Waitākere Ranges Local Board Workshop Record

Workshop record of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held at the Waitākere Ranges Local Board office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden, Auckland on Thursday 23 May 2024, commencing at 1.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson: Greg Presland (*Until 3.00pm*)

Members: Michelle Clayton

Mark Allen

Linda Potauaine Liz Manley Sandra Coney

Apologies:

Also present: Adam Milina, Brett Lane, Natasha Yapp, Nataly Anchicoque and

Rebecca Winham

Workshop Item	Summary of Discussions
Te Uru Contemporary Art Gallery: update and budget challenges	Board was provided with an update on the current activity at Te Uru Gallery.
Bronwyn Bent, Creative Partnerships Lead	
Adrienne Schierning, Director, Te Uru	
Emmy Seccombe, Business Services Manager, Te Uru	
1.00pm – 1.50pm	
Local Board Annual Planning workshop 10 - Finalise local board agreement 2024/2025	Staff led the discussion to finalise the content of the Draft Local Board Agreement 2024/2025, prior to approval at the
Natasha Yapp, Local Board Advisor	extraordinary business meeting in June 2024.
Brett Lane, Senior Local Board Advisor	
David Rose, Lead Financial Advisor	
2.20pm – 3.30pm	

The workshop concluded at 3.30pm.



Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery

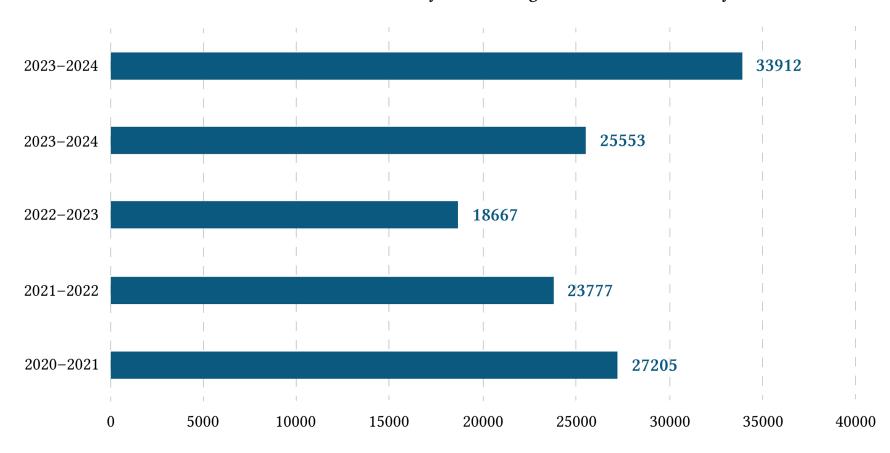
A significant asset in West Auckland funded by Waitākere Ranges Local Board







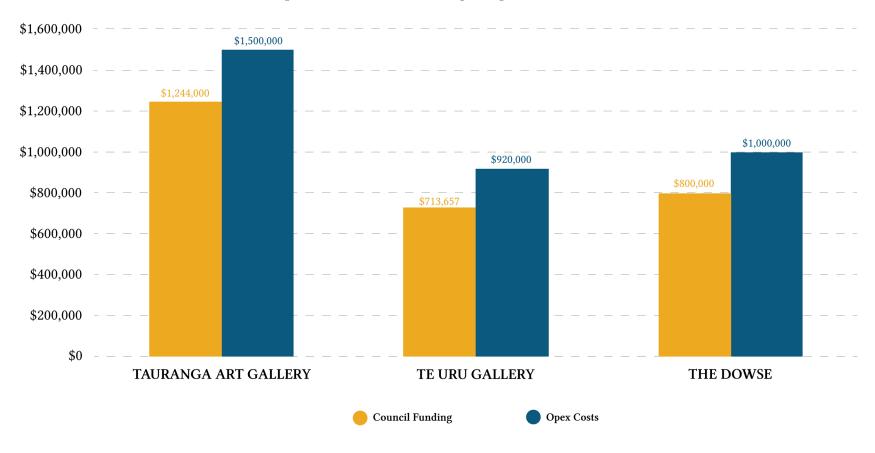
Visitation numbers for last 5 years showing 25% increase in current year



An increase in visitation by 25% this financial year.

