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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - 8 September 2005
22 September 2005

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meetings of the Henderson Community Board held on Thursday, 8 September 2005 and Thursday, 22 September 2005, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairperson has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 PRESENTATION

A NEW ZEALAND POLICE

Provision has been made on this agenda for a representative from the New Zealand Police to update the Board on matters in the Henderson area.

B WAITEMATA HARBOUR CLEAN UP TRUST

Hayden Smith from the Waitemata Harbour Clean Up Trust will make a presentation to the Community Board on the cleanup of the Waitemata Harbour.



5 PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum will take place at 7.00 pm.

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairperson at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairperson shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



6 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It is now a year since we were elected and what a hectic year it has been. I am really enjoying working with such positive and pleasant fellow colleagues and thank you for your ongoing support and assistance.


The decision by the Council to not proceed with the relocation of Civil Defence to the Corner of Covil Avenue and Te Atatu Road is disappointing especially as most of the community were supporting it. This now raises issues regarding the proposed lights at Covil Avenue.




The Council at its meeting on 21 September 2005 decided that the Henderson Railway Station shall be renamed to Waitakere Central Railway Station.

The Trusts Stadium has celebrated its first birthday and has already proved how much the facility was needed in Waitakere with events and sporting opportunities promoting the City as a place of the future for all to enjoy.

On Sunday 25 September 2005 the St John West Auckland Station in Edmonton Road was rededicated after the completion of the extensive upgrade. As the station was built 30 years ago for a far smaller population the officers have been working in cramped conditions for some years. There are now 24 full time staff, 5 ambulances and a health shuttle permanently situated there.

I attended an open day which Transit NZ held at the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre to explain the Council proposals for Te Atatu Road from Edmonton Road to the Motorway and what they were proposing when the Council had made their decisions. One of the main issues raised was that they propose to install ramp meter monitoring lights on the on and off ramps in Te Atatu South. Extensive studies overseas and implementation in sites in the Auckland region have shown that by filtering the traffic onto the motorways better flow is achieved by traffic already on the motorway.

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Edmonton Road - Traffic Safety - Annual Report (through Secretary's Report)	<p>In October 2003 the Board received a report titled "Edmonton Road - Traffic Study". This report reviewed traffic volumes, crash records, and provided general comments on the safety of the road. The Board resolved to receive periodic updates on Edmonton Road.</p> <p>In 2003 the traffic volume in Edmonton Road was about 30,000 vehicles, in 2005 this has increased to about 32,000 vehicles representing an annual growth in traffic of approximately 3%. Over the last three years the crash rate has remained reasonably steady, with 37 crashes in 2002, 39 in 2003 and 38 in 2004. However the severity of crashes has reduced over this period, with injury crashes making up a smaller proportion of the crash record. The under grounding of power lines last summer has reduced the number of roadside hazards along Edmonton Road. This will potentially result in further reduction to crash severity in future years.</p>	Adam Moller  836 8000 ext: 8750

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Project Twin Streams Update	4 August 2005 Resolution No: 1492/2005	8 December 2005	Tony Miguel  836 8000 ext: 8294
Levels of Service Consultation	8 September 2005 Resolution No: 1765/2005	3 November 2005	Tony Miguel  836 8000 ext: 8294
Te Atatu Traffic Management Plan	6 March 2003 Public Forum	3 November 2005	Ross Hill  836 8000 ext: 8737

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report for 6 October 2005 be received.

Report prepared by: Ngareta Delamere, Committee Secretary.



8 HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD MINOR PARKS PROJECTS 2005/2006

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to introduce the Community Board Minor Parks Projects and to seek decisions from the Henderson Community Board on the appropriate allocation of budget for the 2005/2006 Annual Plan

BACKGROUND

The Community Facilities and Recreation Committee resolved to provide a discretionary budget for allocation by the Community Boards for parks capital development projects in December 1999. In the 2005/2006 Annual Plan the Council has allocated a total of \$100,000 for this use, to be allocated to each ward on a needs basis. The needs have been calculated based on the current rate of population growth within the ward, and the current population within the ward as a proportion of the City. As a result the fund is to be allocated as follows:

Henderson Ward	\$24,000
Massey Ward	\$30,000
New Lynn Ward	\$29,000
Waitakere Ward	\$17,000

This item was previously reported to the Henderson Community Board in September 2005 through the Committee Secretary's Report. The Board was advised that project proposals have been requested from Community Board members, Resident and Ratepayer Groups and other relevant community groups.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

These projects contribute to Council's Urban and Rural Villages Platform, which has the objective that Town Centres are thriving places, providing exciting options for people to live, work and play. Public facilities, places and spaces teem with people; the streets are alive and busy.

