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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 5 June 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 5 June 2007, 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 Chairman 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 ON AN OVERVIEW OF LIQUOR BAN PROCESS

Roy Hunt, Alcohol Project Leader, Safe Waitakere, will present an overview on the liquor ban process to the Waitakere Community Board.



5 PUBLIC FORUM

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 Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman 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 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report was not available at time of print. The Chairman will give a verbal report at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION


That the Chairman's Verbal Report be received.

Christine Shepherd, JP





CHAIRMAN



7 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	Claude Abel Pond Reserve, Piha Officer's Report	This project is still going through the consent process. Funding is currently provided in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan to carry out the physical works. Meetings were held on site during May 2007 with consent processing officers. Following this site meeting additional information was requested and this is currently being collated. A report was presented to the Tenders Subcommittee in early June seeking approval to tender the physical works. This was approved and will be publicly tendered in late June 2007 in order to secure a specialist contractor ahead of time to carry out the works. It is planned for physical works to be	Tracey Hamilton  836 8000 Extn: 8969

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
		undertaken in early 2008.	
2.	Waitakere River Realignment Officer's Report	The development of detailed designs and consent applications for the installation of bio-degradable sand bags and planting along the river bank adjacent to the Bethells Beach Surf Club is currently underway. The removal of sand will continue in order to prevent further erosion until the above-mentioned measures are in place. Physical works are programmed to be undertaken in late 2007.	Debbie Chapman ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8303
3.	Swanson Station Park Development Officer's Report	Additional planting carried out in autumn. The modifications to the skatepark entrance will be undertaken in July 2007.	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8553
4.	Community Board Minor Parks Projects Officer's Report	The status of each project is as follows: Reserve on corner of Bruce McLaren Road and Posa Avenue - Planting along the fence line was undertaken in June 2007. Te Henga Reserve - A meeting was held with the community to confirm the project details. This project is to be managed by the community and will entail the installation of furniture/stones around the existing bike track. The furniture is to be made/provided by the community, consistent with what already exists by the car park. Funding had been provided to the Bethells Community Group to undertake this project. It is expected works will take place over the next few months, however, a timeline has yet to be confirmed with the Bethells Community Group.	Katharine Slack ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8779
5.	Bethells Beach Wastewater System Replacement/Surf Club Connection Officer's Report	Physical works for the upgrade of the wastewater system at Bethells Beach has been awarded to Reflection Treatment Systems Limited. Off site works are currently underway and the on site construction period of one week is planned for early July 2007.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8969
6.	Piha Domain Playground Upgrade 3 October 2006 Resolution No. 1902/2006 5 October 2006 Resolution No. 1973/2006 City Development Committee	The playground upgrade was completed in June 2007.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8969

7.	Waitakere Township Public Toilet Officer's Report	Council's initial plan involved the purchase or lease of the property adjacent to Waitakere Village Rail Station for the purpose of building a toilet block and associated wastewater facilities. Unfortunately the purchase or lease is no longer an option, therefore the design has undergone some minor changes to fit all required infrastructure into the road reserve. Resource and building consents have been lodged. The toilets are programmed to be built in late 2007.	Debbie Chapman  836 8000 Extn: 8303
8.	Karekare Toilets & Wastewater System Upgrade Officer's Report	The detailed design has been completed on the toilet block. Building and resource consents were lodged in late June 2007. Construction is programmed to commence by September 2007.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Extn: 8553
9.	Laingholm Scenic Reserve, Warner Walk and Western Park – Weed Control Planting Officer's Report	The contractor who was engaged to carry out these works has abandoned their obligations to the contract as they went into receivership. These works are currently being re-tendered and are now planned to be carried out from August 2007.	Helen Biffin  836 8000 Extn: 8758
10.	Huia and Whatipu Road Speed Limits and Safety Issues 13 February 2007 Resolution No. 134/2007	At the Community Board meeting on Tuesday, 13 February 2007, members from the Huia Cornwallis Residents and Ratepayers Association spoke on the speed limits and road layouts of Huia Road and Whatipu Road. The Board resolved: <i>“That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to bring back a report to the Waitakere Community Board on the speed limits along Huia and Whatipu roads, and the potential implementation of minor roading improvements that can be made to improve safety.”</i> 134/2007 The Huia Residents and Ratepayers Association requested that minor safety improvements for pedestrians be looked at for Huia Road between Huia Dam Road and Whatipu Road, and also a rock outcrop was requested to be removed. Council officers have investigated and found that some low cost improvements are feasible for a number of locations, in particular where visibility is limited around bends and there is no usable shoulder for people to walk on. Council officers will be meeting with a contractor and envisage some improvements will be made within the next three months.	Sue Liddell  836 8000 Extn: 8736