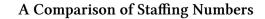


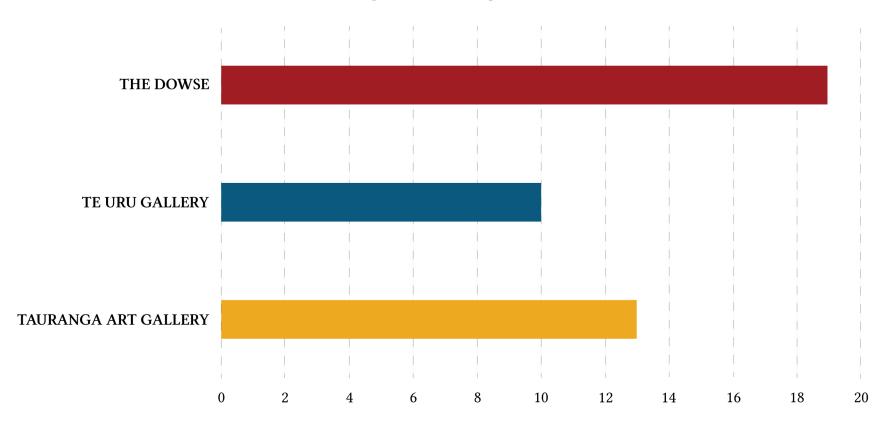
Comparison of Council Funding to Opex Costs - Annual



Compared to the two most similar galleries in scale and function Te uru is significantly underfunded for an institution of its stature and size.



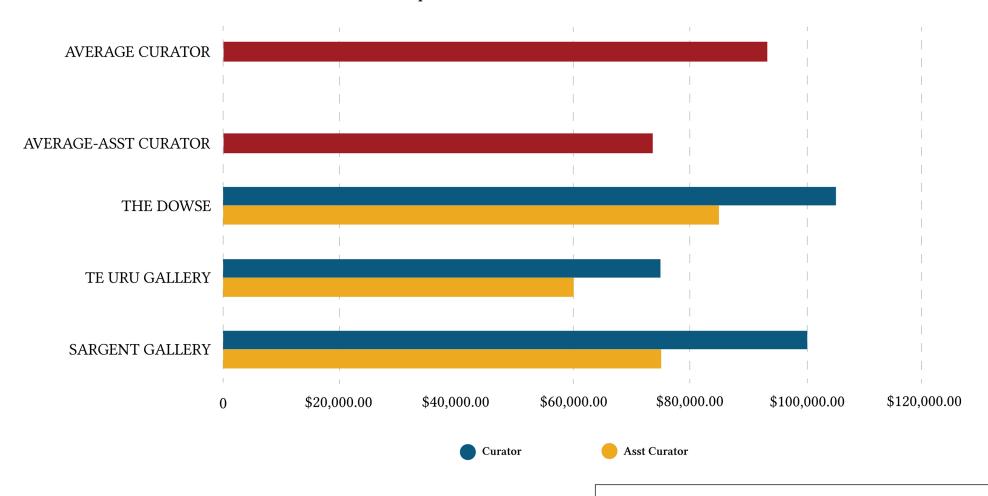




Compared to the two most similar galleries in scale and function Te Uru is significantly understaffed.



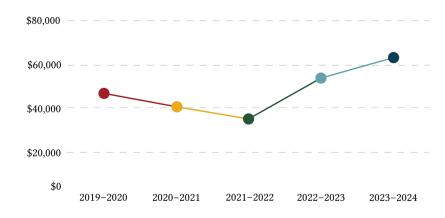
Comparison of Actual Salaries



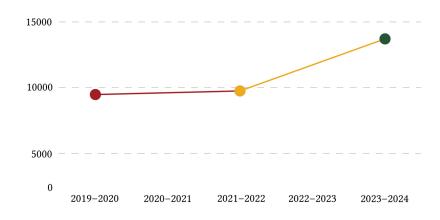
Compared to the two similar galleries for which we have data Te Uru is currently unable to meet the market expectations for our key roles.