This platform is about ensuring people have choices in housing, transport, employment and recreation in their neighbourhoods and town centres. The objective is to make the city a vibrant and enjoyable place to live, work and play by creating attractive urban places that encourage growth and economic development, with minimal environmental impacts.

ISSUES

The need for a discretionary budget for capital projects arose as a result of the work in developing criteria for funding Parks capital works projects. This recognised that there are a number of projects, generally less than \$10,000 in cost, which are raised as possible projects through the Annual Plan submissions, Community Board Public Forum and other consultation processes. These projects generally are not able to compete in terms of the Parks Capital Project Criteria, as the current proposed capital programme contains over 100 large projects. Undertaking these small projects is however an important means of meeting local needs within the community. It is recognised that Community Boards, being the main link between Council and the local community, are the best decision making body to determine the priority for meeting these local needs.

The following principles provide the framework for decision-making regarding the funding of individual projects:

1. The funds are to be used for Park Development projects – this does not include projects on community buildings, grants to community groups, maintenance or renewal items.
2. A maximum of \$10,000 can be spent on any one project in each financial year. The decision to extend the maximum amount of \$10,000 for any one project rests with the Community Board, but if they choose to extend the \$10,000 for any one project, a recommendation to Council is required.
3. Projects put forward through the Annual Plan and other consultation processes will be ranked according to the Parks Capital Works Criteria, however the decision as to final priority rests with the Community Board.

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The discretionary budget allows for the allocation of funds to projects with a value of less than \$10,000. The following table outlines the approximate cost of a range of projects that can be undertaken for less than \$10,000. These costs are an average in order to give guidance to the Board, and do not take into account site-specific situations and variability.

Project Type	Approximate Cost including consents, supply and installation
Basketball half court	\$12,500
Petanque court (single)	\$4,200 with pavers to perimeter
10 metre length of path with Edging	\$750- gravel \$1300- concrete
Creating/extending a gravel car park	\$7300 for 10 car parking spaces
10 metre length of boardwalk	\$3950
Set of two swings with Matta under surfacing, new edging and local drainage (new stand alone park)	\$19000
Set of two swings with Cushion Fall under surfacing, scuff mats, new edging and local drainage (new stand alone park)	\$14500
Seesaw with bark under surfacing in an existing playground	\$3000
Macrocarpa bench seat	\$1100
Macrocarpa picnic table	\$1700
Town Centre/Urban Seat	\$750
Town Centre/Urban picnic table	\$1600
Walkway lights (as per Cranwell Park)	Approx \$5500 ea installed - depends on distance of supply cable to each
Information Sign	\$3000
Park Name Sign	\$1850
Electric BBQ with s/s top, power within 40m distance	\$8500
Community Art Project	\$5000
Small skate ramp- on existing slab	\$10,000
Planting - specimen trees	\$175 per tree
Planting - shrubbery	\$700 for 10 m ²
Barrier fencing	\$500 for 10 metres
Drinking Fountain (by water supply)	\$2500

Project Type	Approximate Cost including consents, supply and installation
Drainage	\$2000 for 10 metres
Standard Rubbish Bin	\$1020 per bin
Timber steps & handrail	\$4000 for 10 metres

The project proposals received are outlined below with estimated costs.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

1.0 - Te Atatu Rugby League and Sports Club

Project	Description	Preliminary Assessed Cost	Recommendation In/Out
1. Jack Colvin	Installation of two standard rubbish bins	\$2,080	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Plant (10) specimen trees	\$1,750	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Plant (20) square metres of shrubbery garden	\$1,400	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Install one drinking fountain by club house	\$2,500	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Install (10) metre length of concrete path	\$1,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board