		With regard to the issue of speed limits, these are being dealt with on a Citywide basis. This will be subject to a consultation process later in the year.	
11.	Warning Signs on Rural Roads in the Waitakere Ward Member's Request	At a special meeting with several Community Board Members and Council officers, it was agreed that all the tree foliage obstructing any signs will be trimmed and any future sign replacement will be with low grade engineering standard (less reflective) signs. Council officers will audit the speed shown on all the current signs and will check the angle of the chevron signs to reduce the glare on drivers' eyes at night. Another update will be available after the audits are complete.	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8736

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Community Hall Review	12 September 2005 Resolution No. 1737/2005	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Kimberly Rees ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8559
Piha / Karekare and Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Extn 8294
Trial of Water-filled Barriers at Paremuka Reserve	5 December 2006 Resolution No. 2319/2006	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8736
Little Huia Boat Ramp Facility Current Condition and Potential to be Upgraded to be an All-Tide, All Weather Boat Ramp Facility	Community Board Member's Request	31 July 2007	Grant Jennings ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8537
Project Twin Streams Four Monthly Progress Report	2 August 2005 Resolution No. 1468/2005 Last updated 1 May 2007	4 September 2007	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Extn: 8294

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report for Tuesday, 3 July 2007 be received.

Report prepared by: Prebashni Naidoo, Committee Secretary.



8 SUMMERLAND DRIVE, WESTERN HEIGHTS - NEW P2 PARKING RESTRICTION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new P2 parking restriction adjacent to Summerland Primary School.

BACKGROUND

A request was received from the Summerland Primary School to install a new P2 parking restriction for two parking spaces adjacent to the school. There is currently considerable congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times, and this would assist the situation.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Parking restrictions can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

ISSUES

Summerland Drive is a district arterial with a carriageway width of approximately 13 metres.

A search of the Land Transport New Zealand database shows that there have been no reported accidents in the vicinity within the past five years.

It is proposed to install two new P2 parking spaces at an existing parking bay adjacent to Summerland Primary School.

A1 The location of the proposed changes is indicated on the map attached at page A1.

Summerland Primary School agrees to this proposal.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as required by Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in safety and convenience for residents of the City.

RESOURCES

The proposed works can be funded from the 2006/2007 Annual Plan Maintenance budget.

CONCLUSION

The proposed new P2 parking restriction will help reduce the congestion during pick-up and drop off-times around the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Summerland Drive, Western Heights – New P2 Parking Restriction report be received.
2. That in relation to **SUMMERLAND DRIVE, WESTERN HEIGHTS:**
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the western kerb line of **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** starting from a point 39 metres south of the extended kerb line of **HARVEST DRIVE** and extending south to a point a further 12 metres a new **P2 PARKING RESTRICTION 8.30-9.00am. 3.00-3.15pm SCHOOL DAYS ONLY** restriction be put in place.
 - (ii) on the western kerb line of **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** starting from the extended kerb line of **HARVEST DRIVE** and extending south to a point a further 39 metres a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** restriction be put in place.
 - (iii) on the western kerb line of **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** starting from a point 51 metres south of the extended kerb line of **HARVEST DRIVE** and extending south to a point a further 14 metres a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** restriction be put in place.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 - Rule 54002 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitations and restrictions.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris, Transport Technician.



9 FIXED DRIVER FEEDBACK SIGNS IN THE WAITAKERE WARD

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Waitakere Community Board to install three fixed position Driver Feedback Signs (FDFS) and 12 fixed pole sites.

