa Brachypus response and marine protection. The hard mahi is humbling and we will continue to do what we can for future generations.

Thank you for having your say on the annual budget for financial year 2022/2023. We heard your feedback to focus on marine protection, environmental protection, water security, and community wellbeing initiatives. Therefore, we will be continuing our annual funding support for our community and environmental groups, and to work with mana whenua and the community on marine protection.

We are looking at some challenging conversations ahead with budget impacts from COVID-19, inflation and the war in Ukraine. Island resiliency is the focus of our three-year plan, and the challenges accentuate the importance of our aspiration.

Take care of yourselves in these changeable times.

Ngā mihi,



Izzy Fordham
Chairperson Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area



936 permanent residents
55% of residents are aged 50 years and older



Over **60%** of the island is Department of Conservation estate; **43%** of which is the Aotea Conservation Park

One of **11** places in the world to be designated a sanctuary by the International Dark-Sky Association

LEGEND

-  Local board office
-  Dept. of Conservation (DOC) Land
-  Road
-  Marae

Data sources: Council Growth model i11v6 (August 2020). Statistics New Zealand 2018 Census.

Local Board Plan outcomes

The Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2020 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area focusing on one outcome. The outcome in the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Plan is:

Ko te tino hia hia ki a manawaroa to tatou motu / Our island is resilient

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support this outcome and objectives through agreed activities in the 2022/2023 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated to it by the Governing Body, in accordance with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

Working with Māori

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

To meet this commitment, the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan provides the framework for Māori transformational shift outcomes, and the local board actively gives consideration to Māori in their local projects and initiatives. Examples of this include:

- identifying opportunities to work together to build strong relationships and share information with Māori through the iwi responsiveness project
- collaborating with iwi on projects such as the emergency water supply, Accessways and Linkages Plan and Spaces and Reserves Activation Plan
- taking opportunities to create a Māori identity in our parks and facilities through actions such as naming or renaming them and sharing stories about the area's heritage through interpretative signage.

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Agreement 2022/2023

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2022/2023 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area are set out below under each local activity.

Local community services

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.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$1.9 million and capital investment of \$2.7 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2022/2023 include:

- community grants funding to our health, welfare, arts, education, sustainability, and tourism organisations
- respond to Māori aspirations with the appointment of a local representative to allow for increased levels of participation in our relationship development and engagement on projects
- improving island food resilience by supporting the food resilience co-ordinator and community garden manager
- upgrades to our parks identified in the Village Activation Plan and completing an accessways and linkages plan
- supporting community efforts to address our housing challenges, including affordability and availability.

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following objectives in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan:

- mana whenua will prosper
- our community is resilient to the impacts of climate change
- our community groups are resilient
- we have sustainable tourism
- our island infrastructure is future-proofed
- smarter housing opportunities will be explored.

Levels of service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority. The level of service statement is in bold below.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	ACTUAL 2020/2021	LONG-TERM PLAN TARGET 2021/2022	ANNUAL PLAN TARGET 2022/2023
Provide safe, reliable, and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities			
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - day time	97%	92%	92%
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	86%	90%	90%
Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities			
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that are community led	74%	70%	70%
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goals	86%	45%	60%
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, beaches, recreation programmes, opportunities and facilitates to get Aucklanders more active, more often			
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	85%	70%	70%
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	84%	81%	81%

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	ACTUAL 2020/2021	LONG-TERM PLAN TARGET 2021/2022	ANNUAL PLAN TARGET 2022/2023
We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture			
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	25%	25%	25%
We fund, enable, and deliver services, programmes, and facilities (art facilities, community centres, hire venues, and libraries) that enhance identity, connect people, and support Aucklanders to participate in community and civic life			
The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks)	5,236	4,500	4,500
The percentage of local community services, programmes and facilities that are community led	New Measure	Set Baseline ¹	Set Baseline ¹
The percentage of arts, and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	100%	90%	90%
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	N/A	N/A	100% ²
The number of participants for local community services, programmes, and facilities	New Measure	Set Baseline ¹	Set Baseline ¹
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	-	-	14,000 ²
The number of visits to library facilities	13,776	13,000	13,000
The percentage of customers satisfied with quality of local community services, programmes, and facilities	New Measure	Set Baseline ¹	Set Baseline ¹
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	93%	85%	85%

1. Baselines and targets for these performance measures will be developed during the next few years.

2. The Great Barrier Island Community Heritage & Arts Village was funded by the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board and will be contributing to this performance measure going forward.

