

2.3 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

Message from the Chair

I am pleased to present our local board priorities for the 2021/2022 financial year. This has been informed by your responses to council's 10-year Budget consultation and begins the implementation of initiatives signalled in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2020.

COVID-19 and resulting lockdowns continue to affect many in our community. The council's ability to generate revenue was also affected, resulting in reduced funding being available for local projects.

We will deliberate carefully when committing those constrained budgets, taking care to support our local community organisations and business associations so they can continue to provide a wide range of events, programmes and services that will help recovery and build resilience.

The coming year will see the completion of many significant capital projects, including the new toilet blocks in Milford and Takapuna. Thanks to the generosity of a local philanthropist, the Takapuna toilet block will have a Changing Places fully accessible bathroom for the disabled – the first of its kind in a local park in Auckland.

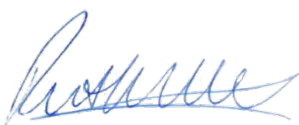
The Claystore and The Pumphouse will each undergo renovations which protect and highlight their heritage status. We will renew a number of playgrounds, including Linwood Reserve and Kawerau/Oliver Reserve, which will be well used and enjoyed by families in those areas.

Addressing your concerns regarding water quality and the management of our natural environment remains high on our agenda.

We have increased local board funding for those who work hard to improve these areas and continue to seek increased funding from the Water Quality Targeted Rate to investigate and remedy pollution in the Wairau Catchment and our local beaches.

The local board will continue to advocate for adequate funding to maintain and renew assets to meet the needs of our communities, and the reinstatement of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to pre-COVID-19 levels, which will enable the board to make progress towards a safe walking and cycling connection from Francis Street to Esmonde Road.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community organisations and volunteers. Your passion and commitment to the place we all love to call home is greatly appreciated.



Ruth Jackson

Chair, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Devonport-Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area





A population of
57,900 (2018 census).

This is approximately **3.7%**
of Auckland's total population.

69.3% identify as European,

5.5% identify as Māori

26.3% identify as being of Asian ethnicity

**More than 110 parks
and sports fields**



We are home to:



2 libraries



1 leisure centre



3 community centres



**6 arts and
culture facilities**



**1 youth
innovation centre**

Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2018) and Population Projections (2013-base), Auckland Plan 2050: Development Strategy - Monitoring Report 2019.

Local Board Plan outcomes

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2020 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area. The outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan are:

Whakaotinga tahi: Te taiao me ngā taonga tuku iho

Outcome 1: Environment and heritage

Our natural environment, heritage features and cultural taonga are celebrated, protected, and enhanced.

Whakaotinga rua: Ngā papa rēhia ngā ratonga, ngā wāhi māraikerake

Outcome 2: Parks, facilities, and open spaces

Our parks, sport fields, community facilities beaches and open spaces are well maintained to meet the recreation and social needs of our growing population.

Whakaotinga toru: Te whai wāhitanga ki te hapori me te oranga

Outcome 3: Community participation and wellbeing

Our communities, including Mana Whenua, feel connected and supported to plan, deliver, and participate in activities and services in their local area.

Whakaotinga whā: Te ikiiki me te āheinga

Outcome 4: Transport and access

Our communities can access an affordable, efficient, safe and integrated public transport system. A network of roads, including cycle lanes, footpaths and walkways will safely connect people to their desired destinations.

Whakaotinga rima: Te āheinga te taurkura me te tipuranga

Outcome 5: Opportunity, prosperity and growth

Our vibrant town centres attract and support new and existing businesses, and give locals and visitors opportunities to work, shop and play.