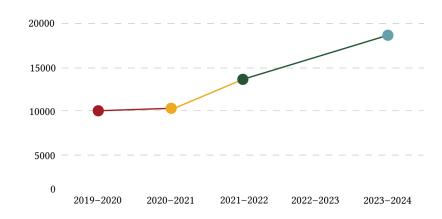
Electricity 40%



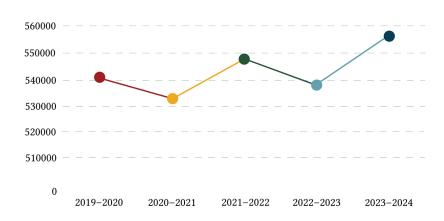
Cleaning 40%



Insurance 55%

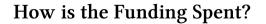


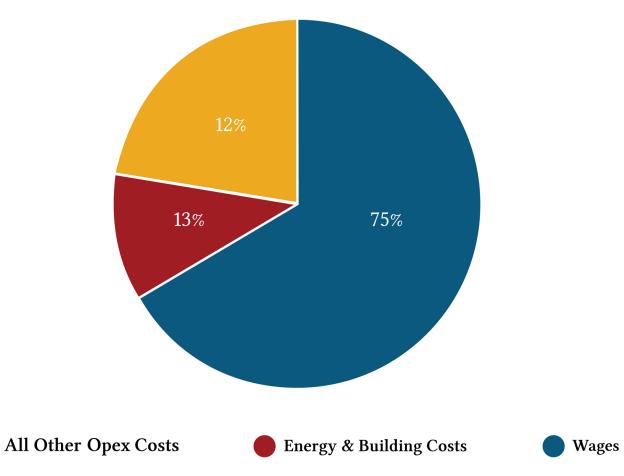
Wages 2.5%



The core costs to simply keep Te Uru's doors open have increased remarkably over the last 5 years.



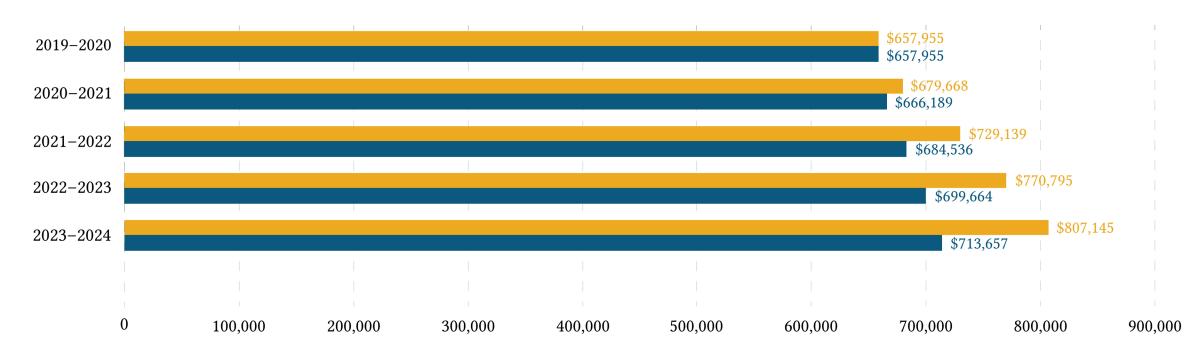




With increasing costs across the board Te Uru is struggling with a small staff and limited access to external funding to cover the costs of running such a large and prestigious gallery.



Comparison of Actual CPI Increases and Auckland Council CPI Adjustments to Annual Grant



	STATS NZ	AC CPI Adjusment
2023-2024	4.7	2
2022-2023	6	2.2
2021-2022	7.3	2.75
2020-2021	3.3	1.25
2019-2020	1.5	1.5

What would \$93,500 afford:	
Full Time Technician	\$36,400.00
Industry Payrates	\$35,000.00
Increased Power ETC	\$22,100.00

Te Uru's funding has not kept up with inflation making it difficult to keep up with the salary expectations for key roles that add to the galleries success.



