Minutes

Auckland Local Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 8 October 2025 Time: 10.00 am – 4.00pm

Venue: Takapuna Fire Station, 83 Wairau Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0627

LAC members present:

Andy Baker (Chair)
Edwin Pio (Deputy Chair)
Alan Cole
Denise Bijoux (from 10.10am)
Kritika Selach
Richard Leung
Margie Tukerangi (from 10.15am)
Mauga Michael Alofa (from 10.15am)
Sally Britnell
Tayyaba Khan (from 10.35am)
Glenn Teal

In Attendance:

Danny Tuato'o (from 12noon)	Fire and Emergency Board Deputy Chair
Ron Devlin (to 11am)	Region Manager – Te Hiku
Fiona Natusch	Auckland Strategic Advisor
Rochelle Martin	District Manager – Waitemata
Geoff Purcell	District Manager – Counties Manukau
Katie Pocock	District Manager – Auckland City
Leah Hide	Community Risk Manager – Waitemata
Shane Laulu	Senior Advisor, Local Advisory Committees

Apologies:

Iani Nemani	LAC Member
Alby Cash	Pou Takawaenga Māori Matua
Donna-Jean Tairi-Ngata	Pou Takawaenga Māori

Open meeting Welcome

The meeting was opened with a karakia from the District Manager. The Chair acknowledged the Deputy Chair in attending their first committee meeting since returning from overseas. The District Manager provided housekeeping information for the venue.

The members register of interests was noted and confirmed.

District update

The Region Manager briefed the LAC on recent activity and issues. This included an update on recent industrial action and organisational position, the new strategic direction and new structure from 22 September, prioritisation of operational tasks within the current legislative requirements.

The District update was discussed noting the brief provided to the LAC prior to the meeting. The Community Risk Manager provided an overview of the future operating capability project and work being undertaken. The LAC was interested in the Te Hiku Region managing change within the resource constraints, supporting volunteerism and gaps, and whether Fire and Emergency was drawing from other sector models with response. The LAC was interested in the future operating

capability tool assessing the reality of volunteer brigade health from across the region and understanding where the gaps are and data sources that can be drawn from for analysis.

The District Manager Auckland City provided an update on the work under culture change and recent volunteer survey results. The Te Hiku volunteer portfolio is establishing a project working group to identify barriers and mitigate these. The LAC noted an interest to connect with the working group as their work progresses. Noted also was the national roll out of the Volunteer Voice Network and Volunteer Engagement Model.

The District Manager Counties Manukau briefed the LAC on career staff numbers, training and equipment refresh available to the region.

The Strategic Advisor noted the work undertaken by the Pou Takawaenga with the Māori strategic framework for engagement how Fire and Emergency engage with Iwi in Region and will update at a future LAC meeting.

Chair Update

The Deputy Chair provided a brief update and highlights from attending the LAC Chairs' Hui held in Wellington on 17 July. Discussed were the Community Perceptions report and points noted in the report including the six principals for success and types of engagement undertaken. The Deputy Chair discussed the usefulness of the Chairs group collaborating, sharing learnings across LACs and quality discussions held.

The Chair invited LAC members to update on any engagements over the period, and this was shared by individual members in their LAC role and wider community roles.

Fire and Emergency Deputy Chair

Fire and Emergency Board Member Danny Tuato'o and LAC members had an engaged discussion across several areas with the Board Deputy Chair providing a high-level view and areas the Board will be interested in advice from Local Advisory Committees engagement. There is particular interest in future planning and a fit for purpose service through a period of significant change with sustainable investment.

Key questions the Deputy Chair highlighted the Board is considering are, response planning and how we stand up that capability, how we collaborate, how we invest and knowing the value of what we do.

Engagement Session and Planning workshop

The LAC further worked on the development of the Auckland engagement plan started in June.

The LAC confirmed its focus, priorities, and its approach with roles and responsibilities. These are captured in the draft document to be finalized by the LAC post meeting. There was significant discussion, and this is reflected in the agreed high-level settings of the engagement plan.

General Business

The minutes of the 11 June LAC meeting were agreed and correspondence register noted.

The LAC was updated on potential changes to SharePoint and possible Board tool available into 2026.

Next meetings:

- Trimester 2 meeting: **11 March 2026**, Venue: **TBC**. Date may need to be further negotiated with Region Leadership Team having its 2-day meeting on the same date.
- Trimester 3 meeting **11 June 2026**, Venue: **TBC**

Closing

The meeting closed at 3.50pm with karakia.

Action Log

Date	Action	Responsible	Due	Status
8 October 2025	Finalise the Auckland LAC engagement plan with LAC to: • Draft High-level settings confirmed • Portfolio areas agreed to and designated members continuing • Identifying first individual stakeholders for engagement (activity to March 2026)	Chair	Post meeting	In-Progress
8 October 2025	Provide the engagement toolkit for the LAC and access to documents	Senior Advisor	Immediate post meeting	Completed
8 October 2025	LAC to connect to the internal Te Hiku volunteer working group identifying and mitigating barriers	Chair to liaise with District Manager	Post meeting	In-progress
8 October 2025	Confirm date of the T2 meeting as required (currently 11 March 026) and venues for March and June 2026 meetings with the Secretariat	Chair/Strategic Advisor	Post meeting	In-progress
11 June 2025	LAC members to follow up as required with the Senior Advisor on use of Whāriki individually post meeting	LAC	Immediate post meeting	Completed
11 June 2025	Share Fire and Emergency Afi Pasifika Network Strategy document with LAC	Mauga Michael Alofa	Immediate post meeting	Completed
11 June 2025	Share Fire and Emergency Strategic Direction 2025-2030 document with LAC	Senior Advisor	Immediate post meeting	Completed
11 June 2025	Follow up on members administrative issues post meeting	Senior Advisor	Immediate post meeting	Completed
11 June 2025	Confirmation on LAC member to possibly attend the Northland meeting in Kaiwaka on 24 June.	LAC	Before 17 June	Completed