

Ta mahere ā rohe o Puketāpapa 2023

Puketāpapa Local Board Plan 2023





Mihi

Tēnei au te noho atu nei
i te kāhiwi o Waikōwhai ki te uru.
Ka mihi iho au ki raro ki te ākau o Manukau
moana,
he taunga kawau tiketike, te eke ki te tāhuna
tōrea.
Ka huri whakateraki aku kamo,
ka kite atu au i te ara hou e kokoti mai rā i taku
manawa
me te Ahikāroa o Rakataura,
kia tae au ki Te Tāpapakanga a Hape
ka hoki mai anō taku hā,
kei reira nei hoki kō Pukewīwī.
Ka kite kau atu au i te remu o Ōwairaka,
ka hoki whakararo ano ōku whakaaro
ki Te Tātua o Riu ki Uta
e tu ārai mai rā mōku i te whitinga mai o te rā.
Kei tua ki te raki, ko te Puku o te Tipua nei o
Tāmaki Makaurau,
kei raro ko te Onehunga.
Kātahi au ka hoki mā te Kāhiwi Pūpuke
kia ū atu anō au ki a koe Waikōwhai.
I kona ka tau aku mihi,
ka eke, kua eke, hui e, taiki e!

Here I sit
on the western ridge overlooking Waikōwhai.
I send my greetings below to the shores of the
Manukau Harbour,
landing place of visiting cormorant on the domain
of the oystercatcher.
My gaze turns northward,
along the new path that cuts through the heart
of the ancient fire-line of Rakataura,
that takes me to Hape's repose,
to Pukewīwī
where I can catch my breath.

Hemmed in by Ōwairaka to the north,
my thoughts turn south
to Te Tātua o Riu ki Uta – Three Kings,
my boundary to the east.
Beyond lies the Central Business District
and to the south, Onehunga.
From here I follow the ridgeline that is
Hillsborough
till I am back at Waikōwhai.
And, there my greetings rest,
we are bound, it is done!

Ngā upoko kōrero

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair



The last few years have been pretty tough for our communities. The COVID-19 pandemic brought new challenges to people, affecting how they live, work and play. A lot of this disruption has passed, but the financial impacts have lingered.

The recent weather events have also been devastating to many of our communities, with our area being worse hit than most. However, from this hardship we saw the strength, resilience and kindness of our people. This is something we need to preserve and support.

The Puketāpapa Local Board area is unique and super diverse. I love that I can walk down the road and see people from all around the world. It is the diversity of our people and their connection to this place that makes Puketāpapa so special.

We need to preserve this as we respond to our rapidly growing neighborhoods. The neighbourhoods of Roskill, Wesley, Wāikowhai and Three Kings are going to see massive growth. So we need to make sure these are well planned and that these communities feel included, supported and connected.

Mana whenua have collaborated with us over many years to create key strategies, which will help us guide the urban development of Kāinga Ora and other developers. These strategies will also help us achieve positive environmental outcomes for our rivers and the Manukau Harbour.

We have seen the impacts of climate change in our recent damaging weather events. We also know that our well-planned river catchments helped contain the flow of water, which avoided further damage. We are investing in climate change work in a number of areas, including encouraging more active modes of transport.

It is so important that we work together to face the challenges ahead, but also to act on the opportunities as they arise. We will be working hard to advocate for the investment in our area due to the growth. Like the recreational assets, open space and Cameron Pools and other economic investments needed to help Puketāpapa community to thrive.

As you read this plan, you will see that the main focus is our growing neighborhoods as it's so important that we get that right.

Ngā mihi,

Ella Kumar
Chair, Puketāpapa Local Board

He aronga poto ki tā mātou mahere

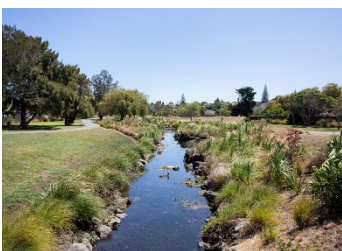
Our plan at a glance



Three Kings Reserve event

Our people

Vision: Our people are thriving and have a strong sense of connection to Puketāpapa and its range of multi-cultural communities. Te ao Māori is valued and reflected in the rohe.



Oakley Creek, in Walmsley Park

Our environment

Vision: Our natural environment is valued and cared for, and people feel a sense of connection with local parks, rivers and the harbour. Climate resilience is front of mind and our people can live in environmentally sustainable ways.



Mt Roskill Library

Our community

Vision: Our communities have the places and activities that enhance their lifestyles. There is strong local leadership, with resilient, safe and supportive communities, particularly through times of change and challenge.



Freeland Reserve upgrades

Our places

Vision: Our changing neighbourhoods are well-designed, creating places that are safe, accessible and inviting. Transport systems are safe and accessible, and cater for all, including walking, cycling, as well as private and public transport.



Wesley Market

Our economy

Vision: Puketāpapa thrives as a desirable place for business where people can work and shop locally. Businesses and events contribute to both economic growth and vibrancy, embracing the richness that comes from our varied backgrounds and talents.



He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 Governing Body members) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local matters, activities and services and for providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

We make decisions on local matters such as:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- supporting local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

Higher inflation and the cost of borrowing money has pushed up the cost of providing these services. We will need to address these challenges in the local board plan, which means doing things differently and prioritising where we spend.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area reflecting community aspirations and priorities, and guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- local board input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies, including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans are inclusive and connected; they don't operate in isolation. They support:

- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term
- the council's annual budget – funding for the coming financial year of the 10-year budget.

Each local board adopts an agreement that sets local budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets for each financial year. Details of projects, budgets and timelines are outlined in annual work programmes. Progress is reported quarterly and communicated to our communities.



Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

Developing our plan

Our draft plan was developed with careful consideration of previous community feedback on the 2020 local board plan, feedback through annual budget consultations and other pieces of feedback such as results from the Peoples Panel Surveys.

During July and August 2023, we consulted on the draft plan to hear your thoughts on how the plan reflected your needs and aspirations over the next three years, seek your feedback on which objectives were most important to you and to find out how we could better meet our Māori Outcome and climate action aspirations.

We engaged with our communities across the local board area. The issues and priorities you raised with us through these interactions have helped us finalise this plan.



Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

Carrying out our plan

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the local board and the wider council family such as Auckland Transport. To deliver on the local board plan, we will:

- prioritise budgets to focus on the initiatives in the plan
- make the best use of local assets such as community centres, libraries and parks
- set direction for the council staff who deliver the projects and services
- work with various community groups and partners, to deliver projects and services.
- make decisions that are in line with Auckland’s commitment to climate action and emissions reduction.

Where important projects in local areas are beyond available funding or decision making, our role is to advocate to other decision-makers to ensure they are aware of community views and the local board’s support for them.










Te Rohe ā-Poari o Puketāpapa

Puketāpapa Local Board area



LEGEND

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



Kapahaka performance at Puketāpapa maunga

Ngā huanga Māori

Māori outcomes

Māori identity and culture are Auckland’s unique point of difference in the world. Whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori communities aspire to have healthy and prosperous lives and have defined the outcomes that are most important to Māori. Māori outcomes are the way Auckland Council supports Māori aspirations.

Māori outcomes respond to Auckland Council’s legislative obligations and to extensive engagement with Auckland’s Māori communities.

The Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau framework outlines ten priority areas that support and progress these aspirations and has been adopted by Council as the way to deliver outcomes for Māori. These priority areas are:

Kia ora te kāinga – Papakāinga and Māori housing

Kia ora te marae – Marae development

Kia ora te ahurea – Māori identity and culture

Kia ora te rangatahi – Realising rangatahi potential

Kia ora te hononga – Effective Māori participation

Kia ora te whanau – Whānau and tamariki wellbeing

Kia ora te reo – Te reo Māori

Kia ora te umanga – Māori business, tourism and employment

Kia ora te taiao – Kaitiakitanga

Kia hāngai te Kaunihera – An empowered organisation

Local board plans are an important way to deliver for Māori at a local level. This section of the plan outlines the Māori outcomes addressed in this plan.



Our area

The significant natural landscapes within the Puketāpapa Local Board area are:

- the Tūpuna Maunga of Te Tātua-a-Riukiuta /Big King and Puketāpapa/Pukewīwī/Mt Roskill. These are co-governed by the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Authority.
- Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek which is one of Auckland’s longest urban streams, flowing from Hillsborough through Mt Roskill, Owairaka and Waterview to the Waitematā Harbour.
- The Waikōwhai Coast and Manukau Harbour.

In Puketāpapa, Māori number around six per cent of the population, compared with 12 per cent for the whole of Auckland. Most of these residents will be mataawaka (Māori who whakapapa to a different area). Some will be mana whenua (Māori who have a tribal connection to this rohe).

Mana whenua

These mana whenua groups have connections to this area:

- Ngāti Whātua (Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei)
- Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua, Te Ahiwaru
- Ngāti Paoa, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā
- Waikato-Tainui.

The local board has a relationship agreement with Ngāti Tamaoho which identifies these areas of common interest: maunga (mountains), water, harbour and coastal margins, toi Māori (arts), engagement, housing.

Key projects and matters of interest to mana whenua

The local board has partnered with mana whenua on a number of key projects:

1. Integrated Area Plan for parts of Puketāpapa and Albert-Eden Local Boards (2022)

This plan provides a framework that responds to the rapid growth and development in the suburbs of Mt Roskill, Ōwairaka, Sandringham, Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings over the next 30 years. It is based on partnership with the following mana whenua:

- Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei
- Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua, Te Ahiwaru
- Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Te Patukirikiri

2. Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek He Rautaki Puna Ora o Te Auaunga - Vision and Restoration Strategy for the Upper Catchment (2016)



Te Auaunga is the longest urban awa in the Auckland isthmus and it flows from between Te Tātua a Riukiuta/Three Kings Mountain and Puketāpapa/Mt Roskill through a series of open parks and reserves, and north into the Waitematā Harbour. The awa is a site of great cultural significance to Māori who are connected to the waterway.

The strategy was developed in partnership with the following mana whenua:

- Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei
- Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua.

3. Wairaki Catchment Strategy (2022)

The Wairaki Stream is on the northern coastline of the Manukau Harbour. The stream’s headwaters are behind the Lynfield town centre and it flows to an outfall at Lynfield Cove.

The strategy was developed in partnership between the Puketāpapa Local Board and mana whenua, with input from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Ngāti Tamaoho and Te Ākitai Waiohua.

The Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau outcomes that will be addressed in this plan:

Alignment with Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau outcome	Local board plan objective	Local board plan key activities
Kia ora te hononga – Effective Māori participation	Our people: Mana whenua and the local board work on areas of mutual interest	Invest in our relationships with the iwi and hapu who have interests in our area
	Our environment: Improve the mauri of awa, the harbour, open spaces and ngāhere of Puketāpapa.	Continue to work with mana whenua in their role as kaitiaki on implementing the Te Auaunga restoration strategy, such as the tohu marker project
Kia ora te ahurea – Māori identity and culture	Our people: Te Ao Māori is understood and reflected in Puketāpapa	Support events that celebrate Māori identity and culture
	Our community: Our investment in parks, facilities and programmes is focussed on growing neighbourhoods, with a focus on Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings suburbs	Continue to incorporate and promote Māori design principles, as facilities and open spaces are renewed
	Our community: Te Ao Māori is reflected in our parks and facilities	Use Te Reo Māori in signage, and tell stories of the Māori cultural landscape where possible
	Our places: The growing neighbourhoods of Roskill, Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings are well planned, built and serviced	Encourage housing developers to increase the visibility of Māori identity in the area



