Auckland Local Advisory Committee Meeting — Minutes

Date: Friday 13 March 2026 **Time:** 9.45am – 3.45pm (6 hours)

Venue: Te Hiku, 2 Poynton Street Newtown, Auckland

LAC Members present:

Edwina Pio	Acting Chair
Tayyaba Khan	LAC Member
Denise Bijoux	LAC Member
Alan Cole	LAC Member
Kritika Selach	LAC Member
Iani Nemani	LAC Member
Mauga Michael Alofa	LAC Member
Sally Britnell (from 11.45am)	LAC Member
Glenn Teal (until 1pm)	LAC Member

In Attendance:

Ron Devlin (to 10.30am)	Region Manager
Fiona Natusch	Auckland Strategic Advisor
Vaughan Mackereth	District Manager Auckland
Geoff Purcell	District Manager Counties Manukau
Phil Larcombe	Acting District Manager Waitematā
Leah Hide	Community Risk Manager
Maria McDonald	Principal Advisor, Local Advisory Committees

Apologies:

Margie Tukerangi	LAC Member
Richard Leung	LAC Member
Alby Cash	Pou Takawaenga Māori Matua
Donna-Jean Tairi-Ngata	Pou Takawaenga Māori

Welcome

The Acting Chair opened the meeting with a karakia. Andy Baker, departing inaugural Chair was acknowledged, and the Acting Chair noted that a letter has been sent to thank him. Shane Laulu, previous secretariat was also acknowledged.

Committee operations

The previous minutes were agreed. The members Register of Interests was confirmed, with members asked to send updates to the secretariat. The Correspondence Register was noted.

District update

The Region Manager briefed the LAC on recent activity and issues including an update on industrial action and organisational change proposals. He also outlined progress of introducing the new operating capability model and there was interest from the LAC in shaping the future of that work.

The LAC asked to be updated on any connection points within Fire and Emergency throughout change. The District Managers discussed the report provided to the LAC.

Updated Terms of Reference

The National Manager LACs presented and led discussion around the updated Terms of Reference. There was discussion on the connection between Whāriki and the Insights Register and further information will be provided at the next LAC meeting.

LAC Secretariat Update

A presentation was provided and discussion around member fees and expenses. The next meeting will be held in Convene, and the Chair requested that papers be provided with good time ahead of the meeting to prepare.

Engagement Planning

The LAC shared their own engagements. The Auckland Strategic Advisor and Community Risk Manager discussed the document previously provided to share what Fire and Emergency is currently doing in the engagement space. LAC members shared their communities of interest and areas where they have depth and provided guidance on some current engagement. The LAC supported taking a system approach layering communities of interest to maximise impact from engagement and with risk driving engagement prioritisation. The initial focus proposed for engagement is:

- Inner city – younger population, newer migrants, building owners/managers/businesses
- Pacific community – volunteerism, recruitment, community risk, culture
- Volunteerism – contact relevant District Manager re cluster meeting dates of Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs
- Older person community – living at home with risks and needs, more managed environments
- Māori community – specific conversations required to further progress

The Auckland Strategic Advisor will update district contact points for the LAC to engage with around these. The Strategic Advisor can be copied into any communications to support momentum across the three Districts and keep the right people connected.

General Business

The LAC was shown through the Region Coordination Centre at 12.40pm. The LAC and Fire and Emergency leadership had a group photo taken.

Next meeting: 10 June 2026, 9.45am to 4pm, Venue: TBC

Closing

The meeting closed at 3.45pm with karakia. The meeting was 6 hours (one day).

Action Log

Date	Action	Responsible	Due	Status
13 March 2026	Finalise venue for 10 June 2026 LAC meeting	Senior Advisor	13 April 2026	In progress
13 March 2026	Add to Convene: induction presentation, Members Guide, Community Perceptions Report	Senior Advisor	13 April 2026	In progress

13 March 2026	Refresh the Engagement Plan	Auckland Strategic Advisor	13 April 2026	In progress