### What Papakura has now

#### Low rates

Rates collected in Papakura are spent in Papakura

Roads, streetscapes, amenities (libraries, parks, sports grounds and reserves), managed by Papakura District Council

Building permits available at Papakura District Council

Community groups such as Safer Papakura Trust that support local people and places (with the aid of council grants)

### Strong relationships with community

Understanding of local issues

Council meetings held in Papakura and advertised in local papers

# Supercity plans for Papakura: Auckland Council structure

Auckland Mayor appoints chair of every committee and deputy mayor

Council has 20 elected members

Only 12 are sub-regional representatives

The other 8 do not represent a sub-region and potentially could all be from inner city Auckland

Local Boards have funds allocated to them from Auckland Council

Local Boards have **no** decision making powers

Local Boards cannot raise their own revenue

Local Boards have **no** legal rights

Local Boards must **petition** council for extra services their community wants; and compete amongst each other

These services will be provided by a local rate rise or a change in priorities; do you want the pool **or** the library funded for your children?

## SavePapakura.com suggestions

Make your voice heard. Request to appear before the Select Committee so your views will be effectively communicated

SavePapakura.com strongly suggests you request that the Select Committee gives substantial powers to the Local Boards including:

The ability to make decisions independently of the Auckland Supercity Council. Local boards should have the ability to deliver local services and to set up their own budgets.

Local boards be recognised in statute as legitimate local authorities, with all the legal rights and responsibilities this entails. (see clause 14)

Local boards should collectively vote on any Auckland council to make a rate, pass a bylaw, adopt an Annual Plan or Long Term Community Council Plan (LTCCP), and purchase or dispose of assets if such a proposal is not included in the LTCCP.