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Report of the Cabinet Committee on Implementation of Auckland Governance Reforms: Period Ended 28 August 2009

On 31 August 2009, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet Committee on Implementation of Auckland Governance Reforms for the period ended 28 August 2009.

AGR Min (09) 8/1 **Governance Framework for the Auckland Council:
Policy for Inclusion in the Third Bill** CONFIRMED
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Governance Framework for the Auckland Council: Policy for Inclusion in the Third Bill

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On 27 August 2009, the Cabinet Committee on Implementation of Auckland Governance Reforms (AGR):

- 1 noted that on 6 April 2009, Cabinet agreed that the new Auckland governance structure should be a unitary Auckland Council at the regional level, together with local boards at the local (2nd tier) level [CAB Min (09) 12/7];
- 2 noted that on 27 April 2009, Cabinet invited the Minister of Local Government to report to AGR by 31 August 2009 on how, and to what extent, the existing legislative framework for local government will apply to local government in Auckland [CAB Min (09) 14/2];
- 3 noted that there are some key differences between the proposed Auckland local government model and the existing local government framework, principally:
 - 3.1 broader powers for the Mayor;
 - 3.2 local boards to have a statutory role broader than community boards but narrower than local authorities;
 - 3.3 a much greater interdependence between the Auckland Council and local boards (compared with community boards and councils), requiring close consultation and integrated decision-making;
- 4 noted that while much of the existing local government framework is suitable for the Auckland Council and local boards, aspects of it need modification;

Community boards

- 5 noted that Cabinet has agreed that there will be 20-30 local boards in the Auckland region which will undertake a wide range of functions, including those tasks previously performed by community boards [CAB Min (09) 27/9];