2.0 - Te Atatu Resident And Ratepayers Association

Project	Description	Preliminary Assessed Cost	Recommendation In/Out
1. Te Atatu Peninsula Town Centre	A. Replace old rusted blue rubbish bins on street frontages and replace with funky models.	N/A	Out
	B. Planting of natives to revitalise the under surfacing of garden beds	\$1,000	Out
	C. Replace rusty blue decorative fixtures along town centre	\$2,000	Out
2. Te Atatu Peninsula Boardwalk Extension	Linkage of gravel path or boardwalk to existing boardwalk near waterline at bottom of Spinnaker Strand	N/A	Out
3. Te Atatu Peninsula Planting	Planting at the corner of Wakaroa Avenue and Beach Road berm, to protect fence which is regularly graffitied.	\$500	In, for consideration by the Community Board

Project	Description	Preliminary Assessed Cost	Recommendation In/Out
4. Te Atatu Peninsula Landscaping	New landscaping on reserve corner Beach and Harbourview Roads currently all open space.	\$2,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board
5. Te Atatu Peninsula Planting	Wetland planting at Tirimoana Reserve	\$5,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board
6. Jack Pringle	Extend Jack Pringle Skate park with a bowl at basketball half court end	\$15,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board
7. Ramlea Park	Relocate existing tubular park seats from under trees at Ramlea Park to more appropriate position for viewing park activities	\$500	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Installation of park seat to view park activities	\$1,500	In, for consideration by the Community Board
8. Ramlea Park	Install new playground	\$10,000	Out
9. Wakeling Park	Install new playground equipment	\$10,000	Out
10. McLeod Park	Install new playground (Swings)	\$15,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board
11. Walkway Signs	Install new signage start of cycleway and walking track at end of Flanshaw Road, adjacent to Henderson Creek through Sherwood Park and Coletta Esp. Install park information sign showing track distance to Henderson via Central Park Dr bridge and Tui Glen. Carry out planning in front of wooden fence to deter graffiti.	\$8,000 (10x Signs)	In, for consideration by the Community Board
12. Walkway Signs	Renew Harbourview / Te Atatu Peninsula coastal walkway track distance signs and directional arrows (bollard sign). For example, Harbourview South - Harbourview North kms, Harbourview North - Spinnaker Strand kms, Spinnaker Strand -- Kelvin Strand kms, Kelvin Strand - Chapman Strand kms.	\$4,000 (4xSigns)	In, for consideration by the Community Board

Parks Officer Comments and Recommendations:

- 1 A.** The request for funding for the replacement of blue rubbish bins along the street frontage of Te Atatu Peninsula Town Centre is not recommended for allocation of funding because it will be undertaken by Council's Solid Waste Department in 2005/2006.

- 1 B. The request for funding for the revitalisation of tree/planting under surfacing in Te Atatu Peninsula Town Centre is not recommended for allocation of funding because this is maintenance/operational issue and the works will be carried out as part of the 2005/2006 Parks Landscape Maintenance Programme.
- 1 C. The request for funding for the repainting of the blue decorative fixtures is not recommended for allocation of funding because works on these fixtures will be undertaken through the 2005/2006 Minor Works Programme.
- 2. The request for funding for the boardwalk link along the track near the waterline at bottom of Spinnaker Strand is not recommended for allocation of funding because this project is currently under construction as part of the Parks 2005/2006 Capital Works programme.
- 8. The request for funding for the installation of a playground at Ramlea Park is not recommended for allocation of funding as it is not a suitable location for a playground because there are health and safety issues due to there being no road frontage on this park for visibility,
- 9. The request for funding the installation of a playground at Wakeling Park is not recommended for allocation for funding because a new playground was installed in 2004/2005.