BACKGROUND

The Council proposes to put in place three FDFS and 12 fixed pole sites in the 2007/2008 financial year. Three sites are proposed in each of the four Council wards. It is intended that the three FDFS will be rotated around the 12 fixed pole sites in Waitakere with each unit remaining in a location for approximately one month before being shifted to the next location.

The FDFS is a solar powered electronic road sign that incorporates a radar unit which displays the speed of the approaching vehicle. These signs are road safety devices. By warning drivers when they are exceeding the speed limit a better rate of compliance with posted limits in known problem areas can be achieved.

It is also proposed that the number of sites in each ward is added to on a yearly basis. Sites that have been suggested this year, in addition to the three selected in each ward, could be considered for the next financial year.

The FDFS will be capable of storing traffic speed data which will be able to be remotely accessed via cellular telephone network.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

ISSUES

Consultation for these proposed sites was sought from the NZ Police Strategic Traffic Unit, Council Traffic Engineers, Community Board Road Safety representatives, and with information from the CAS crash statistics database from Land Transport New Zealand. From this list the three sites were selected and are recommended below in Table 1.

As the signs have solar panels they need to be positioned facing north and not have the panels blocked by trees or other features. This enables the batteries to be able to be charged correctly thus maximising their lifespan.

Table 1 - Selected sites

Site Number	Street Name	Site Description
1	Munroe Road connecting to Summerland Drive	21.5 metres west of the centreline of Waterstone Way, north side
2	Forrest Hill Road	16 metres north east of the boundary of Nos. 153-157, north side
3	Glengarry Road	In line with the boundary of Nos. 320 and 322, west side

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The location of the three sites are shown at attached pages A2 to A4.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as required by Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in safety and convenience for residents of the City.

RESOURCES

The proposed three FDFS and 12 fixed pole sites will be implemented under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan 40 kph signs and driver feedback signs budget. Council will also receive a contribution of \$15,000 from the Auckland City Council.

CONCLUSION

Following consultation with the stakeholders, site visits have been undertaken to confirm a suitable site for each FDFS that gives the required visibility, is in a safe position and allows charging of the solar panel batteries. The positions outlined in the report meet all these requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Fixed Driver Feedback Signs in the Waitakere Ward report be received.
2. That the installation of the Fixed Driver Feedback Signs as described in Table 1 below, defining the positions for the Fixed Driver Feedback Signs sites be approved:

Site Number	Street Name	Site Description
1	Munroe Road connecting to Summerland Drive	21.5 metres west of the centreline of Waterstone Way, north side
2	Forrest Hill Road	16 metres north east of the boundary of Nos. 153-157, north side
3	Glengarry Road	In line with the boundary of Nos. 320 and 322, west side

Report prepared by: Kitch Cuthbert, Road Safety Co-ordinator, Transport Assets.



10 PIHA DOMAIN FOOTBRIDGE REPLACEMENT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Waitakere Community Board on the proposed design for the Piha Domain Footbridge replacement.

BACKGROUND

Piha Domain is a city-wide park and therefore jurisdiction for development on this park resides with the City Development Committee.

In December 2002 during the annual structures inspection programme the concrete beams on the Piha Domain pedestrian footbridge were identified to be at risk of failure in the near future. The Piha footbridge was temporarily closed and steel beams with new decking and handrails were installed to reinstate the foot linkage between the beach and Piha Domain. The temporary bridge is approximately 1.2 metres wide with plywood sides to the handrail. The steel beams are located on the existing piles and the old concrete beams are still in place. The provision of the steel beams was only a temporary short term solution to provide pedestrian access over the Piha Stream.

The existing bridge piles have been assessed and it has been identified that the current piles can not take a loading of bridge over a width of 1.5 metres. A width of 1.5 metres is not suitable for cycle way/high pedestrian traffic under the New Zealand accessibility code.

Therefore it was proposed to commence the design process for the full replacement of the bridge, to allow for a wider pathway and two way pedestrian and cycle traffic.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The strategic content for this project is to contribute to Council's strategic platforms of Urban and Rural Villages and Integrated Transport and Communication where the objectives are to:

- Enhance village centres in the City's rural areas;
- Provide for a safe, pleasant and direct pedestrian and cycle access.