Kia ora te taiao –
Kaitiakitanga

<p>Our people: Te ao Māori is understood and reflected in Puketāpapa</p>	<p>Deliver and advocate for a reflection of Te Ao Māori in the landscape, as identified by mana whenua in the Integrated Area Plan and Te Auaunga tohu (marker) project</p>
<p>Our places: The growing neighbourhoods of Roskill, Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings are well planned, built and serviced</p>	<p>Work with urban developers to ensure they are guided by the Integrated Area Plan, Te Auaunga strategies and Te Tāruke ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan</p>
<p>Our environment: Improve the mauri of awa, the harbour, open spaces and ngāhere of Puketāpapa.</p>	<p>Support projects that implement the restoration strategies of Te Auaunga, and the Wairaki catchments</p> <hr/> <p>Support investigation into the naturalisation of the upper reaches of the Whau River</p> <hr/> <p>Continue to support the Manukau Harbour Forum</p>
<p>Our environment: Access to indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is managed to promote enjoyment while protecting vulnerable ecosystems</p>	<p>Continue to work with mana whenua in their role as kaitiaki on implementing the Te Auaunga restoration strategy, such as the tohu marker project</p> <hr/> <p>Support and advocate for projects in rapidly growing neighbourhoods that increase the resilience of the biodiversity in open spaces and ngahere e.g. pest control</p> <hr/> <p>Continue to implement actions from the Puketāpapa Ngahere Action Plan 2021, which aligns with the regional Urban Ngahere Strategy</p>



People weeding and planting to restore stream at Walmsley Park

Te Tāruke ā-Tāwhiri

Climate action

In 2019 Auckland Council declared a climate emergency and in 2020 adopted Auckland's climate plan, Te Tāruke ā-Tāwhiri. Meeting the goals set out in this plan means taking ambitious action to reduce emissions and to adapt to a changing climate.

Local Boards have an important role to play in leading and supporting Auckland's response to the climate emergency, including supporting regional climate plan initiatives, integrating climate awareness into all decisions, including community investment.

Puketāpapa Local Board's 'Becoming a Low Carbon Community' Action Plan provides a transition pathway which includes a number of medium-term targets and action areas. The action plan was developed prior to Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland Climate Plan but remains largely applicable. This plan needs to be implemented by the whole community, but the local board will support its implementation, in areas such as funding, leadership, partnership, advocacy, promotion of initiatives, monitoring of impact.

Challenges and opportunities

Impacts from climate change were assessed recently as part of Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan with areas adjacent to Walmsley Park, Keith Hay Park and the upper Oakley Creek catchment found to be vulnerable to flooding.



The floods and cyclone of 2023 have had a significant effect in the area, highlighting the need for significant climate action by everyone. In these crises, we saw a significant local community response. This demonstrated that local connections and community cohesion are key to building resilience to climate challenges, as well as encouraging a more sustainable way of life

Sea level rise also creates an increasing coastal inundation risk to low-lying coastal areas. This may result in coastal erosion or slope instability. In some areas, this poses a risk to coastal assets such as those providing access e.g. the Waikōwhai boardwalk was damaged and closed by landslides. Auckland Council's shoreline adaptation plans will work with mana whenua, communities and the local board to look at how we manage the increasing coastal hazard risk to Auckland Council's assets into the long-term future.

Average canopy cover is currently at 20 per cent, above the minimum target of 15 per cent from the Urban Ngāhere Strategy and above the urban Auckland average of 18 per cent. This high percentage is concentrated in public open spaces and on the coast. Further work is needed in the remaining areas, especially in the road space.

1. Key climate related challenge - Rapid urban growth

Plans for high density development in our area by both public and private developers will bring significant population growth. This will require a major shift in ways of living for many residents.

The way these developments are planned, designed and constructed needs to respond to climate change by having a lower carbon footprint in construction, being resilient to extreme weather events, and setting up their new inhabitants to have lower carbon lifestyles.

Rapid growth needs to be managed well that so there is enough safe infrastructure (e.g. wide footpaths), services, (e.g. public transport) and amenities (e.g. green space). It could mean positive outcomes for the community and environment through more active lifestyles and reduced carbon emissions.

The challenge of urban development also brings opportunities, e.g. external funding for amenities such as trees and parks. It also provides an opportunity to reconfigure services in a way that gives people options for shopping locally and travelling less often.

2. Key climate related challenge – Transport

Many parts of the local board area are not well serviced by public transport and some areas often have capacity issues.

While there are long-term plans to provide more public transport infrastructure it is unlikely to be in time to service short- to medium-term population growth. This reduces the community's ability to choose options other than private vehicles, which are Auckland's highest single source of emissions.

We can continue to grow the use of public transport and active transport options such as walking and cycling. This will reduce transport carbon emissions and support sustainable high density living, as well as wellbeing benefits.

As Kāinga Ora develops the area, we will look for opportunities to partner with them to enhance the cycling and walking network and promote the use of e-bikes and other climate friendly initiatives.

Other climate related challenges – understanding what action to take

There is a general lack of knowledge about what kind of climate action is provides the highest benefits for the people based on their situation. The cost-of-living increases can affect people's abilities to make

climate friendly choices if they are more expensive. We will continue to use community hubs as a place for climate advice and action, e.g. our local library has climate friendly home energy audit toolkits available.