3.0 - Taipari Strand Association

Project	Description	Preliminary Assessed Cost	Recommendation In/Out
Taipari Strand	Install new electric BBQ by playground (power and water nearby)	\$8,500	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Install small windbreak to North West side of park (planting)	\$1,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Install drinking fountain near playground	\$2,500	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Installation of flying fox or giant slide.	\$20,000 (with safety surfacing)	In, for consideration by the Community Board

4.0 - Community Board Member

Project	Description	Preliminary Assessed Cost	Recommendation In/Out
Bancroft Park	Install new basketball half court	\$12,500	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Install macrocarpa picnic table with path connection (10 metres)	\$3,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board
Corner Hepburn and Barry's Road	Plant new specimen tree	\$175	In, for consideration by the Community Board
	Install macrocarpa bench seat with path connection (10 metres)	\$1,100	In, for consideration by the Community Board
Barry's Reserve	Install picnic table near playground with path connection (10 metres)	\$2,400	In, for consideration by the Community Board

5.0 - Sunnyvale Ratepayers and Residents Association

Project	Description	Preliminary Assessed Cost	Recommendation In/out
McKinley Reserve	Install slide for children	\$3,000	Out
	Install seesaw for all ages	\$3,000	Out
	Install plastic rock climb wall	\$2,000	Out
	Landscaping to add colour	\$2,000	In, for consideration by the Community Board

Parks Officer Comments and Recommendations:

The request for funding for the installation of play equipment at McKinley Reserve is not recommended for allocation of funding because a playground and half court to the value of \$70,000 was installed in 2004.

RESOURCES

The total costs of project proposals received that are recommended for funding allocation amount to \$113,405 the Henderson Community Board allocation is \$24,000.

CONCLUSION

The Henderson Community Board has been granted a discretionary budget of \$24,000 for parks capital development projects for allocation towards projects of \$10,000 or less. This report puts forward and evaluates projects that have been raised through the Council's consultation processes. It is recommended that the Henderson Community Board establish the priority for projects included in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Henderson Community Board Minor Parks Projects 2005/2006 report be received.
2. That the Henderson Community Board determines the priority projects for expenditure of the 2005/2006 Community Board Minor Parks Projects Budget.

Report prepared by: Toni Grogan, Parks Officer.



9 **PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request from the Chairperson of the Henderson Community Board for an update on Project Twin Stream activities planned for the Henderson Ward.

BACKGROUND

A key goal of Project Twin Streams is to foster community engagement in ways that are inclusive and meaningful for local neighbourhood communities and communities of interest. Local ownership is being achieved through working to engage and contract six locality-based community organisations to develop Project Twin Streams in their neighbourhoods. As well as co-ordinating community involvement in the weeding and maintenance of the stream banks, local contract holders will develop with their local communities' opportunities to integrate environmental awareness through music, arts, cultural, storytelling, youth, job creation and employment and training initiatives.

Project Twin Streams has a community contract in the Henderson Ward with West Auckland District Council of Social Services to deliver and develop Project Twin Streams along Henderson Creek from the North-Western Motorway into the Henderson Town Centre.

A Project Co-ordinator has recently been employed by West Auckland District Council of Social Services and the recently appointed Project Twin Streams Community Arts Worker is also working alongside the project.

The Community Arts Worker has been contracted by Project Twin Streams to work alongside contracted community organisations to assist them in developing creative ways of engaging their local communities in Project Twin Streams and to understand the environmental issues facing the catchment.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Project Twin Streams has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and will contribute to implementing the vision of Waitakere as an Eco City through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms.

The Twin Streams project delivers on one of the Council's strategic priorities as a living example of Sustainable Development. The involvement of many sectors of the community and the project's responsiveness to these diverse sectors contribute to the Strong Communities strategic platform. The stream restoration and resolving stormwater management issues contributes directly to the Three Waters and Green Network platforms.

Project Twin Streams also demonstrates the integration of Council's Quadruple Bottom Line approach in programme development and implementation as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

ISSUES

Over this planting season West Auckland District Council of Social Services is organising a number of small planting days with local community organisations and residents. These include the following:

- **24 September 2005** - a planting with the Scouts, Guides and their families at Tui Glen in preparation for the opening of the jetty;
- **15 October 2005** - a community planting day along Henderson Creek.

