

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Annual Plan Hearings - Hibiscus and Bays will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 26 March 2014
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Orewa Service Centre
50 Centreway Road
Orewa

Annual Plan Hearings - Hibiscus and Bays

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

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1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

13. The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board will consider all submissions relevant to the local board area at discussion workshops on the draft Annual Plan and Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Board Agreement prior to making final decisions.

Recommendation/s

That the Annual Plan/Local/Board Agreement Hearings - Hibiscus and Bays:

- a) receive submissions on the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, including the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Agreement, relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board
- b) hear the relevant submissions on the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015
- c) thank submitters for their verbal presentations
- d) consider any potential amendments to the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, including the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Agreement.

Discussion

Context

14. The Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 require Council to use the special consultative procedure in adopting the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015. This includes ensuring any person submitting on the draft Annual Plan is given reasonable opportunity to be heard.
15. The governing body agreed at the meeting on 19 December 2013, that submissions containing both regional and local content would be heard at local hearings.
16. This report provides statistics on submissions received regionally and locally, and a brief high-level analysis of key themes and topics.
17. More detailed analysis of submissions will be provided to the local board workshop on 28 March 2014.
18. The consultation period for the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, incorporating the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Agreement, was held from 23 January 2014 to 4pm 24 February 2014.

Submissions

19. Council received and processed 1,967 submissions. Of these submissions, 68 are relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area with nine (9) submitters requesting to be heard.
20. Copies of submissions for the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area are provided in attachments A and B to this report.

Overview of feedback from submissions relevant to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area

21. The submission form asked for views on local board budget changes for 2014/2015. The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board proposed one budget change. In addition, the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board proposed a change to the fee structure for Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre. Table 1 below shows whether respondents agreed, disagreed or were unsure about the proposed changes.

Table 1 - Hibiscus and Bays proposed budget change

Proposed budget change	Support		Do not support		Unsure		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Western Reserve toilet facilities	10	14.7%	3	4.4%	0	0.0%	55	80.9%
Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre fees	4	5.9%	11	16.2%	0	0.0%	53	77.9%

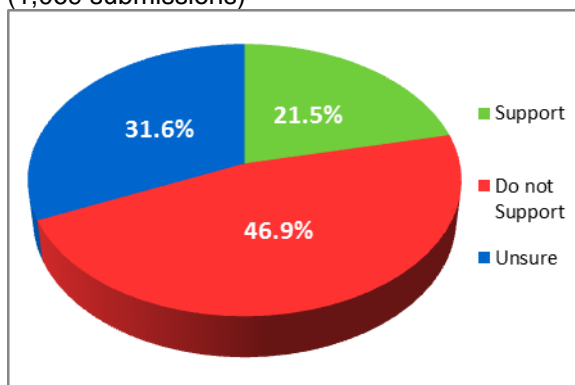
22. While the majority of submitters from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area did not respond to these questions, of the submitters that did respond, most were supportive of increasing the budget for replacing the toilet facilities at the Western Reserve in Orewa. In contrast, most did not support the change in fee structure for the Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre.
23. Local issues arising from the submissions include a relatively low level of general support and/or advocacy for improvements to local transport, with the main focus being on improving local roads and public transport options. There was also support and/or advocacy for improvements/additions to local parks.

Consultation questions

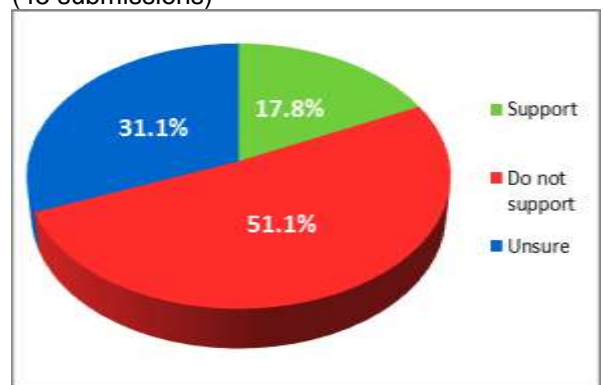
24. **Consultation Question 1: Stadium Strategy** – A total of 1,069 submitters (54.4% of all submitters) provided an opinion on the proposed stadium strategy. Of these, 230 (21.5%) supported the proposal, while 501 (46.9%) did not support it, and 338 (31.6%) were unsure. The most notable opposition was attributed to moving the speedway, with 362 submitters expressing a desire to keep the speedway at Western Springs. Similarly, 51.1% of the 45 submitters from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board also do not support the stadium strategy. This is outlined in figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – Stadium Strategy proposal