The key objectives/initiatives that will our support climate goals in this plan:

Challenges and opportunities	Local board plan objective	Local board plan key activities
Rapid urban growth	Our people: Communities of greatest need are a focus for support	Support communities to connect within their neighbourhoods and communities that they belong to e.g. through Neighbours Day
		Support communities to be more prepared for extreme weather events by increasing local neighbourhood connections e.g by supporting community groups that responded to the 2023 floods
	Our Environment: Improve the mauri of awa, the harbour, open spaces and ngāhere of Puketāpapa.	Support and advocate for projects in rapidly growing neighbourhoods that increase the resilience of biodiversity in open spaces, awa and ngāhere
	Our Environment: Access to indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is managed to promote enjoyment while protecting vulnerable ecosystems	Continue to implement actions from the Puketāpapa Ngāhere Action Plan 2021, which aligns with the regional Urban Ngāhere Strategy
	Our community: Enable strong local leaders and networks, that are resilient and support one another	Support communities and groups to connect and collaborate, increasing capacity across the neighbourhood e.g. through the Puketāpapa Community Network and other key partners
	Our places: The growing neighbourhoods of Roskill, Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings are well planned, built and serviced	Work with urban developers to ensure they are guided by the Integrated Area Plan and Te Auaunga Restoration Strategy
	Our Places: Growth and development cater for severe weather events and enhances the natural environment	Support local projects that increase stormwater resilience to extreme weather events





Transport	Our environment: People live more environment and climate friendly and healthy lifestyles	Support community-led transport initiatives, which promote more active modes of travel such as walking, cycling and public transport e.g. the Roskill bike hub and cycling haven project.
	Our places: A range of safe and accessible transport options that are easy to find and use	Support initiatives that make public transport more safe and accessible e.g. with bus shelters
		Continue to implement the Puketāpapa Greenways paths/cycling plan, where possible and promote its use
		Support walking/cycling safety and community bike repair programmes
		Support opportunities to provide secure bike parking
	Support the installation of more street trees/landscaping to improve the walking experience, provide shade and rain protection	
Climate action education	Our environment: People live more climate friendly and healthy lifestyles	Support carbon reduction and climate action support programmes for businesses, households, and neighbourhoods
		Use existing community hubs, such as the library, to increase community understanding of climate change and promote local climate action initiatives.
	Our community: People help shape decisions and investment in their community	Support communities to express their views in decision-making, e.g. through submissions on transport, climate and alcohol policies
	Our economy: Businesses that are more environmentally friendly	Work with business groups so they understand the climate crisis and what they can do



Families at Carols at the Kings, Three Kings Reserve

Ō Tātou Tāngata

Our people

Vision: Our people are thriving and have a strong sense of connection to Puketāpapa and its range of multi-cultural communities. Te ao Māori is valued and reflected in the rohe.

Māori were the first people in Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland, and the local board acknowledges their role as kaitiaki (guardians). We would like Te Ao Māori (the Māori world) to be well understood by our communities and for Te Reo Māori to be reflected in the landscape. We aim to build on our mana whenua relationships so that Māori aspirations and priorities are understood and responded to.

Our cultural diversity is part of what makes Puketāpapa so special; in fact, it is the most culturally diverse area of Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland. Most of our people are Asian, which includes Indian, Chinese and other Asian communities, but there are over a hundred other cultures too. More than half of our residents were born overseas. All these people bring a wealth of experience, but some need support as settling into the area.

Our communities are diverse in many ways, including disability, and we aim to be inclusive and accommodating to all people. For example, the Central Auckland Specialist School, which caters for students with complex needs, is expanding and moving into a high growth area. We will need to ensure that our facilities are accessible for the disabled community.

It is important to preserve our inclusive and connected communities, particularly in areas of high urban intensification.



The range of cultures and backgrounds brings a unique strength. There is a great opportunity to incorporate different ways of doing things. We saw this as communities responded to the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle. Let's continue to support our communities to be leaders and prioritise our community partners with work that supports resilience and recovery.

The cost-of-living and climate crises present challenges for our people, but also for Auckland Council. We need to make some hard choices about budget spending, so will focus support on the communities that need it the most. At the same time, we will look for ways to improve the wellbeing of our people, so they have great opportunities for activity and connection.

Challenges

- Rapidly changing local neighbourhoods will put pressure on existing communities, networks and facilities.
- The cost of living limits the choices in many areas of life including, work, recreation and wellbeing.

Opportunities

- Diverse communities bring a range of experiences and ideas, which can strengthen local communities.
- Auckland Council and others can deliver on the Integrated Area Plan and the Te Auaunga strategies, which were developed in partnership with mana whenua and reflect Māori aspirations

Our Plan

What we want to achieve (Objectives)	What we will deliver in the next 3 years (Key initiatives)
Mana whenua and the local board work on areas of mutual interest	Invest in our relationships with the iwi and hapu who have interest in our area
Te Ao Māori is understood and reflected in Puketāpapa	Deliver and advocate for a reflection of Te Ao Māori in the landscape, as identified by mana whenua in the Integrated Area Plan and Te Auaunga tohu (marker) project Support events that celebrate Māori identity and culture
Cultural diversity is proudly celebrated in Puketāpapa	Support the Welcoming Communities project which supports newcomers to the area Support initiatives that build on the strengths of our multicultural communities Provide programmes that cater for women only spaces



People have access to opportunities that improve their wellbeing	Progress the kai, wai and active movement actions from the local board's health action plan
	Promote the benefits of diverse play opportunities, active recreation, sport and exercise offered by Sport Auckland
	Invest in a sport and recreation facilities plan for Puketāpapa that highlights the needs of our growing and diverse community
Communities of greatest need are a focus for support	Support communities to connect within their neighbourhoods and communities that they belong to e.g. through Neighbours Day
	Support communities to be more prepared for extreme weather events by increasing local neighbourhood connections e.g. by supporting community groups that responded to the 2023 floods

Advocacy

We will advocate to:

- Kāinga Ora and other developers to:
 - reflect Te Ao Māori in their urban developments
 - retain and enhance community cohesion and local leadership.
- Governing Body for continued funding for regional sport, recreation and events such as the Auckland Cultural Festival and Matariki
- The District Licensing Committee to consider the effect of liquor license applications on communities of greatest need when the local board is providing feedback.
- Identification of external funding for diverse communities from central government departments such as the Department of Internal Affairs.
- Foundation North to provide funding for diverse communities.