Te Uru Benefactors Collective (TBC)

We have found many new ways to generate much needed revenue for the gallery through philanthropy

PATRONS

Gretchen Albrecht Toss and Serena Grumley

CHAMPIONS

Andrew Thomas and Michael Lett Bath Street Arts Trust Fox Jensen McCrory Roy Good Sir Bob and Lady Barbara Harvey Gow Langsford Gallery

BENEFACTORS

Alison and Greg Booth Jenny and Andrew Smith Hynds Foundation

SUPPORTERS

Aera Foundation

Charlene and Paul Scotti

Charles Ninow

Ewen and Nathalie Mackenzie-Bowie

Jay Esser

Joan Vujcich

Lyndy Sainsbury

Shelley and Ray Chignell

The Estate of Donald Binney

Cathryn Boyd



We have built partnerships and product sponsors to assist in the shortfall of funding.

PRINCIPAL FUNDER



MAJOR FUNDERS







PROJECT PARTNERS







PRODUCT SPONSORS



















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Local board agreement

Waitākere Ranges Local Board





LTP2024-2034 Road Map

2023

Introduction

June - July

Late August

- Early LTP Strategic Direction discussions and facilitated workshops
- Mayor's introduction
- Process Overview and financial
- Scene setting & strategic case

Political briefings Oct to Nov

Series of political workshops

- Strategy and Policy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Performance information overview
- Asset management 101
- Rates overview

Mayoral proposal Nov

Mayor sets out his proposal which includes issues he would like to consult on

Political consideration & decision making December

- Local board workshops and decision making for consultation content
- Workshops and meetings are held to discuss the Mayor's proposal
- Local boards meet to agree on content for consultation
- Consultation items are agreed

Audit review:

- Consultation Document
- 2. Supporting Information
- 3. Feedback Form

Finalise and adopt LTP 2024-2034

- Finalise Local boards agreements, budgets and LTP documentation
- Governing body will adopt the LTP 2024-2034 in late June

Audit review:

Final documents

- 1. Volume 1
- 2. Volume 2
- 3. Volume 3

Deliberations Apr to May

- Local and regional workshops held to discuss consultation feedback
- Several workshops held to discuss budget issues, implications and trade offs

Public Consultation

Mid Feb to Mid Mar Formal public consultation will run from early February to late March. Feedback events will run during this time

Adoption for consultation

Governing body meets to adopt a consultation document and supporting information

February

Workshop purpose and background

- To discuss and finalise the draft local board agreement 2024/2025
- The Local Board Agreement is required as stated by the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 for each financial year
- The Local Board Agreement has been drafted using the local board key priorities in the Long-term Plan consultation and previous Long-term Plan workshops (Performance measures, work programmes etc.)
- Next: Local Board Agreement reported in 13 June 2024 business meeting for approval



Activity areas and proposed key projects

Local Community Services

- support work towards community and business emergency response plans and resilience programme
- continue to fund Te Uru and other community arts partners to deliver a programme of community arts activities and events
- continue to support community groups to receive funding through contestable grants
- continue to provide quality programmes and services at Glen Eden and Titirangi libraries
- continue to maintain and improve parks, community buildings and spaces for recreation.





Activity areas and proposed key projects

Local Planning and Development

- continue the Business Improvement District (BID) targeted rate and work with the Glen Eden Business Association on ways to take Glen Eden forward
- develop in collaboration with community and key stakeholders a Glen Eden Community-led Plan to help make Glen Eden a safe, attractive, welcoming and inclusive place
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- support and fund community groups and individuals who work to tackle pest plants and animals, particularly in the Heritage Area
- continue to fund activities which aim to protect the environment, including restoring and maintaining native ecosystems, especially those impacted by storm events
- celebrate members of the community who undertake environmental action in the Waitākere Ranges local board area by funding projects such as the Love Your Place Awards
- continue to support our environmental partners
- continue to support a range of activities through the Heritage Area budget, including the Waitākere Ranges Welcome Pack, the long-tailed bat (pekapeka) community education project and the provision of community weed bins.