One of the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy 2005 objectives is to involve communities in the design and management of parks and continue with providing and managing key pedestrian linkages through our parks in high use areas.

ISSUES

The adopted Project Plan involved working with the Council's Arts Manager in the engagement of three artists to each produce a schematic/concept design of a possible footbridge replacement. Each design was assessed by a design evaluation team comprising of two members of Piha Ratepayers and Residents Executive, the Chairman and one other representative of the Waitakere Community Board, a member from the City Development Committee, the Arts Manager, Parks Manager and an Engineer.

Three artists produced concept design options and together with the parks standard bridge design, these were put on display in the Piha library and presented to the Piha Ratepayers and Residents Executive (meeting held on 1 September 2006) for feedback from the community.

Iwi were presented with all four designs for consideration and are in support of the "Story of the Eel" concept design.

The feedback from surveys submitted at the Piha library and posted to Council identified the "Story of the Eel" bridge as being most popular with 55 percent of votes.

The design evaluation team met on 10 October 2006 to assess and consider the comments from the community and to evaluate the designs. From the four designs considered, the "Story of the Eel" design created by local Piha artist, Mandy Patmore was selected.

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The concept design has been further developed taking into consideration the structural engineering requirements to make the bridge a reality. Development of a more detailed design has been undertaken in conjunction with the artist, Council's Senior Arts Project Coordinator, Council's project manager and an Engineer. Drawings of the proposed concept design are attached at pages A5 to A8.

A mail drop to the community will be undertaken following the Waitakere Community Board and City Development Committee meetings in July to update the community on the design selected and advise them of progress on the project.

Following approval of the proposed concept design by the City Development Committee, the process would involve gaining of resource and building consents and preparation of tender documents. Physical works are programmed to begin in February 2008 as there is potential risk of the bridge not being operational during the peak summer season should construction begin prior to Christmas.

Decision Making

The "Story of the Eel" concept design is appropriate for the proposed location. This option and three others were presented to the community for consultation. This option has been assessed against relevant criteria in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.

RESOURCES

Funding has been allocated for the replacement of the Piha Domain footbridge in the draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan as set out below:

Account from Draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan	Budget	Committed to this Project
Structures Renewals	\$847,000.00	\$450,000.00
TOTAL	\$847,000.00	\$450,000.00

CONCLUSION

The proposed "Story of the Eel" design was strongly supported by the community and agreed upon by the design evaluation team. The design is in keeping with the environment and has strong links to Iwi.

Piha Domain is a city-wide park and therefore jurisdiction for development on this park resides with the City Development Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Piha Domain Footbridge Replacement report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board support the proposed "Story of the Eel" concept design and recommend to the City Development Committee that the concept design be approved.

Report prepared by: Debbie Chapman, Parks Project Development Officer.



11 AUCKLAND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to enable, at the request of the Council, the Waitakere Community Board to consider proposals to strengthen regional governance.

BACKGROUND

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At its meeting of 30 May 2007, the Council received a report on Regional Governance. A copy of this report, together with the accompanying material on the Strengthening Regional Governance project, is attached at pages A9 to A67. In response to this report the Council resolved:

"That the matter regarding the Auckland Regional Governance be deferred until after an urgent workshop on the subject has been held."

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and

- “1. Pursuant to Standing Order 27.18 notice is given that the following Council resolution (671/2007) relating to Watercare dividend will be rescinded at the Council meeting which will be held after the urgent workshop on Auckland Regional Governance:

“That Watercare ownership be retained by the territorial local authorities as a Council Controlled Organisation and that it be able to pay a dividend which can be used by the territorial local authorities for the Three Waters.”

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2. That the report on the Auckland Regional Governance be referred to Te Taumata Runanga and the four Community Boards for their information and feedback to Council.”