Whakaotinga ono: Ngā uara Māori ngā tikanga Māori

Outcome 6: Māori values Ngā tikanga a te Māori

Our unique Maori history, values and stories are told, celebrated and embedded in our area.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2021/2022 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the Governing Body in accordance with the delegated power, and 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 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2020 requires that we look through the lens of Te Ao Māori (the Māori world view) and by applying Māori values this will help to build a shared understanding of the natural and built environment in our communities. We will:

- take opportunities to create and reflect Māori identity in our parks and facilities through actions such as naming or dual-naming and sharing stories about the area's heritage through interpretative signage
- facilitate hui and engagement opportunities between mana whenua, the local board and community organisations in the area
- continue to support The Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority in its improvement and management of Maungauika/North Head and Takarunga/Mount Victoria.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Agreement 2021/2022

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2021/2022 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area are set out below under each local activity.

Local Community Services

Local community services is a broad activity area, which includes:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$12.7 million and capital investment of \$5.7 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2021/2022 include:

- providing operational funding to organisations supporting the arts, community development and safety, youth development and our diverse communities
- supporting a range of events, community and recreation activities and programmes through the local board discretionary grants programme
- managing, maintaining, and renewing a range of community buildings and facilities including parks and sports fields that are used by our residents and local organisations
- providing support and funding to volunteers and local community organisations that manage plant and animal pests and undertake maintenance and new planting on our local parks and reserves
- progressing the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and Phase Two of the Greenways Plan that will help future planning and decision-making for our parks, reserves and open spaces.

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan:

- Outcome 1: Environment and heritage
- Outcome 2: Parks, facilities, and open spaces
- Outcome 3: Community participation and wellbeing
- Outcome 5: Opportunity, prosperity, and growth
- Outcome 4: Transport and access
- Outcome 6: Māori values Ngā tikanga a te Māori.

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 2019/20	Annual Plan Target 2020/21	Long-term Plan Target 2021/22
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	92%	94%	92%
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	59%	66%	60%
Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities			

Performance measure	Actual 2019/20	Annual Plan Target 2020/21	Long-term Plan Target 2021/22
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that are community led	65%	85%	80%
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goals	51%	80%	70%
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, beaches, recreation programmes, opportunities and facilitates to get Aucklanders more active, more often¹			
The percentage of park visitors who are satisfied with the overall quality of sportsfields	80%	77%	77%
The customers' Net Promoter Score for Pools and Leisure Centres	27	19	19
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	77%	79%	79%
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	93%	85%	85%
We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture			
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	12.5%	10%	13%
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 life¹			
The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks)	255,891	330,000	209,900
The percentage of local community services, programmes and facilities that are community led	New measure	New measure	Set Baseline ²
The percentage of arts, and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	100%	85%	90%
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	79%	79%	79%
The number of participants for local community services, programmes, and facilities	New measure	New measure	Set Baseline ²
The number of attendees at council-led community events	0	3,300	0 ³
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	293,434	305,600	308,656
The number of visits to library facilities	506,014	580,000	520,800
The percentage of customers satisfied with quality of local community services, programmes, and facilities	New measure	New measure	Set Baseline ²
The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event	86%	70%	70%
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	97%	85%	85%

¹ Some level of service statements have been combined to reflect the council's move toward new and integrated ways of delivering services. All levels of service and performance measures from previous years are included. There is no intended change to the level of service provided to the community.

² Baselines and targets for these performance measures will be developed during the next few years.

³ The local board will not be funding a council-led community event this year as the local board felt the funds would be more appropriately allocated to other community initiatives.

Local Planning and Development

This group of activities covers improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. These activities also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$1.9 million, including the 2021/2022 business improvement district (BID) programme targeted rates, as specified in the funding impact statement.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2021/2022 include:

- providing funding and support to the three business associations: Devonport, Milford, and Takapuna Beach, to plan and facilitate events that bring people to our town centres and provide opportunities to connect and enjoy what these areas have to offer, while assisting local businesses to recover from the impacts of COVID-19
- supporting the Young Enterprise Scheme by funding participation of local youth
- funding initiatives that enable local communities to build resilience and plan their response to natural and environmental challenges.

The local planning and development activity, including the key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan:

- Outcome 1: Environment and heritage
- Outcome 3: Community participation and wellbeing
- Outcome 5: Opportunity, prosperity, and growth.