Levels of Service / Performance Measures

NEW CORE MEASURE:

Māori Outcomes

Service level statement: We respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and Māori communities

Performance measure: The number of local activities that deliver moderate to high outcomes for Māori as outlined in 'Kia Ora Tamaki Makaurau' (Council's Māori outcomes framework).

How it will be measured: against projects in your local board work programme - Set baseline in year one

UPDATED CORE MEASURE:

Asset component condition measures

Changes: update wording per below, and update target to reflect the wording. No changes to the assumptions in setting the targets.

The percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition: 82%

The percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition: 94%







LBA approved in business meeting on 13 June 2024



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

Message from the Chair

It has been over a year since the storm and flooding events of 2023. Progress towards recovery out west has been made, though some are still recovering. Supporting our communities to be more resilient is a priority for the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, and we intend making further progress on this throughout 2024 and 2025.

Auckland Council has asked for your say on various issues of importance this year. In February and March, we consulted on the proposed Long-term Plan (LTP). We wanted to hear your thoughts on regional proposals and the board's proposed priorities and advocacy items. In May, we formalised our feedback on the LTP. As part of this, we presented to Council on some of the key projects we believe need further resourcing and funding, including making improvements to Glen Eden, a greater emphasis on environmental protection and better resourcing of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.

The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area is an area of national significance with its own legislation, the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act. This legislation underpins much of our work as a local board as the Heritage Area is a key focus for us. We have heard our community express how important this area is to them, yet we believe its funding is inadequate and that we can and should do better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their feedback and also for the tremendous amount of voluntary work that happens out west. With the help of the community, we intend to continue to work on protecting and enhancing the area. Where we live is very special, and it deserves our ongoing care and attention.

Ngā mihi,

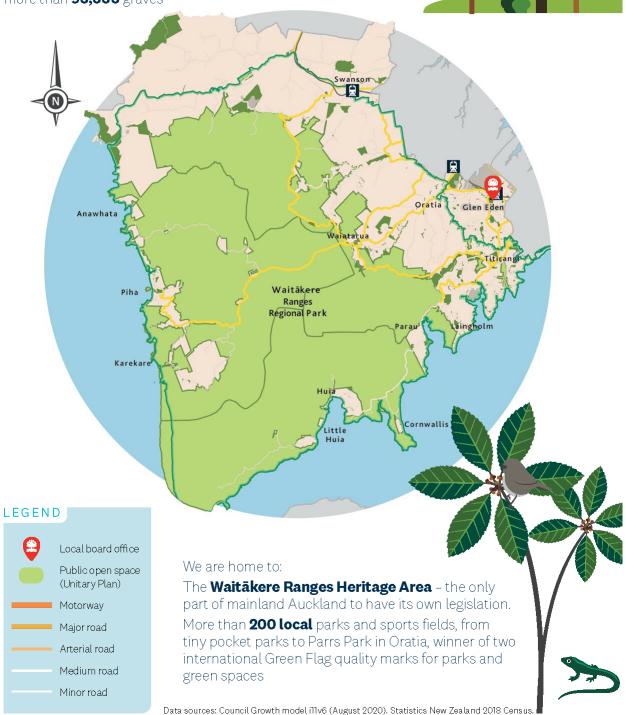
Greg Presland

Chair Waitākere Ranges Local Board

Waitākere Ranges Local Board area - note will be updated after LB approval.



Waitākere Ranges is home to Waikumete Cemetery – the largest cemetery in New Zealand with more than **90,000** graves Waitākere Ranges has nearly
20% of all native vegetation
in the Auckland Region and
is home to 8 types of
threatened native plants



Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area. The outcomes in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan are:

Ō Tātou Tāngata

Our People

Our distinctive and diverse communities are thriving, resilient and adaptable. People are connected, feel a sense of belonging, and work together to support wellbeing.

Tō Tātou Taiao

Our Environment

Biodiversity is enhanced, significant ecological areas are protected and restored as a sanctuary for native plants and wildlife. Our people are connected to and care for the environment. The mauri of our freshwater streams, the Manukau Harbour, and West Coast lagoons and wetlands are restored.