Local planning and development

Local planning and development include supporting local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$3,500.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2022/2023 include:

- build local capacity by supporting local procurement and the upskilling of local businesses, social enterprises and entrepreneurs
- support sustainable destination management by working with Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust and Destination Great Barrier Island on tourism initiatives
- completing an Area Plan to assist the transition from the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan into the Unitary Plan.

The local planning and development activity, including the key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following objectives in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan:

- mana whenua will prosper
- our local economy is strong, stable and sustainable
- we have sustainable tourism
- our island infrastructure is future-proofed.

Levels of service

There are no intended levels of services for this activity.

Local Environmental Management

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.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$ 244,000 and capital investment of \$615,000.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2022/2023 include:

- supporting water resilience programmes including drinking water and an emergency water supply
- encouraging riparian planting of our waterways through the Aotea awa restoration programme
- supporting community-led environmental groups including Oruawharo Medlands Ecovision, Ecology Vision and the Okiwi ecology programme
- funding a conservation advisor role to support community-led conservation and marine biosecurity programmes
- funding a construction and demolition waste advisor to work with builders and developers to improve site practices and minimise waste in the building sector.

The local environmental management activity and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following objectives in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan:

- our environment is protected and enhanced
- our community is resilient to the impacts of climate change
- we have marine protection and conservation around our coastline
- we reduce, reuse and recycle to achieve zero waste.

Levels of service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority. The level of service statement is in bold below.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	ACTUAL 2020/2021	LONG-TERM PLAN TARGET 2021/2022	ANNUAL PLAN TARGET 2022/2023
We work with Aucklanders to manage the natural environment and enable low carbon lifestyles to build resilience to the effects of climate change			
The percentage of local low carbon or sustainability projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	N/A	70%	N/A ³
The percentage of local water quality or natural environment improvement projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	N/A	80%	85%
The percentage of local waste minimisation projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	N/A	N/A	75% ⁴

3. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board is not intending to directly fund local low carbon or sustainability projects in 2022/2023, however the local board supports community-led programmes within the Local Community Services activity which contributes to low carbon and sustainability outcomes. These programmes are outside the scope of this performance measure.

4. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board is intending to fund local waste minimisation projects in 2022/2023

Local Governance

We support elected representatives across our 21 local boards to make well-informed decisions on local activities. This includes strategic advice and leadership in preparing local board plans and annual local board agreements (budgets) and work programmes. We lead engagement with communities, including mana whenua and Māori. We support their input into regional plans, policies, and strategies, and provide democracy and administrative services. We manage fora for elected members to explore, develop, advocate for, and manage issues of communal concern.

There is no performance measure for this activity.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$720,000.

Funding Impact Statement

This prospective funding impact statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 21(5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. It covers the year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and outlines the council's sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

\$000 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE	LONG-TERM PLAN 2021/2022	ANNUAL PLAN 2022/2023
Sources of operating funding:		
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties	3,256	2,515
Targeted rates	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	0	0
Fees and charges	0	0
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	2	2
Total operating funding	3,258	2,517
Applications of operating funding:		
Payment to staff and suppliers	2,758	2,168
Finance costs	72	75
Internal charges and overheads applied	425	249
Other operating funding applications	0	0
Total applications of operating funding	3,255	2,492
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	3	25
Sources of capital funding:		
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	0	0
Development and financial contributions	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	251	566
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	0
Lump sum contributions	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0	0
Total sources of capital funding	251	566
Application of capital funding:		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand	11	11
- to improve the level of service	14	14
- to replace existing assets	230	566
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	254	591
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	(3)	(25)
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 responsibilities or funding for in the annual budget but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