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The matter was further considered at the meeting of the City Development Committee Meeting held on 7 June 2007. The Committee resolved:

- “1. That the Council acknowledges and confirms the essence of the problem statement agreed at the outset of the project, and in particular the need for improved arrangements for the region to effectively partner with and negotiate with central government in order to achieve international competitiveness as a city-region, and manage long-term development more sustainably.
2. That the Council acknowledges that the proposals for reform constitute a start on a process of evolutionary (rather than sudden) change to address these issues, but notes that further and wider reforms may be desirable in the medium term.
3. That Waitakere continues to support the proposals outlined in December 2006, and refined in the report of 16 May 2007. In order to advance and consolidate those proposals, Waitakere resolves to respond to the specific issues raised as follows:

(a) **GAC/ARC**

Recommend status quo

- The **name** Auckland Regional Council should be retained.
- The **role** of the ARC should remain unchanged other than as a result of changes agreed in this process.
- The **leader** should continue to be appointed by members.
- The **membership** should remain as at present – 13 councillors elected across 6 constituencies aligned to TA boundaries.

(b) **Regional Sustainable Development Forum (RSDF)**

Recommend that the RSDF is the key new institutional mechanism for achieving agreement and collective responsibility at local, regional and national level for the development programme for the region.

- *The RSDF should be constituted as a **standing committee** of the ARC, using the provisions of sections 37SE – 37SH of the LGA74 in the first instance, if appropriate.*
- *The key function of the RSDF should be to prepare and recommend to the ARC, for adoption, the One Plan as a means of co-ordinating and integrating regional strategies for landuse (land) transport, other infrastructure, economic, social and cultural development, and environmental performance.*
- *The RSDF should be the mandated primary **point of contact** for the government in engaging with regional development and planning issues that affect the whole region.*

RSDF Representation

- *Council Representation:*
 - *ARC: 4 members (Committee Chairs?)*
 - *Cities: 2 members each appointed by each Council*
 - *Districts: 1 member each appointed by each council*
- *Central Government representation:*
 - *3 - 5 ministers or delegates (recognising the importance of this relationship)*
 - *Mana Whenua representation*
 - *The reason for Mana Whenua representation appears to be founded on the exercise of the Crown's Treaty partnership obligations, which elevates this group above stakeholders. Difficulties might be anticipated in providing an adequate resourcing and backup for these representatives. Until Treaty settlements are concluded, WCC recommends that the Minister of Maori Affairs hold specific representation on the Forum with the ability to appoint Mana Whenua representative(s) as his delegates, and for his Ministry of Maori Development to provide consultation and back up support for those representatives.*
- *It is recommended that the maximum membership should be 20 representatives.*

RSDF Machinery of Government

- *The RSDF Chair should be appointed by the ARC from amongst the Forum members on the recommendation of the RSDF.*
- *RSDF decision-making should be consensus whenever possible. If that fails, decisions should be by majority decision, but when decisions are to be formally binding on all parties, a 75% majority should be required.*
- *Each member should have one vote.*
- *Existing fora (such as RGF, RLTS, AREDF/Metro) should be abolished and their responsibilities transferred to the RSDF for incorporation into the One Plan. (Thus simplifying and streamlining regional governance.)*

(c) ***The One Plan***

- *Recommend the development of a single strategic document that expresses the agreed regional development programme and funding commitments.*

One Plan Breadth

- *One Plan should develop over time, starting with the content of the RGS, RLTS, REDS, but expanding over time to cover the 4 well beings.*
- *Includes vision, goals, directional shifts and ethos of LTSP.*
- *Initially records existing strategic agreements and funding agreements.*
- *Needs to urgently address regional responses to global forces of change.*
- *Focus on regional priority actions that will achieve “step change” in competitiveness, efficiency, well being.*
- *Records Auckland’s place in the nation, relationship with adjoining regions and NZ, and expectations about engagement with central government.*
- *Key function is horizontal and vertical integration of development programme.*

One Plan Depth

- *Issues of regional significance. Focus on high-level, complex, difficult to solve issues.*
- *Could include outcomes, objectives, strategic direction, priorities and funding parameters.*
- *Prioritised projects to be agreed.*
- *20 - 30 year time frame with a view to 50 year horizon.*