West Auckland District Council of Social Services are also working with the Project Twin Streams Arts Co-ordinator to organise an 'Art in the Park' event over the weekend 18-20 November 2005. The aim of this initiative is to use creativity to engage the local community to raise awareness of and encourage participation in the restoration of Henderson Creek.

The event will open on Friday, 18 November 2005 at Tui Glen Conductive Education Rooms with a display of art work by local art groups and work by Flanshaw School pupils reflecting their vision for Henderson Creek.

Activities include:

- a guided nature walk from Tui Glen to Sherwood Park.
- storytelling and creative activities at key historical and environmental sites along the walk.
- a live art exhibition at the Falls Reserve in conjunction with Waitakere Arts.
- a flag walk by children from West Wave after-school programme and a flag installation. These flags have been designed by the children and inspired by their vision for Henderson Creek.

RESOURCES

The resources for the above activities are supported by external funding from Sustainable Communities of \$40,000 which includes the salary and project costs for the Project Twin Streams Arts Co-ordinator.

CONCLUSION

Project Twin Streams has evolved significantly from its original concept of riparian restoration to become a community development model for catchment restoration as a living example of sustainable development.

The support and involvement of local residents in Waitakere is integral to ensuring Project Twin Streams is responsive to the diverse communities that comprise Waitakere City.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Jenny Chilcott, Community Development Co-ordinator.



10 **TE ATATU ROAD/OLD TE ATATU ROAD ROUNDABOUT: TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise the Henderson Community Board in terms of a review of traffic congestion in the morning peak period at the Te Atatu Road/Old Te Atatu Road roundabout.

BACKGROUND

Council received complaints in February/March 2005 about the performance of the new roundabout and the subject intersection. Consequently, comprehensive traffic surveys were undertaken in March 2005 to quantify performance.

The March 2005 survey found conditions to be practically normal. The report concluded that the adverse conditions of concern were a seasonal aberration related to the start of the primary, secondary and tertiary education years, and to the return of commuters from summer vacations.

The report did not recommend prohibiting the U-turn made by a minority of Te Atatu South commuters to access the second, Auckland facing, onramp to the North Western Motorway; this turn was a bone of contention for the complainants.

A report on this issue and the suitability of the roundabout was submitted to the 7 April 2005 meeting of the Henderson Community Board and the Board resolved as follows:

“That the Henderson Community Board requests the Roading and Traffic Department undertake a Traffic Survey at the Te Atatu Road/ Old Te Atatu Road roundabout in (3) months time and that the Henderson Police be asked to patrol the intersection for a period of time.”

598/2005

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The provision of roundabouts contributes to the efficient management of traffic as envisaged in the Integrated Transport and Communications platform.

ISSUES

The worst conditions in the Consultants March 2005 survey occurred between 7:00 am and 7:30 am when traffic queued back from the motorway on-ramp to the roundabout for about four minutes at 7:12 am. In August 2005 no congestion of any significance was seen by the Service Manager at this time on either the Thursday or the Friday, despite a fleeting queue backs from the motorway to the vicinity of the roundabout.

Furthermore, while the U-turn volume between 7:00 am and 8:00 am was 300 vehicles per hour in March 2005, it was 195 vehicles per hour in August 2005 (after applying a seasonal adjustment factor for direct comparability of the two counts). This is equivalent to a 35% reduction.

The Service Manager: Transport Assets has again observed and assessed traffic conditions at the roundabout. The observations were made during the morning peak hour traffic periods on Thursday, 18 and Friday, 19 August 2005, that is, following the July 2005 school holiday period.

During the monitoring in August 2005 there was a crash on the motorway to the east of the Te Atatu interchange. This resulted in a traffic queue from the motorway on-ramp back to the Gloria Avenue roundabout, 360m north of the subject roundabout. This congested condition lasted from approximately 7:50 am to 8:37 am, but despite the inconvenience, driver behaviour at Te Atatu Road/Old Te Atatu Road was exemplary. It was further noted that all traffic queues on the Peninsula dispersed by 8:37 am, whereas the traffic queue on the approach to the interchange from the south extended back to Vera Road after 7:40 am.

