Auckland Local Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 **Time:** 10.00 am – 3.00pm

Venue: Counties Manukau District Office, 15A Lambie Drive, Papatoetoe.

LAC members present:

Andy Baker (Chair)
Alan Cole
Denise Bijoux
Glenn Teal
Kritika Selach
Margie Tukerangi
Michael Alofa
Sally Britnell (From 10.45am)
Tayyaba Khan

In Attendance:

Rochelle Martin	District Manager - Waitemata
Vaughan Mackereth	District Manager - Auckland City
Geoff Purcell	District Manager - Counties Manukau
Piki Thomas	DCE Kaupapa Māori & Cultural Communities (Online)
Donna-Jean Tairi-Ngata	Pou Takawaenga Māori
Shane Laulu	Senior Advisor, Local Advisory Committees

Apologies:

Edwina Pio	LAC Deputy Chair
Richard Leung	LAC Member
Iani Nemani	LAC Member
Ron Devlin	Region Manager – Te Hiku
Fiona Natusch	Auckland Strategic Advisor
Alby Cash	Pou Takawaenga Māori Matua

Open meeting Welcome

The meeting was opened with a karakia from the Pou Takawaenga, followed by a welcome from the Chair. Margie Tukerangi acknowledged the Pou Takawaenga for opening the meeting.

Committee operations

Amendments to the members register of interests were noted.

Chair Update

The Chair provided a brief update and highlighted the scheduled meeting of LAC Chairs in Welington on 17 July. The Deputy Chair will attend in the Chair's absence.

Engagement Session and Planning workshop

The Senior Advisor, LACs gave a brief overview around developing an engagement plan for Auckland. They also covered how LAC engagement fitted into a bigger picture of work for LACs along with analysis of engagements leading to considered and strategic advice to Fire and Emergency.

The LAC workshopped their focus and determined priorities for engagement. The LAC will finalise its engagement plan post-meeting to localise its focus and priorities to begin stakeholder engagement in the next period. The plan and progress will be reviewed at the Trimester 1 meeting.

District update

The District Managers (DM): Auckland City, Counties Manukau, Waitemata updated the LAC on their districts and broad regional work. The DM Auckland discussed recent community network engagements in the region and shared with the LAC the new Strategic Direction 2025-2030. The DM Waitemata briefed the LAC on supporting recent exercise and overseas events, as well as progress with the Future Operating Capability Project.

The LAC discussed the expectation of the Auckland region's DMs for the committee. Identifying gaps and opportunities with communities were areas highlighted for advice and support. The committee was interested in the three Districts capacity for prevention work in the region and leveraging community networks.

The DM Counties Manukau discussed the operational structure dynamic for the region, working relationship with the new engagement model being implemented in the organisation, and building culture.

Kaupapa Māori and Cultural Communities (KMCC)

Piki Thomas Deputy Chief Executive KMCC briefed the LAC on the Rautaki Māori strategy and objectives. The LAC were interested in the expectations of KMCC with the mahi of the Auckland LAC. The DCE identified the LAC providing advice on the needs and aspirations of the community and highlighted the role of KMCC is also supporting Afi Pasifika as part of its remit.

Discussion followed on the LAC engagement planning, embodying Rautaki Māori, role of organisational culture and underpinning principles and values that avoid working in siloes for the uplift of the organisation in this space. The DCE confirmed the ownership of Rautaki Māori is Fire and Emergency as an organisation.

General Business

The Senior Advisor briefly discussed use of Whāriki as the engagement tool for the LAC and recording committee engagements.

The LAC members who attended briefed the committee on the Te Hiku Volunteers Leaders Conference with observations and learnings. Highlighted was the positive experience for those that attended. An engagement report was submitted to Whāriki for those who attended.

The Northland LAC has invited the Auckland LAC to attend their upcoming meeting on 24 June.

Next meetings:

Trimester 1 meeting: **8 October 2025**, Waitemata district to host meeting – venue to be confirmed.

Closing

The meeting closed at 3.00pm with karakia.

Action Log

Date	Action	Responsible	Due	Status
11 June 2025	LAC to complete its engagement plan and prepare a draft document for circulation	Chair	Immediate 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	In-progress
11 June 2025	Share Fire and Emergency Afi Pasifika Network Strategy document with LAC	Senior Advisor	Immediate post meeting	In-progress
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	In-Progress
11 June 2025	Confirmation on LAC member to possibly attend the Northland meeting in Kaiwaka on 24 June.	LAC	Before 17 June	In-progress