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

Performance measure	Actual 2019/20	Annual Plan Target 2020/21	Long-term Plan Target 2021/22
We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland			
The percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations	100%	100%	100%

Local Environmental Management

Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.

These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$142,000.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2021/2022 include:

- a significant increase in funding to Restoring Takarunga Hauraki and the Pupuke Birdsong Project to enable greater animal and plant pest management and improvements to the natural habitats on our parks and reserves
- continuing funding and staff support to volunteers who carry out planting and maintenance initiatives on parks and reserves
- introducing the Wairau Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme to work alongside and educate local business owners on the potential environmental impacts of waste and contaminants to the Wairau Catchment and local beaches.

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

- Outcome 1: Environment and heritage
- Outcome 2: Parks, facilities, and open spaces
- Outcome 6: Māori values Ngā tikanga a te Māori.

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 2019/20	Annual Plan Target 2020/21	Long-term Plan Target 2021/22
We work with Aucklanders to manage the natural environment and enable low carbon lifestyles to build resilience to the effects of climate change¹			
The percentage of local water quality or natural environment improvement projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes ²	N/A	New measure	80%

¹ The level of service statement has been amended to include the growing focus on addressing climate change. There is no intended change to the level of service provided to the community.

² New local environmental services performance measures have been introduced to track the delivery performance of local projects that contribute towards specific environmental outcomes in the local board plans.

Local Governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards 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 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 2021-2031 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no changes to the measures or targets for 2021/2022.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$820,500.

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 2021 to 30 June 2022 and outlines the council's sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

\$000	Annual Plan 2020/21	Long-term Plan 2021/22
Financial year ending 30 June		
Sources of operating funding:		
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties	15,557	15,452
Targeted rates	710	721
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	306	299
Fees and charges	879	1,021
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	463	459
Total operating funding	17,915	17,952
Applications of operating funding:		
Payment to staff and suppliers	13,645	13,715
Finance costs	2,420	1,896
Internal charges and overheads applied	1,245	2,272
Other operating funding applications	0	0
Total applications of operating funding	17,310	17,883
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	605	69
Sources of capital funding:		
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	0	0
Development and financial contributions	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	4,318	5,581
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	0
Lump sum contributions	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0	0
Total sources of capital funding	4,318	5,581
Application of capital funding:		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand	501	35
- to improve the level of service	401	981
- to replace existing assets	4,021	4,634
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	4,923	5,650
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	(605)	(69)
Funding balance	0	0

Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for in this 10-year Budget, but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

Key advocacy areas for this local board include:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Reinstate Local Board Transport Capital Fund.	Advocate to Auckland Transport and the Governing Body for the reinstatement of the regional Local Board Transport Capital Fund to the pre-COVID-19 and Emergency Budget levels. This will enable the board to again make progress on the safe walking and cycling connection between Francis Street and Esmonde Road – currently a missing link in our walking and cycling network.	Auckland Transport/ Governing Body
Local Board Renewals Capex Budget.	Advocate for an increase in Devonport-Takapuna Local Board capex renewal budget to ensure that all community facility assets can be maintained and renewed to the standard required to meet the need of our changing communities.	Governing Body
Increase funding for water quality improvements.	Support the proposed extension and increase of the Water Quality Targeted Rate. Advocate to the Governing Body to increase funding to accelerate improvements to our stormwater / wastewater systems to address pollution in the Wairau Catchment and on our beaches. Note that the Devonport-Takapuna and Kaipatiki Local Boards are currently working together with Healthy Waters to improve water quality and prevent further pollution in the Wairau Catchment, but that it is difficult to progress within existing local board budgets.	Governing Body
Increase tree protection.	Advocate for funding in Year One of the 10-Year Budget 2021-2031 for a Plan Change to Schedule 10 of the Unitary Plan to increase tree protection across Auckland.	Governing Body

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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