Enforceability

- *A primary focus is engaging the Crown, so their representation is essential along with the use of multi-year-end bulk regional funding agreements, and performance contracts.*
- *Until 2012, primary local government commitments should generally be limited to those in LTCCPs, but beyond 2012 LTCCP commitments may be revised to reflect One Plan funding needs.*
- *Capacity to enter into agreements with providers of infrastructure, including providers such as Watercare Services limited and energy companies.*
- *Ability to conclude binding agreements between/among parties.*
- *Generally parties should be required to give effect to decisions, and as a minimum to not act inconsistently with One Plan. The One Plan needs to be enforceable according to the needs of each policy, so that provisions should be able to range from advisory to mandatory.*
- *Generally, ARC should be the One Plan contract and funding agreement negotiating agent.*

Sanctions/Levers

- *Support for the range of incentives and sanctions including moral suasion. The sanction of exclusion from the benefits of participation should only be used after careful consideration.*

Consultation

- *RSDF should be responsible for public consultation on the One Plan, and in recommending the Plan to the ARC for approval should also comment on the consultation process and outcomes.*

Relationship with Community Outcomes Process

- *RSDF should report to the ARC on the extent to which One Plan delivers on the Community Outcomes the ARC has recorded.*

Ability of the (GAC) ARC to amend One Plan

- *Follow the RGF provisions of Section 37SG (4) of the LGA74: “the function of the (RGSF) is to advise on and approve the (One Plan) and any amendment to that (One Plan) before any such amendment (or One Plan) is adopted by the Auckland Regional Council.” i.e. the ARC can adopt a plan or amendment only on the recommendation of RGSF.*

Transition

- *The One Plan will evolve with experience and time. The target should be to complete the first iteration of the One Plan by the end of 2008 in order to inform the local government 2009 - 2012 LTCCP process, and 2009 - 2012 budgets, with a review by 2011, in time for the 2012 LTCCP review.*

(d) Three Waters

Status quo

- *WCC has signalled its intention to resolve that Watercare Services Ltd should not be able to pay a dividend. The status quo should continue with respect to Watercare Services Limited governance and legislative arrangements. This means that no proposals for Watercare Services Ltd to pay a dividend should be actioned at this time, and that there should be no change in the ownership by TAs. At some future date, it may be desirable to review whether the present arrangements are the best possible to ensure the sustainable development of the Auckland region. Work on the Three Waters Strategy should be reported to the RSDF.*

(e) Regional Facilities

- *Any regionally funded facility should be owned by a regional entity. If funding is to be shared across units of local government, the proportionality formula should reflect usage by communities. WCC considers the West Wave Pool in Henderson to be such a regional facility.*

(f) **Economic Development**

- *Waitakere has a very successful and cost-effective EDA. The Council supports the strengthening of a Regional EDA, and the incorporation within that of Tourism Auckland, on a basis that does not undermine the effectiveness, profile and engagement with government of Waitakere Enterprise. The Regional EDA has a critical role in coordinating local EDAs.*

(g) **Transport**

- *Need to engage with Government immediately to incorporate proposals from the Transport Workstream into government policy and legislation on the implementation of ATSAP, the government's reform of transport entities, the "Next Steps in the Land Transport Review, 30 April 2007, and the Cabinet decisions on this review [POL min (07) 9/5 refers].*

(h) **Shared Services**

- *Support for continued action on shared services, including, for example investigations into coordinated rating and valuation systems.*

(i) **Funding**

- *Acknowledge that existing funding mechanisms available to local and regional government are insufficient to meet the strategic and timely development needs of the region.*
- *There is a need to consider the cost-effectiveness of the RSDF/OnePlan proposal, and the funding arrangements for its operation.*

(j) **Land Use**

- *There needs to be further efforts to ensure that transport and other infrastructure planning and services give effect to the growth concept of the RGS and the shifts of the LTSF.*
- *ARC needs to ensure that the land use intent of the One Plan is reflected in timely revisions of the RPS prepared under the RMA.*

(k) **Other**

- *CDEM should continue to be a joint regional and local undertaking to ensure the continued engagement of local communities and marshalling of volunteers.*
- *Parks, RMA, Harbours responsibilities of ARC should remain unchanged.*
- *Support for further investigations into regional development corporation for major projects.*

Consultation with the public on the proposed package is essential. WCC considers that an eight week concerted process is the minimum required. Consultation should be a shared government/local government undertaking."