To confirm that conditions should have been normal from 7.45 am to 8.30 am on the Thursday observations were repeated on the Friday; there was no evidence of significant congestion between 7:00 am and 8:30 am.

RESOURCES

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded again that the exceptionally congested conditions suffered in late February 2005 and early March 2005 were a seasonal aberration, owing to the short term spikes in demand relating to students returning to schools, colleges, institutes and universities, and to commuters returning from vacations, (as previously advised).

Traffic Management controls, such as prohibition of the U-turn 6:00 am to 9:00 am on the southern approach to the Old Te Atatu Road roundabout are again not to be recommended. Such would prevent the best overall traffic equilibrium establishing for the two on-ramps facing to Auckland City. The U-turn is a safe movement.

It is considered that the arrangement of roundabouts along Te Atatu Road on the peninsula is a beneficial asset through its obvious traffic calming effect and its provision of equitable connectivity for constituents.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Te Atatu Road/Old Te Atatu Road Roundabout: Traffic Congestion report be received.

Report prepared by: Ross Hill, Service Manager, Transport Assets



11 TRIENNIAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW (MAORI WARDS)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Henderson Community Board of the key outcomes of the Triennial Review Hui held on 13 and 27 August 2005, as well as the resolution of Te Taumata Runanga on the subject of Maori Wards, to enable the Henderson Community Board to provide advice to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on the issue of Maori Wards.

BACKGROUND

The Council is required to conduct a review of its representation arrangements at least every six years. Because the Council chose not to undertake a review in 2003 it must do so in the 2006 year. It is considered inappropriate to consider those aspects of the review that must be undertaken during the 2005 year (Maori Wards and Electoral System) in isolation from those aspects for which decisions do not have to be made until 2006 (Boundaries and Representation).

The Local Government Commission has advised that its workload to deal with any appeals and objections will likely be substantial and it cannot assure the Council that it will be able to 'hear' submissions on the appeals and objections in all local authority areas. The Local Government Commission, however, has advised that if a local authority is able to make its determination ahead of the statutory deadlines then it is much more likely that local hearings will be possible. The Council has therefore determined that it will continue the process through 2005 and on to 2006 seamlessly so it makes a determination well ahead of the statutory time lines, and as soon as possible after consultation with the community.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Active Democracy is one of the Council's nine strategic platforms identified in its Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan 2005/2006. This platform supports the involvement of citizens in the Council's decision-making process, through education, removing barriers, developing partnerships, improving information flows and supporting the communities' own ways of interacting with the Council.

The Council measures its success in meeting active democracy targets by conducting regular household surveys. Although the public's perception of engagement in the Council's decision-making processes has improved since surveys were first conducted in 2001/2002, (partly due to this Council's extensive community consultation processes), the voter turnout for Council elections remains low. Voter turnout was only 35.68% at the last election. The electoral representation review process will assist the Council in determining why this is so and how to structure a system that is more conducive to active voter participation.

In addition to the Active Democracy Platform, the Treaty of Waitangi is one of the Council's overarching priorities, which must be affirmed in all the Council's activities and planning. Furthermore, the Local Government Act 2002 (Part 6) requires the Council to establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Maori and to foster the development of Maori capacity to contribute to its decision-making processes. The Council's commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi, together with the requirements of the Local Government Act, makes it incumbent upon this Council to consider the issue of appropriate Maori representation.

ISSUES

The amended provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 provide that any territorial authority may resolve to establish Maori Wards. The establishment of a separate Maori Ward or Wards would require that there are sufficient numbers of Maori electors registered within the area of the territorial authority. Any Council resolution to provide further for the establishment of a Maori Ward or Wards must be made no later than 23 November of the year that is two years before the next Triennial Election.

If a valid demand for a poll (from at least 5% of the registered electorate) on the issue of the introduction of Maori Wards is received before 28 February in the year before a Triennial General Election then a poll must be conducted and the result of that poll will be binding and effective from the next Triennial General Election.