Tai Chi at Roskill Youth Zone



Oakley Creek running through Walmsley Park

Tō Tātou Taiao

Our environment

Vision: Our natural environment is valued and cared for, and people feel a sense of connection with local parks, rivers and the harbour. Climate resilience is front of mind and our people can live in environmentally sustainable ways.

The Puketāpapa Local Board area has been heavily urbanised in the past 150 years, with 75 per cent of land converted to urban or industrial use. Approximately nine per cent of the original native vegetation which remains is mostly located along waterways and the Waikōwhai coast of the Manukau Harbour. These coastal areas have an extensive track network but, sadly, much of this was badly damaged in the 2023 floods.

There is large-scale housing development planned and underway throughout the local board area. This puts pressure on our remaining natural spaces but also provides an opportunity to improve our stormwater systems and other networks. Our network of parks, open spaces and the urban ngahere (tree cover) provide a raft of environmental benefits such as ‘soaking up’ the carbon in the atmosphere, making space for water during flood events and supporting biodiversity. These natural spaces are also important for activity, connection, relaxation and play.



The local board has developed two strategies with mana whenua that are important tools for environmental protection:

- Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek He Rautaki Puna Ora o Te Auaunga - Vision and Restoration Strategy for the Upper Catchment strategy: this aims to integrate mātauranga Māori and environmentally sustainable practices to restore the mauri of Te Auaunga so it becomes a thriving, flowing creek in a green corridor that is treasured and respected for generations to come
- Wairaki Catchment Strategy: The vision for the catchment is to work together to celebrate and enhance the health and wellbeing of the Wairaki stream catchment and its community. The strategy seeks to strongly integrate mātauranga Māori approaches with western scientific methods

From this work, it is clear that the preservation of mauri (life force) of waterways such as Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek, and the Manukau Harbour, is a priority to mana whenua. There are numerous approaches to this, such as large-scale stormwater/stream restoration projects, and the Central Interceptor. The key driver for these projects is stormwater management, but there are huge environmental and social benefits too. The Walmsley and Underwood Parks are a great example of how attractive and well used shared paths can be.

The Manukau Harbour is one of the most important shorebird areas in Aotearoa supporting a variety of species, which rely on the harbour for feeding and roosting. The harbour also has international significance for migratory shore and seabirds as part of the East Asia-Australasian Flyway.

There are also many smaller projects where volunteers go out day after day to improve and protect the environment. We are grateful to the efforts of these environmental groups, such as Friends of Oakley Creek, for their mahi. This sense of connection to the environment is key to people's protection of it. We have seen that the climate in Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland is changing, with extreme weather events becoming more common and severe. We can slow this change by reducing our carbon emissions and we can prepare for the impacts of climate change by strengthening the resilience of our communities and the environment.

We need to think about how our neighbourhoods are designed, so people don't need to travel; they can live, work and play locally. We also need to move around in more environmentally friendly ways, such as walking or cycling. Fortunately, this is also great for our health and wellbeing. We will support community and business networks to educate and build awareness about how to adopt a more environmentally sustainable, low carbon way of living.

Challenges

- Managing the impacts on the environment from rapid housing intensification on our parks, stormwater, awa and harbour.
- Our diverse communities can have a limited understanding and ability to respond to environmental challenges such as the climate crisis.



Opportunities

- With urban growth comes opportunities to improve water infrastructure and to increase the urban ngahere (forest).
- Continue to enhance our natural resources, such as the Manukau Harbour, Waikōwhai coastal forest and Te Auaunga.

Our Plan

What we want to achieve (Objectives)	What we will deliver in the next 3 years (Key initiatives)
Improve the mauri of awa, the harbour, open spaces and ngāhere of Puketāpapa	<p>Support projects that implement the restoration strategies of Te Auaunga, and the Wairaki catchments</p> <hr/> <p>Support investigation into the naturalisation of the upper reaches of the Whau River</p> <hr/> <p>Continue to support the Manukau Harbour Forum</p>
Access to indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is managed to promote enjoyment while protecting vulnerable ecosystems	<p>Continue to work with mana whenua, in their role as kaitiaki, on the implementation Te Auaunga restoration strategy, such as the tohu marker project</p> <hr/> <p>Support and advocate for projects in rapidly growing neighbourhoods that increase the resilience of biodiversity in open spaces, awa and ngahere e.g. pest control</p> <hr/> <p>Continue to implement actions from the Puketāpapa Ngahere Action Plan 2021, which aligns with the regional Urban Ngahere Strategy</p>
People live more environment and climate friendly and healthy lifestyles	<p>Fund and support volunteer groups focused on local environmental restoration and protection carbon reduction and climate action programmes for businesses, households and neighbourhoods that reduce carbon emissions</p> <hr/> <p>Support community-led carbon reduction initiatives, particularly in the areas of food, energy and active transport</p> <hr/> <p>Use existing community hubs, such as the library, to increase community understanding of climate change and promote local climate action initiatives.</p> <hr/> <p>Support community-led transport initiatives, which promote more active modes of travel such as walking, cycling and public transport e.g. the Roskill bike hub and cycling haven project.</p>

Advocacy

We will advocate to:

