

# VICTORIA SHORT

## Albany Ward Councillor Report Feb - March 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 Development Committee
- Member of the Governing Body Committee

Date	Meeting/ Event
03.02.26	Governing Body meeting
04.02.26	Te Waka Moana presentation Drop in session - Annual Plan Quick catch up with Local Board Area Manager HBLB/UHLB/RLB Policy, Planning and Development Committee workshop
05.02.26	Weekly catch up with CSA Catch up with Tumuaki Huanga Maori
06.02.26	WAITANGI DAY
09.02.26	Value for Money workshop planning
10.02.26	Policy, Planning and Development Committee meeting Value for Money work programme discussion
11.02.26	Value for money - agenda run through Drop in session - Budget and Performance Committee Briefing: Value for Money symposium panel
12.02.26	Weekly catch up wit CSA Value for Money Committee workshop Value for Money Committee meeting
16.02.26	INVITATION: Councillor Visit to Port of Auckland
17.02.26	Elected Member hui
18.02.26	Budget and Performance Committee meeting
19.02.26	Audit and Risk Committee agenda run through Audit and Risk Committee meeting Appointments and Performance Committee meeting INVITATION: Auckland Philharmonic
20.02.26	Constituent meeting at Stanmore Bay Catch up with Cameron Brewer MP Briefing: Hauraki Gulf Forum INVITATION: Consulate- General of Japan in Auckland
21.02.26	Music in the Parks Long Bay
24.02.26	INVITATION: Spedding Industrial Estate opening Transport and Infrastructure Committee meeting
25.02.26	Weekly catch up with CSA Transport and Infrastructure Delivery Committee workshop
27.02.26	Catch up with Group Chief Financial Officer Briefing: Road safety with AT



Date	Meeting/ Event
02.03.26	Catch up with Chief Executive Officer Value for Money - Pre-agenda meeting
03.03.26	Budget and Performance Committee - Long Term Plan Policy, Planning and Development Committee
04.03.26	Pacific People's Advisory Panel update Policy, Planning and Development Committee workshop Catch up with Cr Paterson- Hamlin and Deputy Mayor Simpson Policy, Planning and Development Committee workshop
05.03.26	Weekly catch up with CSA
06.03.26	Auckland Theatre Company site visit with Cr Paterson-Hamlin

## Updates on Committees

### Value for Money

**Date:** 12 February 2026

The Value for Money Committee meeting covered key operational and financial updates, including receiving public input from the Auckland Invasive Weeds Group, which prompted a request for the Chief Executive to investigate concerns about Auckland Councils weed control contractor. The committee noted strong financial performance for Q2, with \$67.9 million in total savings achieved toward the annual target and additional operational efficiencies delivered. We approved the FY26 Value for Money review programme, including Terms of Reference for reviews of Waste Services, Healthy Waters, and Heritage Property, and directed staff to prepare further reviews for Arts & Culture and Sports & Recreation. The Achievements Register was updated, relevant information memoranda were received, and two commercially sensitive items were considered in the confidential session.

