

# Sustainability Improvement Programme Annual Update

## Recommendation

That the Board:

- i. Approve the public release of the 2018 Sustainability Review.

## Executive summary

1. In October 2016 the AT Board endorsed the Auckland Transport Sustainability Framework. One of the commitments made in the Framework was to report on progress and that is the purpose of the 2018 Sustainability Review.
2. We are now refreshing the Sustainability Framework to build on the momentum and to determine how Auckland Transport (AT) will tackle some of the bigger sustainability challenges and opportunities.

## Previous deliberations

3. Feedback from the Customer and Innovation Committee on 31 July 2018 has been incorporated into the review.

## Strategic context

4. A commitment was made in the Sustainability Framework to report on progress. The 2018 Sustainability Review is the first comprehensive progress update to be prepared.

## Background

5. AT's first Sustainability Framework was endorsed by the AT Board in October 2016. The Framework identified seven focus areas where AT had the opportunity to achieve better sustainability outcomes for Auckland. Over the past two years, AT across the whole business, has made significant progress in a number of areas. These are reported in the 2018 Sustainability Review.
6. Since 2016 there have also been a number of significant shifts regionally, nationally and internationally which have raised the bar in terms of what is expected from both a sustainable business in general and public sector delivery agencies specifically. Therefore, we are now

refreshing the Sustainability Framework so we can determine how AT can tackle some of the bigger sustainability challenges and opportunities.

## External Consultation/Engagement

7. As this review is an update on the implementation of the AT Sustainability Framework no external consultation or engagement has been undertaken.

## Issues and options

8. The 2018 Sustainability Review has been structured around the seven focus areas defined in the Sustainability Framework. The content for the review was provided by teams across AT, showing that sustainability action is embedded throughout the organisation.
9. The review shows that progress has been made in all the seven focus areas, with AT showing particularly leadership around:
  - energy management to deliver financial savings, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and reduced energy use for AT assets
  - using procurement to deliver social and environmental outcomes
  - beginning pilots to transition the bus fleet to electric, including studying the impact on the electricity grid
  - installation of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure
  - getting more people on public transport and walking and cycling
10. Even with the progress being made it is important that the sustainability agenda for AT keeps up with the rising bar in terms of expectations from a sustainable business. On that basis, the Sustainability Framework is now being refreshed to set the priorities and goals for the next step in the sustainability journey for AT.



## Next steps

11. Once the 2018 Sustainability Review is approved it will be publicly released.

## Attachment

Attachment Number	Description
1	2018 Sustainability Review

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