- Kāinga Ora and other developers for
 - Building climate resilient homes using low-carbon methods
 - enabling new residents to live lower-carbon lifestyles e.g. advanced digital connectivity and electric and active transport
 - projects that increase the resilience of the biodiversity in open spaces and ngahere and other environmental outcomes e.g. nature-based solutions for stormwater, biodiversity
 - play opportunities within new developments, as this could reduce the need for people to drive elsewhere to access play spaces
 - tree protection
- The Governing Body for
 - Funding in the council's 10-year Budget for further naturalisation of Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek and Wairaki catchment and an increase to the urban ngahere (tree cover)
 - the development of Blue Green Spatial Network plans, that support the preservation and enhancement of natural assets (such as streams and wetlands) that will create greater resilience to flooding, improve water quality and maintain/enhance ecological connectivity
 - investment in the paths network
- continued advocacy for planning controls on how urban trees are assessed and protected Auckland Transport for investment in improved public transport and footpaths





Mt Roskill Library

Tō Tātou Hapori

Our community

Vision: Our communities have the places and activities that enhance their lifestyles. There is strong local leadership, with resilient, safe and supportive communities, particularly through times of change and challenge.

Community facilities and services are an important element to healthy communities. Auckland Council has an important role to play in the provision of these places and activities. However, with increasing financial challenges, we will have to make some difficult choices to prioritise what we can afford to build, maintain and run.

Some of our coastal assets, such as the Waikōwhai boardwalk, are vulnerable to changing weather patterns. Auckland Council's shoreline adaptation plans will look at how we manage the increasing coastal hazard risks.

Our investment in parks, facilities and programmes will need to focus on our higher need neighbourhoods which are being redeveloped to house more people (e.g. Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings). We also want to ensure that Monte Cecilia Park remains a well-used and valued destination and an icon for Puketāpapa.

Wesley Community Centre/Roskill Youth Zone is a vibrant community hub that provides a dedicated space for young people as well as a busy community market twice a week. Mt Roskill Library and the Cameron Pool and Leisure Centre in Keith Hay Park are also important community hubs where people come together for a range of active and passive opportunities.



We will be looking for more efficient ways to deliver services where we can. This may be possible through community partnerships, where we deliver services to the community out of community-owned buildings.

Puketāpapa has a varied parks network that caters for a range of uses. There are large parks with sporting facilities, coastal and ecological areas and smaller neighbourhood parks, many of which are connected by shared walking/cycling pathways. To date the local board has adopted 12 Te Reo Māori names to be used as dual names for parks including Wairaki/Lynfield Reserve, Pae-mohani/Manukau Domain and Pukekaroro/Hillsborough Reserve.

Our open spaces provide opportunities for both people and nature through green spaces that help to manage stormwater, improve air quality, mitigate climate change and enable recreation opportunities. Tohu (markers) are planned along the length of the awa to assist people in using the walking/cycling network.

We saw an incredible response from the community to support one another during the floods of 2023. This shows how important it is to foster local connections and leadership so that our communities are resilient to the effects of climate change.

Making Space for Water is one work programme within the proposed recovery plan and includes a range of proposed flood resilience activities.

The Council's Recovery Office is supporting community-led recovery after the storm events of 2023. Puketāpapa is part of an area that is a focus for support. For Puketāpapa this means there will be increased investment in coordinating residents and community organisations to provide information to and from the Recovery Office.

Challenges

- Auckland Council is facing significant budget challenges, over the next 10 years, compounded by recent weather events. This means that we will find it difficult to maintain our large and ageing portfolio of facilities. The bigger issue in Puketāpapa is providing, and then maintaining, any new facilities in our rapidly growing neighbourhoods.
- Barriers of culture and language can make it hard for Puketāpapa's super diverse community to access resources and to participate in decision-making.

Opportunities

- The current and future urban growth provides an opportunity to attract investment from other agencies, which deliver on long term plans for the future of the area.
- Build on the work of community and volunteers that has been seen in response to flooding, Covid-19 recovery and crime prevention.



Our Plan

What we want to achieve (Objectives)	What we will deliver in the next 3 years (Key initiatives)
Our investment in parks, facilities and programmes is focussed on growing neighbourhoods, with a focus on Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings suburbs	<p>Work with housing developers to ensure good future provision of facilities and open space in developing areas, which have affordable long term operational costs e.g. the Three Kings development</p> <p>Seek external funding opportunities to improve our neighbourhoods e.g. Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund</p> <p>Investigate how the community can access services and create connections through shared spaces.</p> <p>Investigate current community service and facility provision and, focusing on population growth, understand any gaps in provision.</p> <p>Support programmes that meet community needs and support leadership in our diverse communities</p> <p>Continue to incorporate and promote Māori design principles, as facilities and open spaces are renewed</p>
Our investment in parks and facilities is financially sustainable	<p>Investigate our facilities to see if there are opportunities to deliver services better and improve long-term operational costs</p> <p>Investigate the possibility for future community partnerships, where programmes are delivered from community owned facilities</p> <p>Develop a shoreline adaptation plan</p>
Te Ao Māori is reflected in our parks and facilities	Use Te Reo Māori in signage, and tell stories of the Māori cultural landscape where possible
Monte Cecilia Park is a well-used and valued destination and an icon for Puketāpapa	Investigate how to create a park and experience that more people visit and enjoy
People help shape decisions and investment in their community	<p>Support communities to express their views in decision-making, e.g. through submissions on transport, climate and alcohol policies</p> <p>Support key youth partners and initiatives</p>
Enable strong local leaders and networks that are resilient and support one another	Support communities and groups to connect and collaborate, increasing capacity across the neighbourhood e.g. through the Puketāpapa Community Network and other key partners

Advocacy

We will advocate to:

- Kāinga Ora and Fletcher Living to:
 - provide for future provision of physical and social infrastructure, including improvements to the parks and cycling/paths network, as guided by the Integrated Area Plan
 - support and foster existing community groups and networks
 - incorporate Māori design principles across all developments.
- The Governing Body to retain funding in the council's 10-year Budget for:
 - development of a new neighbourhood park at 3-7 Howell Crescent, Mt Roskill
 - Turner Reserve toilets
 - toilets at Three Kings Quarry
- Seek additional funding in the 10-year Budget for:
 - sports changing rooms at Three Kings Quarry
 - investigation into the need to develop Cameron Pool via a regional review of Auckland's Aquatic Network
 - maintenance of any new facilities built by Kāinga Ora in Roskill and Wesley.