Tō Tātou Hapori

Our Community

Parks, facilities and services are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities. Arts, culture and creativity are a celebrated part of living in the west. Māori culture and identity are visible and valued.

Ō Tātou Wāhi

Our Places

We have thriving town and village centres, connected by a reliable, resilient and sustainable transport network. The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area is protected and restored for current and future generations. The relationship with Te Kawerau ā Maki and Ngāti Whātua is acknowledged.

Tā Tātou Ōhanga

Our Economy

Sustainable local economic activity is supported. Our business centres are active and successful. Home-based businesses and innovation are fostered. Opportunities for rural activities continue.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2024/2025 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan seeks to deliver outcomes for Māori. Initiatives that deliver Māori outcomes are those which support Māori identity and culture, advance Māori well-being and support Māori to participate in local decision-making as identified in the "Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau" framework. Examples of this include:

- strengthening our governance partnerships with mātāwaka and mana whenua partners
- support for local projects and activities that contribute towards Māori educational, cultural, leadership, and employment outcomes, such as funding rangatahi-led Matariki activations
- taking opportunities to create a Māori identity in our parks and facilities through actions such as naming or renaming and sharing stories about the area's heritage through interpretative signage
- an operational maintenance contribution to Hoani Waititi Marae
- providing funding for mana whenua engagement governance hui.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Agreement 2024/2025

Planned operating and capital spend in 2024/2025

Key areas of spend	Community Services	Environmental Services	Planning Services	Governance	Total
Planned Operating Spend 2024/2025	\$10.5 million	\$1.4 million	\$104,000	\$673,000	\$12.7 million
Planned Capital Spend 2024/2025	\$2.3 million	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2.3 million

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2024/2025 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Waitākere Ranges 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 \$10.5 million and capital investment of \$2.3 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2024/2025 include:

- supporting work towards community and business emergency response plans and resilience programme
- continuing to fund Te Uru and other community arts partners to deliver a programme of community arts activities and events
- supporting community groups to receive funding through contestable grants
- providing quality programmes and services at Glen Eden and Titirangi libraries
- maintaining and improve parks, community buildings and spaces for recreation.

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan:

- our communities are resilient and strong
- a network of vibrant arts and culture organisations, facilities and events that enliven the west
- people from our diverse communities are connected and feel as though they belong
- our libraries and facilities provide engaging spaces at the heart of the community
- our parks and open spaces provide opportunities for recreation and enjoyment by the surrounding local communities, and a place for nature.

Levels of Service

In line with all local boards, we measure the following core / regional measures, withthe level of service statement in bold below.

Performance measure	Actual 2022/2023	Annual Plan Target 2023/2024	Long-term Plan Target 2024/2025	
Enable a range of choices to access community services and recreation opportunities				
Number of visits to library facilities ¹	200,273	218,800	197,000	

Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community	New Measure	New Measure	100%
Percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition	New Measure	New Measure	80%
Number of local community events delivered	New Measure	New Measure	15

Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives				
Number of partner organisations and groups funded to deliver placemaking activities	New Measure	New Measure	50	
Provide urban green spaces (local parks, paths a	and Ngahere) and	access to the coast		
Percentage of local parks, facilities and spaces meeting maintenance quality standards.	New Measure	New Measure	90%	
Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition	New Measure	New Measure	94%	

¹There are no intended service level changes to libraries, the baseline for the target has been reviewed to reflect post-pandemic realities, changes in foot traffic capture methodology and changing customers' preferences and demand.

Local Planning and Development

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

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$104,000.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2024/2025 include:

- continue the Business Improvement District (BID) targeted rate and work with the Glen Eden Business Association on ways to take Glen Eden forward
- develop in collaboration with community and key stakeholders a Glen Eden Community-led Plan to help make Glen Eden a safe, attractive, welcoming and inclusive place
- deliver the Heritage Conference.

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

- thriving, sustainable villages that people take pride in
- our parks and open spaces provide opportunities for recreation and enjoyment by the surrounding local communities, and a place for nature
- people from our diverse communities are connected and feel as though they belong.