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

INITIATIVE	DESCRIPTION
Glenfern Sanctuary ranger	Glenfern Sanctuary became a regional park six years ago and the local board is seeking a review of the management agreement and operating model to ensure successful outcomes for our regional park. As a part of this review, the board is advocating for a NETR-funded onisland ranger to support the daily operations of the park.
Conservation Advisor	Aotea / Great Barrier is an ecologically significant island with a large proportion being a conservation park. The Conservation Advisor role works closely with mana whenua and Department of Conservation providing essential support for community-led conservation and marine biosecurity programmes. This role is currently joint funded by the local board and Environmental Services. The local board is advocating for the role to become fully supported through NETR funding.
Procurement	Auckland is looking at a number of economic, health and climate challenges. The Local Board Plan 2020 focus is to support island resilience in the face of these challenges. The local board is advocating for increased localism within council procurement processes to enable local employment, business development, and practical on-island operational and capital project delivery. Local procurement contracts and local supply sourcing will strengthen local resilience and mitigate travel carbon emissions.
Compliance support	The island has limited compliance monitoring based on-island. COVID-19 has highlighted a resilience gap for the island when staff were unable to travel and review or enforce council policy. The local board is advocating for support to hire and train island-based compliance monitoring staff.
Marine protection	The Tīkapa Moana Te Moananui-ā-Toi / Hauraki Gulf is in ecological decline. Mana whenua and the community are calling for urgent action to protect our coastal waters. The local board is advocating for government agencies to support the implementation of Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari initiatives, such as Ahu Moana, to protect our Hauraki Gulf.
Marine dumping	Mana whenua and community groups lead a successful court action to prevent marine dumping near our coastal waters. The local board is advocating for a policy change to prohibit marine dumping within the Hauraki Gulf. The board acknowledges that work has been progressed on this topic and seeks an update.
Public transport service for the island	Aotea has no on-island public transport service. Community members have requested a low-carbon public transport service to support the lowering of carbon emissions, provide improved safety, and increased independent connectivity for youth and elderly. Auckland Transport investigated public transport service options for the local board, however the projected costs were prohibitive. The local board is advocating for staff support to assist any investigations into community-led public transport initiatives.
Claris council building low carbon micro-grid	The local board acknowledges and thanks everyone involved for the completion of our 'one local initiative' to establish a renewable energy micro-grid for the Claris council buildings in 2019. The local board is advocating for continued futureproofing of this micro-grid to include the Claris Airport renewable energy system, emergency water supply system and to provide public electric vehicle charging facilities alongside the electric bike charging unit.
Road sealing	Aotea has a number of unsealed roads. Climate change has exacerbated the issue of dust affecting the health and wellbeing of the community and ecology. Auckland Transport has recently sealed Puriri Bay Rd through its new unsealed road framework. The local board acknowledges Auckland Transport for this work and advocates for continued investment on unsealed road renewals with the ultimate goal of sealing these roads.
Dark Sky Sanctuary	Aotea / Great Barrier Island was declared an International Dark Sky Sanctuary in 2017. The local board supports the continued efforts of Auckland Transport and Auckland Council to ensure the protection of our International Dark Sky Sanctuary status by ensuring low-level night street and signage lighting across the neighbouring regional areas.
Visitor levy	Aotea / Great Barrier Island has an increased level of local tourism since COVID-19 which may continue for some time. The local board is also closely following Rakiura / Stewart Island with their experience of a visitor levy. With the Destination Management Plan nearing completion and as new information on various visitor levies emerge, the local board is advocating for continued staff support to investigate a potential visitor levy to respond to the impacts of tourism.
Retaining funding for the LB's Transport Capital Funds	Aotea is a small, isolated island with unique transport needs. It has no public transport, no traffic lights, and shared roads. Its uniqueness makes it challenging to align with regional priority matrixes. The Local Board Transport Capital fund is a vital budget allowing for tailored improvements to local transport infrastructure. The board is advocating to retain this funding for the coming years.

Appendix B: How to contact your Local Board

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



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