Rangatahi playing at Turners Reserve



Freeland Reserve upgrades freshly completed

Ō Tātou Wāhi

Our places

Vision: Our changing neighbourhoods are well-designed, creating places that are safe, accessible and inviting. Transport systems are safe, reliable and accessible, and cater for all, including walking, cycling, as well as private and public transport.

The population of Puketāpapa is projected to grow by more than 50 per cent over the next 30 years. To plan for this, and guide investment, the local board has developed an Integrated Area Plan. This responds to the work that the government housing agency, Kāinga Ora, is doing.

The plan is focussed on the neighbourhoods of Roskill, Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings suburbs. Kāinga Ora's development provides an opportunity to ensure new neighbourhoods are well planned, built and serviced, and suit our communities changing lifestyles. Development also needs to be resilient to severe weather events and enhance the natural environment. Mana whenua supported the development of the Integrated Area Plan, and it reflects the following aspirations

- recognition of the status of mana whenua and their kaitiaki role, effective engagement and collaboration
- recognising and protecting natural landscapes, increased planting of native trees and plants, restoring the life force/mauri of the waterways, improving the water quality reaching Te Auaunga (Oakley Creek) and its receiving environments



- highlight the importance of the historical cultural landscape
- greater use of active transport modes and sustainable development.

Each of the Kāinga Ora neighbourhood development areas is at a different stage of development, so they pose different challenges and opportunities. Roskill has been built already so the focus now is on service provision. Wesley will start construction by end 2023 and it will take a few years to complete. Waikōwhai and Three Kings are in the planning stages. Another big developer, Fletcher Living, is currently building housing in the Three Kings Quarry area. Many more housing projects are planned there too. Large-scale retirement villages are also planned for in Puketāpapa.

Front of mind for the local board is ensuring that neighbourhoods are designed for people. They need to allow people to connect and build a sense of community. They also need to reflect our identity as a community. We want to see the stories of our communities in the landscape.

We urgently need to find ways to make the road network more efficient. Public transport and active transport options all help with this. Light rail would provide a welcome alternative to car use. Our urban design needs to include transport networks that have nodes, which can provide better travel options and neighbourhoods.

Cycling and walking offer multiple benefits to health and environment by reducing strain on the road network. It's important to motivate people to change the way they travel. Walking school buses, cycle repair and riding education can all help with this.

Challenges

- More infrastructure and services are needed to keep up with the rapid pace of large housing developments, which are bringing more people into the area.
- Communities need to be supported to safely adopt more active and public transport modes as neighbourhoods change.

Opportunities

- As schools in rapidly growing communities such as Wesley are being redeveloped, ways of working together to maximise benefits for school and surrounding communities can be explored.
- External agencies can bring funding for services that are needed to support their housing developments, such as parks, paths/cycle network, and include Māori design. The cycling project Puketapapa: a cycling haven (Ngā Tiriti ngahau) is an example of this kind of investment.



Our Plan

What we want to achieve (Objectives)	What we will deliver in the next 3 years (Key initiatives)
The growing neighbourhoods of Roskill, Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings are well planned, built and serviced	Work with urban developers to ensure they are guided by the Integrated Area Plan, Te Auaunga strategies and Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan and the Puketāpapa Urban Ngahere Action Plan 2021.
	Work with urban and school developers including larger private developers, Kāinga Ora and the Ministry of Education, to deliver well-functioning redeveloped neighbourhoods with sufficient access to affordable community services, facilities, parks and transport options
	Encourage housing developers to increase the visibility of Māori identity in the area
	Support community cohesion in rapidly changing neighbourhoods
	Prioritise our transport investment to align with Integrated Area Plan, which reflects these growth areas
Growth and development can respond to severe weather events and enhances the natural environment	Support local projects that increase stormwater resilience to extreme weather events
A range of safe and accessible transport options that are easy to find and use	Support initiatives that make public transport more safe and accessible e.g. with bus shelters
	Continue to implement the Puketāpapa Greenways paths/cycling plan, where possible and promote its use
	Support walking/cycling safety and community bike repair programmes
	Support opportunities to provide secure bike parking
	Support the installation of more street trees/ landscaping to improve the walking experience, provide shade and rain protection

Advocacy

We will advocate to:

- Kāinga Ora and Fletcher Living to:
 - continue using the Integrated Area Plan to guide housing development, so that neighborhoods are safe and accessible, have integrated walking, cycling networks that connect well with the existing public transport network, increase tree canopy cover, opportunities for sports, recreation and shade, and reflect Te Reo Māori in the landscape
 - design new housing to support sustainable living, such as:
 - fit-for-future digital connectivity
 - access to electric charging for vehicles, bikes and scooters