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 2022/2023	Annual Plan Target 2023/2024	Long-term Plan Target 2024/2025
Support a strong local economy			

Percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business			
Improvement District (BID) targeted rate grant agreement	100 %	100%	100%
obligations			

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 \$1.4 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2024/2025 include:

- support and fund community groups and individuals who work to tackle pest plants and animals, particularly in the Heritage Area
- continue to support and fund activities which aim to protect the environment, including restoring and maintaining native ecosystems, especially those impacted by storm events
- celebrate members of the community who undertake environmental action in the Waitākere Ranges local board area with activities such as the Love Your Place Awards
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- continue to support a range of activities through the Heritage Area budget, including the Waitākere Ranges Welcome Pack, the long-tailed bat (pekapeka) community education project and the provision of community weed bins
- continue to work on responses to climate change.

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

- ecosystems are protected, restored and enhanced in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area
- our parks and open spaces provide opportunities for recreation and enjoyment by the surrounding local communities, and a place for nature
- we understand climate change risks, take action to reduce our climate impact, and are prepared to adapt and respond to future events.

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 2022/2023	Annual Plan Target 2023/2024	Long-term Plan Target 2024/2025	
Protect, improve and minimise risks to the natural environments and cultural heritage				
	New Measure	New Measure	173	
Number of properties contacted for plant pest control purposes	New Measure	New Measure	Set baseline	

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 local board agreements, community

engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$673,000.

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 2022/2023	Annual Plan Target 2023/2024	Long-term Plan Target 2024/2025
Respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua	and Māori comm	unities	
Number of local activities that deliver moderate to high outcomes for Māori as outlined in 'Kia Ora Tamaki Makaurau' (Council's Māori outcomes framework).	New measure	New measure	Set baseline

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 2024 to 30 June 2025 and outlines the council's sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

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Financial year ending 30 June	Annual Plan 2023/2024	Long-term Plan 2024/2025
Sources of operating funding:		
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		
Targeted rates		
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		
Fees and charges		
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		
Total operating funding		
Applications of operating funding:		
Payment to staff and suppliers		
Finance costs		
Internal charges and overheads applied		
Other operating funding applications		
Total applications of operating funding		
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		
Sources of capital funding:		
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		
Development and financial contributions		
Increase (decrease) in debt		
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		
Lump sum contributions		
Other dedicated capital funding		
Total sources of capital funding		
Application of capital funding:		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand		
- to improve the level of service		
- to replace existing assets		
Increase (decrease) in reserves		
Increase (decrease) in investments		
Total applications of capital funding		
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		
Funding balance		

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 responsibility or funding for but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

The key initiatives that the local board advocated for as part of the long-term plan were:

Initiative	Description
Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area funding	The Waitākere Ranges Local Board urge council to fund the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area projects to an appropriate level, noting our support for Te Kawerau ā Maki's proposal to increase the fund to \$5 million per year. We consider this increase as consistent with Council's obligations under section 22 of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act.
Surf Club Funding	We support accelerated funding for reconstruction of Te Henga / Bethells Surf Life Saving Club which is extremely compromised.
Te Kawerau ā Maki Marae	We fully support Auckland Council providing significant support for Te Kawerau ā Maki's plans to construct a marae at Te Henga.
Bus services to outer area	The Board fully supports a trial of public transport services to commence, with shuttle services to Piha and Huia.
Glen Eden town centre	We support Glen Eden town centre redevelopment being promoted. We also note that previous plans for improvement were completed in 2010, 2013 and 2018 (local board OLI) and the Waitākere Ranges Local Board lost \$3.5 million of its Transport Capital Funding, which was set aside but for the Glen Eden OLI.
West Auckland pool	The Board fully supports the construction of a second and third pool in West Auckland in Whau and in Henderson-Massey local board areas. We note that West Wave is consistently packed and that while Central Auckland has six pools, East Auckland has two, the North Shore has five and South Auckland has seven, West Auckland only has one publicly owned pool.

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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