

VICTORIA SHORT

Albany Ward Councillor Report March - April 2026



Appointments:

- Deputy Chair of Value for Money Committee
- Deputy Chair of Audit and Risk Committee
- Member of Appointments and Performance Committee
- Member of the Hauraki Gulf Forum
- Pacific Peoples Panel

Committee of the Whole (CoW):

- Member of Policy, Planning and Development Committee
- Member of Budget and Performance Committee
- Member of Transport and Infrastructure Delivery Committee
- Member of the Governing Body Committee

Date	Meeting/ Event
07.03.26	Pasifika led Have your Say Event in Orewa with Cr Alf Filipaina
09.03.26	Quarterly meeting with Business North Harbour Catch up with CSA in Albany Meeting with Cr Richard Hills for PC120
10.03.26	Quarterly meeting with Chair Atkinson and Deputy Yang Policy, Planning and Development Committee Meeting
11.03.26	Meeting with Mayors Advisors INVITATION: Ports of Auckland Pasifika Day
12.03.26	Community Committee workshop - Regional Grants Programme Weekly catch up with CSA INVITATION: Fund for the Pacific morning tea Hauraki Gulf Forum mahi and introductions
16.03.26	Constituent phone call Governing Body and Houkura joint hui Meeting with lead officer for Appointments and Performance Committee Value for Money agenda run through INVITATION: HWH in Silverdale with Cr Richard Hills
17.03.26	Budget and Performance Committee meeting Hibiscus Tuakana Fiafia night
18.03.26	Catch up meeting with Cr Sarah Paterson- Hamlin Governing Body workshop - Local Board reorganisation CLOSED: Governing Body workshop - Transition Plan for Transport reform Governing Body workshop - Western Springs Stadium
19.03.26	Weekly catch up with CSA Value for Money Committee meeting Have your Say event with Upper Harbour Local (virtually attended)
20.03.26	Budget and Performance Committee: Annual Plan consultation Kiribati Rodney Youth meeting
22.03.26	INVITATION: Ngati Manuhiri S186a Rock Pool Closure Community Celebration
23.03.26	Meeting with staff regarding Metro Park lease and sports fields Hauraki Gulf Forum meeting (attended virtually due to illness)
24.03.26	Transport, Infrastructure and Delivery meeting (virtually attended)



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25.03.26	Off Site direction setting for the Long Term Plan Western Springs Stadium tour Policy, Planning and Development workshop Governing Body workshop on Risk appetite
26.03.26	Appointment and Performance: Watercare Long list panel Weekly catch up with CSA Pre agenda meeting with Kiribati Rodney Youth
27.03.26	INVITATION: Race Relation Day celebrations Have your say event with Kiribati Rodney Youth
30.03.26	Short Talk session at Hobsonville INVITATION: FIFA series All Whites vs Chile at Eden Park
31.03.26	Governing Body Meeting
01.04.26	Meeting with staff on West Harbour Marina Drop in session: Transport, Infrastructure and Delivery Committee
02.04.26	Weekly catch up with CSA Meeting with Next Foundation RECESS WEEK 6 - 10 APRIL

Updates on Committees

Budget and Performance (CoW)

Date: 17 March 2026

The committee received the Auckland Council Group quarterly performance report for the period ending 31 December 2025, along with the January 2026 monthly financial update, following discussion with council controlled organisation leads. Members also heard a presentation from the Eden Park Trust Board on its performance and financial projections and formally thanked the board for its contribution. In addition, the committee approved its forward work programme for 2026, noted the rolling status update on action decisions, and received a summary of information memoranda and briefings.

Value for Money

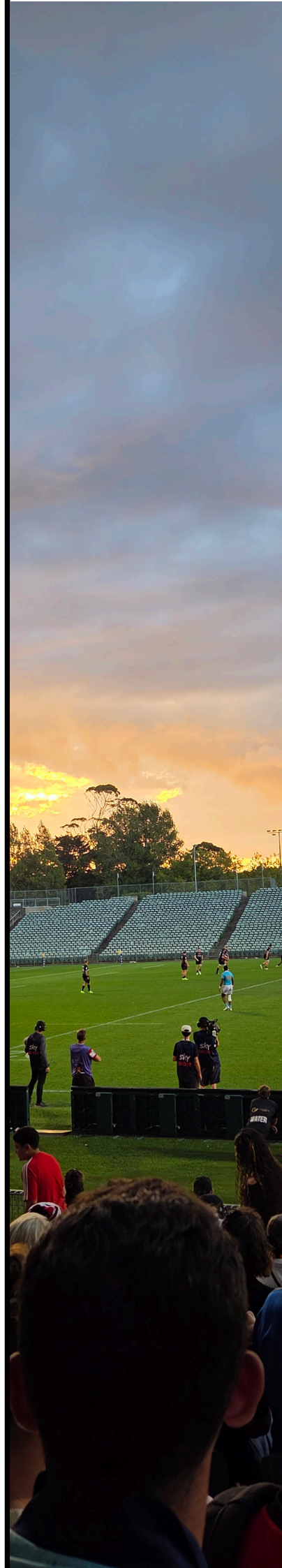
Date: 19 March 2026

The committee endorsed a comprehensive improvement programme for Auckland Council's Resource Consents Service following a value for money review, approved terms of reference for forthcoming Sport and Recreation and Arts and Culture reviews, and set the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board levy and remuneration for 2026/2027. Decisions were also made to renew the OverDrive digital libraries contract, extend arboriculture and ecological services contracts, and approve the disposal and temporary leasing of land at Tātarā Park to support the Mill Road transport project, subject to statutory processes, mana whenua engagement, and appropriate compensation safeguards. In addition, the committee noted strong Group Shared Services performance and savings achieved to date, approved its 2026 forward work programme, and received summaries of information memoranda and achievements.

Transport, Infrastructure and Delivery (CoW)

Date: 24 March 2026

The committee received public input from Healthy Auckland Together on the health impacts of transport emissions and formally acknowledged the contribution. Members also received updates on the City Rail Link, the Level Crossing Removal Programme, and Auckland Transport's quarter two performance, including a request for deeper ongoing reporting on capital delivery and public transport performance. The committee considered an update on the authorised vehicles only zone trial on Queen Street, requesting a detailed report back after three months of monitoring, approved Auckland Council's submission on lane use and heavy vehicle rules reform, and noted that a report on the Transport Emission Reduction Pathway will be presented in May 2026.



Governing Body

Date: 31 March 2026

The Governing Body received extensive public input on Western Springs and, following debate and a recorded vote, endorsed the revised “Western Springs Bowl” option as the preferred future use, to be implemented and managed by Tataki Auckland Unlimited with investment of up to \$2.5 million and a five year lease extension for Ponsonby Rugby Club, while also directing continued improvements to the consolidated speedway model at Waikaraka Park. The Governing Body adopted amendments to the Elected Members’ Expenses and Reimbursement Policy, including new childcare and home security allowances and updates aligning the policy with current practice. Additional business included receiving the Chief Executive and Group Chief Financial Officer’s updates, noting the status of action decisions, deferring several items to future meetings, and considering confidential matters relating to the Gulf Harbour Golf Course.

Constituent Queries

Out of respect for our residents, I will only be noting the number of times I have been contacted in each area. If you would like to know what these issues are please feel free to contact me

Area	Issues
Hibiscus Coast	7
East Coast Bays	3
Upper Harbour	4

Happy to discuss any of the above



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09 April 2026