- ensuring sufficient space is provided within higher density housing for diverse cultural needs, including places to gather
- provisions of transitional parking while public transport is built
- develop flood and climate resilient infrastructure to minimise carbon emissions in construction and plant trees to store carbon and provide shade, in line with the Urban Ngahere Strategy
- Ministry of Education – to ensure that the growing neighbourhoods are well catered for
- Waka Kotahi
 - to ensure that any transport projects will integrate well into the existing transport network enhance the area e.g. the Denbigh Avenue roundabout
 - for the provision of footpaths/cycleway upgrades
- Auckland Transport
 - to invest in footpaths/cycling network, including by accelerating its footpath renewal programme in Puketāpapa
 - invest in street trees and improved public transport, particularly in growing neighbourhoods.
 - Retain the Local Board Transport Capital Fund and restore it to pre-COVID levels
 - Provide safety improvements at the Denbigh Roundabout
- Vector and Entrust - to seek more funding to underground powerlines to improve streetscapes, footpaths and increase resilience in which are being redeveloped to house more people



Street view of buses along Dominion Road



Wesley Market shopper checking out produce

Tā Tātou Ōhanga

Our economy

Vision: Puketapapa thrives as a desirable place for business where people can work and shop locally. Businesses and events contribute to both economic growth and vibrancy, embracing the richness that comes from our varied backgrounds and talents.

Puketāpapa's local economy is driven by wholesale trade and retail. Like businesses across Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland, many are still recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the weather events of 2023.

The area is home to many small businesses, which typically have only a handful of employees. Most of these employers are grounded in the area and play an important role in the community. These small local businesses rely on local community support, so it is important to encourage people to shop locally and advocate for new housing developments to consider easy access to local shops.

The recently formed Puketāpapa Business Voice, the local business support group, which works with local business to help address business related concerns. We think this is a great first step and will continue to support them, and other groups that aim to coordinate and support local businesses.

Many of the migrant communities have skills in running a home-based business which could be something that the local board looks to support going forward.



There are many successful social enterprises in Puketāpapa, these groups are in business so can deliver positive social, cultural or environmental outcomes. Social enterprise also creates additional pathways to business and employment.

Currently, local employment is mainly concentrated in Stoddard Road and Carr Road business strips, and the suburbs of Three Kings and Royal Oak. But there are also opportunities in the construction sector, working on the Kāinga Ora developments.

A lot of our people travel to other parts of the city to work. We would like to improve the opportunities for people to work locally. We have seen in the pandemic that people are working flexibly, including from home, which can have a positive effect for local businesses and the environment in terms of less car use.

Challenges

- Puketāpapa has a small local economy, so many people have to travel outside the area for work
- The lack of shared workspace and facilities to attract businesses, and provide local residents to work remotely from Puketapapa

Opportunities

- Growth in the area will provide opportunities for employment and drive local business growth
- Changes to peoples’ working patterns and increases in working from home could stimulate additional demand for goods and services locally

Our Plan

What we want to achieve (Objectives)	What we will deliver in the next 3 years (Key initiatives)
Thriving local businesses that support one another	Invest in a development plan for the coordination and support of local businesses and business groups
	Support social enterprises and small business to establish and flourish
	Explore options to enhance markets and business events to be more successful and draw people into the area.
Businesses that are more environmentally friendly	Work with business groups so they understand the climate crisis and what actions they can take
	Work with businesses on waste minimisation and pollution reduction
Local skills that match local employment opportunities	Help migrants, refugees and young people access training and support that enables them to find employment or run successful businesses
Attract investment to Puketāpapa	Support efforts to make Puketāpapa an attractive place for events, filming etc. which contribute to the local economy



Advocacy

We will advocate to:

- Kāinga Ora and Fletcher Living –
 - ask that they employ local people on local projects
 - for more office development, and shared working space, mixed use development
- Auckland Transport - advocate for improved public transport routes to local employment and education providers
- Waka Kotahi and Kiwi Rail – Support major transport initiatives, such as Light Rail and the Avondale/Southdown rail corridor, which would bring positive economic outcomes for the area,
- Central Government – seek support for small businesses to take climate change action.



Street view of local shops on Dominion Road

He kōrero take pūtea

Funding information

The local board funding policy sets out how local boards are funded to meet the costs of providing local activities and administration support.

Local board funding is approved through the council's budget-setting process. This involves the council's Governing Body adopting a 10-year budget (long-term plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, in which the local board and the governing body agree the local board budget for each year, make up part of the annual budget.

The council's budget-setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 and updated through subsequent annual budget. Updated financial information and levels of service will be adopted as part of the 10-year Budget 2024-2034 which is due to be adopted in June 2024. The 10-year Budget will be informed by the local board plans and may impact the initiatives in this local board plan.





Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Local activities and levels of service

The current 10-year Budget 2021-2031 outlines local board responsibilities, provided for directly in legislation or allocated to boards, are summarised into local activities and levels of service statements. These are described in the table below.

More information regarding levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Puketāpapa Local Board Agreement 2023/2024 and in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 (Vol 2 section 2.6). This is available on the council website.

The levels of services and performance measures for local activities will be reviewed as part of the 10-year budget 2024-2034 and targets reviewed subsequent Annual Budgets.

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>Provide safe, reliable, and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities</p> <p>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities</p> <p>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, beaches, recreation programmes, opportunities and facilitates to get Aucklanders more active, more often</p> <p>We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture</p> <p>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</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>We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland</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>We work with Aucklanders to manage the natural environment and enable low carbon lifestyles to build resilience to the effects of climate change</p>

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, 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.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan which determine participation with Auckland Council decision making in general. This includes local decision-making





Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Financial overview

Revenue, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Puketāpapa Local Board for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Annual Plan Financials	2023/2024 (\$000s)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	498
Local planning and development	-
Local environment management	-
Total operating revenue	498
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	9,252
Local planning and development	1
Local environment management	112
Local governance	1,021
Total operating expenditure	10,386
Net operating expenditure	9,888
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	2,675
Local planning and development	-
Local environment management	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	2,675

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