The Council itself may resolve to hold a poll, and if so, such a poll is required to be held no later than 21 May 2006 (the year before the next Triennial General Election), for it to take effect at the 2007 election, failing which it can only take effect at the next but one Triennial Election. The estimated cost of holding a poll is around \$200,000, covering as it will, the City at large.

As required by the Finance and Operational Performance Committee resolution 358/2005 the process of consultation on the issue of Maori representation has now been completed:

- “1. That the Maori Representation - Maori Ward or Wards report be received.
2. That the proposals for consultation with the Maori community over a Maori Electoral Ward or Wards be approved as part of the broader review of the Representation System.”

358/2005

On 1 August 2005 the New Lynn Community Board resolved not to support the introduction of Maori Wards. On 2 August 2005 Waitakere Community Board requested that a further report be brought to it on the subject, when the process of consultation was complete. On 3 August 2005, Massey Community Board also resolved not to support the introduction of Maori Wards

The matter was brought to the Henderson Community Board on 4 August 2005. The Board resolved as follows:

- “3. That the Henderson Community Board makes no recommendation on the issue of separate Maori representation at this time but that the issue be brought back to the Community Board at its September 2005 meeting with information about the results of consultation with the Maori Community.
4. That the Finance and Operational Performance Committee consider the role and relevance of Te Taumata Runanga, in the event that the system of Maori Wards is to be adopted.”

1486/2005

A focus group held on 18 August 2005 attended by 6 people, just a small number of those participants who had agreed to take part, considered that the decision on whether to have Maori Wards or not should be decided by the Maori community and not the community as a whole. The decision of the Maori community is referred to later in the report.

A public meeting held on 24 August 2005, attended by 16 participants was divided on the issue of whether to introduce Maori Wards. Whilst the majority favoured the introduction of a Maori Ward there were views both for and against the proposal expressed.

A9-A20

Nga hui were held with members of Waitakere City's Maori community on 13 and 27 August 2005 and covered all aspects of the Representation Review. The report on the nga hui, produced by independent consultants Tahana Limited who assisted with facilitating nga hui, is attached at pages A9 to A20.

At its meeting of 19 September 2005, Te Taumata Runanga made the following recommendations concerning Maori representation:

- “1. That it be recommended to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee and the Council that Council introduce Maori Ward/s as part of its review of its system of representation.
2. That the outcome of the consultation on the Triennial Representation Review be forwarded to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee and the Council so that the report and recommendations can be considered in Councils decision making.”

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This recommendation will be presented to the Finance and Operational Committee, at its meeting of 10 October 2005.

The Finance and Operational Performance Committee has delegated authority to make preliminary decisions on electoral and representation matters and make recommendations to Council for final decision. The recommendations of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on this issue will then be brought to Council on 26 October 2005 for a final decision.

RESOURCES

Provision has been made in the draft Annual Plan 2005/2006 to resource the Representation Review.

CONCLUSION

This report is brought to the Henderson Community Board to enable the Henderson Community Board to provide advice to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on the issue of Maori Wards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Triennial Representation Review (Maori Wards) report be received.
2. That Henderson Community Board make any relevant recommendations to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee for onward transmission to Council on the subject of Maori Wards.

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12 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Elizabeth Grimmer
Henderson Citizens Advice Bureau	Leo Nobilo
Henderson Heritage Trust Inc.	Cr Ewen Gilmour
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee	Stephen McDonald
Council / Police Liaison Group	Helen Jones Leo Nobilo
Henderson Business Liaison Group	Elizabeth Grimmer Helen Jones
Youth and Advocacy Advisory Group	Wayne Bainbridge

Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group	Helen Jones
McLaren Community Park Project	Steve McDonald
Taipari Strand Community Group	Leo Nobilo
Te Atatu Peninsula Reserves Management Plan	Wayne Bainbridge Elizabeth Grimmer
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Wayne Bainbridge Helen Jones
Hearings	Elizabeth Grimmer Wayne Bainbridge (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee - Henderson Ward	Wayne Bainbridge
Lower Oratia Stream Reserve Management Plan Subcommittee	Stephen McDonald Leo Nobilo Cr Corban (alternate)