### Audit and Risk

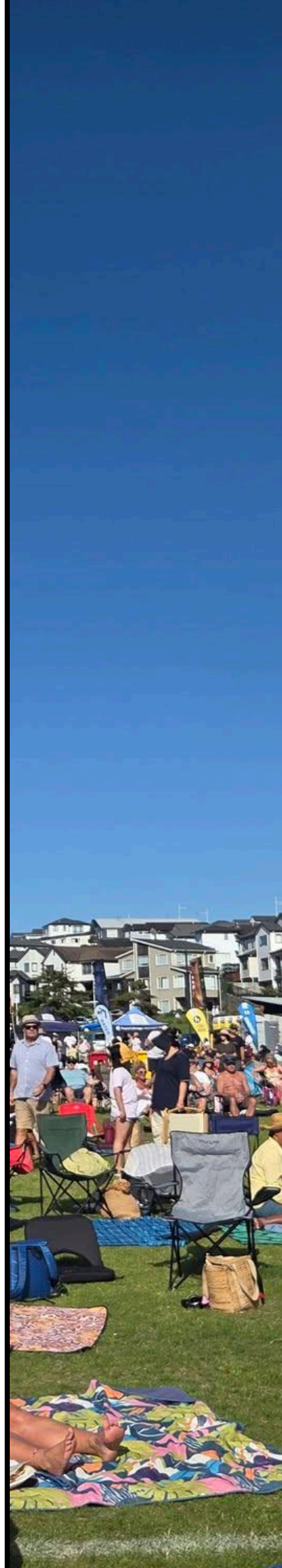
**Date:** 19 February 2026

The Audit and Risk Committee approved the updated Forward Work Programme, including new workshops on insurance strategy and transport reform, and received updates across core risk, audit and assurance areas. The committee noted progress on Te Tiriti o Waitangi Audit recommendations, health, safety and wellbeing improvements, and the Tāmaki Makaurau storm recovery programme, and endorsed the quarterly Transport Transition Programme risk assessment. It also noted the processes supporting the NZX half year results release. After excluding the public, the committee received multiple confidential risk, cyber security, data and privacy, City Rail Link, and insurance renewal updates, and agreed that decisions—but not reports—be released publicly. Key decisions included noting no material changes to residual risk ratings for substantive CCOs, delegating authority to finalise the half year NZX release, approving the fraud representation questionnaire for Audit New Zealand, and referring relevant CCO risk reports to other committees for their information.

### Governing Body (CoW)

**Date:** 3 February 2026

The Mayor opened with acknowledgements of recent storm tragedies and the passing of Sir Tim Shadbolt. The meeting approved apologies and confirmed previous minutes, then proceeded to key decisions including delegating authority to finalise Auckland Council's submission on the Emergency Management Bill (No 2) due to urgent timeframes, and approving the Council's response to the government's proposed rates capping framework, which passed 14–6. Councillors also approved policy changes to the Category 2P Property Risk Mitigation Scheme, increasing grant levels from 25% to 40% of pre storm property value and re-establishing the Storm Recovery Political Advisory Group to support ongoing recovery efforts. The Governing Body further received updates from the Chief Executive and Group Chief Financial



Officer, noted progress on previous action decisions, and noted decisions made under delegation over the Christmas recess.

### **Policy, Planning and Development Committee (CoW)**

**Date:** 10 February 2026

Received public input from the Auckland University Students Association on student accommodation and approved significant policy and planning matters, including Auckland Council's submissions on the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill, with delegated authority to finalise and present them. The committee also endorsed preparation of a major plan change for the Wynyard Precinct, agreed to defer Private Plan Change 103 (Silverdale West Industrial Area) for further consideration, and approved development of an Auckland Council submission on intertidal shellfish management, confirming a general position supporting more conservative harvest restrictions. Additional actions included noting updates on ongoing action decisions, newly released confidential information, and circulated information memoranda.

### **Budget and Performance Committee (CoW)**

**Date:** 3 February 2026

Endorsed Auckland Council's draft submission on the Government's proposal for a Development Levies System, delegating authority to finalise the submission, and subsequently adopted the Annual Plan 2026/2027 Supporting Information and Consultation Document for public consultation, with delegated authority to approve technical amendments; this decision passed 14–3. The committee also received a summary of information memoranda circulated to members.

### **Transport and Infrastructure Committee (CoW)**

**Date:** 24 February 2026

Received two significant public inputs from the Auckland University Students' Association on transport issues and from Adarshpreet Bhullar on housing intensification, both formally acknowledged by the committee. Key decisions included noting the February update on the Transport Transition Programme and requesting the report be shared with all local boards, receiving the City Rail Link February 2026 update, and endorsing the re-establishment of the Time of Use Charging Political Reference Group to guide forthcoming work on congestion charging options. The committee also received performance updates from Auckland Transport, as well as the Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience Programme update, congratulating staff for progress since the 2023 weather events. The committee then received circulating information memoranda and later considered a confidential risk update referred from the Audit and Risk Committee, agreeing to release decisions but keep the report itself confidential.

### **Appointments and Performance Committee:**

**Dates:** 19 February 2026

The committee considered several key governance matters, including appointment processes for multiple council organisations, delegation of authority for Watercare board shortlisting, approval of updated remuneration for Port of Auckland Limited board members, and endorsement of the committee's forward work programme for 2026. A confidential late item regarding Auckland Future Fund Trustee Limited was added due to emerging governance risks. The committee then moved into public excluded session to consider confidential matters such as board reappointments, criteria for new appointments, chief executive performance objectives, and appointments to the new transport CCO. All confidential reports were resolved to remain confidential until appropriate for release.



## 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	6
East Coast Bays	5
Upper Harbour	5

## Community Engagement



### Pasifika-led fono at Orewa Community Centre

**Date:** 6 March 2026

**Time:** 10am - 11.30am

Great attendance from our Pasifika Community. They are eager for more fonos like this in the future. The engagement team will be looking at a Pasifika led LTP consultation in the future.



### Short Talks at Hobsonville Point

**Date:** 30 March 2026

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

I will be holding sessions in the Hibiscus and Bays area soon.

Happy to discuss any of the above

**Victoria Short**

Albany Ward Councillor

09 February 2026