The following list of acronyms was included in the minutes to aid understanding:

Footnote: key to acronyms

AREDF:	Auckland Region Economic Development Forum
ARC:	Auckland Regional Council
ATSAP:	Auckland Transport Alignment Project
EDA:	Economic Development Agency
GAC:	Greater Auckland Council
LGA 74:	Local Government Act 1974
LTCCP:	Long Term Council Community Plan
LTSF:	Long Term Sustainability Framework (for the Auckland region)
RGF:	Auckland Regional Growth Forum
RGS:	Auckland Regional Growth Strategy
RLTS:	Auckland Region Land Transport Strategy
RMA:	Resource Management Act
RPS:	Auckland Regional Policy Statement
RSDF:	Auckland Regional Sustainable Development Forum
TA:	Territorial Authority

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The strengthening Auckland's Regional Governance project is an attempt to improve the performance of the region as a whole, and in particular to provide for more effective regional level engagement with central government. It is intended to address current weaknesses in governance, funding, and strategic planning. As such, this project potentially affects every aspect of sustainable development and good governance in Waitakere and the whole Auckland region.

ISSUES

This report is presented to the Waitakere Community Board at the request of the Council. Council officers will be present at the meeting to make a brief presentation on the proposals to strengthen Auckland's Regional Governance and Council decision making to date. It should be noted that there is no singular 'concrete' proposal developed or under consideration at this time.

The proposals to date do not set out any changes to the existence or role of Community Boards. The paper outlining the proposals (which is attached to the report to Council of 30 May 2007) states that Community Boards are an integral part of the local government operating framework, and that it is envisaged that Community Boards would continue their existing role. The paper also states that as the new governance mechanisms are developed through this work, there will be a need to ensure that Community Boards have appropriate opportunities to engage on those matters considered by the RSDF and the GAC which are of relevance to the communities represented by the respective boards.

There is no need for the Waitakere Community Board to take any action at this stage. However, if the Board feels strongly about a particular issue and wishes to comment, it could either advise the Council of its views or seek to make a submission to the Political Reference Group. At this stage, it is advised that it would be best to make comment to the Council, as there is, as yet, no formal consultation process in place. It should be noted that the Council has maintained from the outset of this project that a significant period of public consultation should be carried out. This is likely to occur once a definite proposal has been developed and agreed.

The Waitakere Community Board may wish to simply express support for the action that the Council has taken to date.

RESOURCES

The proposed package of reforms to Auckland's regional governance structures will have a range of funding and financial implications across the region. These will be investigated and developed more fully as part of further work. In brief, financial implications relate to:

- development of a one plan that agreed by all parties (including central government) should provide for more certain funding allocation to strategic regional priorities;
- a key part of the governance proposal is to address current funding shortfalls at the regional level through identifying new funding sources such as a regional fuel tax, development levies and departure tax;
- that there will be costs associated with implementing any proposed reforms such as a new name for the regional entity, potential new representative arrangements for a new entity, establishing and servicing the new Regional Sustainable Development Forum, and One Plan, the collection of new revenue sources and investigating new shared services arrangements.

Staff time allocated to contributing to the development of proposals and providing advice is being provided for within existing staff resources. Project costs are being shared between the councils and central government and are being funded from the regional projects budget.

CONCLUSION

Further work has been done on proposals to strengthen regional governance. The Council has asked that this work be presented to the Waitakere Community Board for its information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Auckland Regional Governance report be received.

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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.

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd Diane Goodley
Waitakere Citizen Advice Bureau	Diane Goodley
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd Sharon Davies (alternate)

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Robin Taylor Diane Goodley
McLaren Park Community Project Steering Group	Diane Goodley
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah Robin Taylor
The Weedfree Waitakere Trust	Diane Goodley
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Monique Davis
Council/Police Liaison Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Monique Davis Diane Goodley
Hearings Committee	Robin Taylor Kubi Witten-Hannah
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Sharon Davies
Street Events Subcommittee	Monique Davis