Overall
(1,069 submissions)



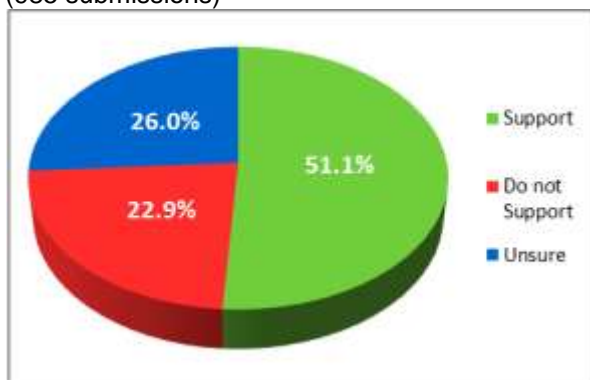
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board submitters
(45 submissions)



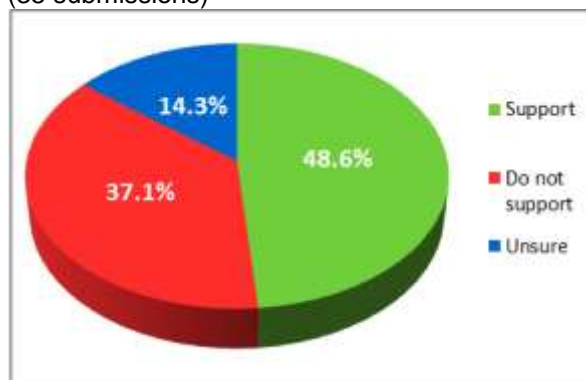
25. 985 submitters (50.1% of all submitters) provided an opinion on the Arts Festival proposal. Of these, 503 (51.1%) supported the proposal, while 226 (22.9%) did not support it, and 256 (26.0%) were unsure. Similarly, 48.6% of the 35 submitters from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board were also supportive of an annual Arts Festival. This is outlined in figure 2 below.

Figure 2 – Arts Festival proposal

Overall
(985 submissions)



Hibiscus and Bays Local Board submitters
(35 submissions)



Regional overview

26. There were 165 regional submissions, with 44 requesting to be heard. High-level information on the regional submissions is provided below. Of those requesting to be heard at a regional hearing, 8 were from individual submitters, 22 from special interest groups, 11 from businesses or business associations, and a further 3 from Maori organisations.
27. The topics listed below in table 2 indicate the most commonly raised submission points relating to regional activities (not including the consultation questions), with a summary of the most significant issues below.

Table 2 - Regional topics

Topic Description	Number of submissions commenting on topic	% of total submissions
Watercare – Water Supply	247	12.6%
Regional arts & culture initiatives	54	2.7%
Social housing proposal – Do not support	51	2.6%
Expenditure – too high	38	1.9%
Transport strategy	35	1.8%
Request for funding	31	1.6%
Auckland Transport – Public transport	29	1.5%
General comments about the plan	29	1.5%
Auckland Transport – Roads	27	1.4%
Rates – too high	24	1.2%
Environmental strategy, policies & programmes	23	1.2%

28. **Watercare Services – Water supply** – 226 of the 236 submissions regarding water supply were opposing fluoridation of the water supply. Of those submissions, 206 came via a pro forma. The points raised outline a believed violation of human rights in that ratepayers have no choice as to whether their water is treated to include fluoride chemicals. The form also outlines a perceived health risk and that fluoride should be obtained through toothpaste only.
29. **Regional arts & culture initiatives** – of the 54 submitters that commented on this topic, 48 are requests for Council to consider Massive Theatre Company for annual investment and assistance to find a home. While most of which are from members/supports, the Theatre does also make an official submission requesting funding itself.

30. **Social Housing proposal** – 51 submitters outlined their reasons for not supporting the proposal to increase social housing rental charges by 5%. Just over half of these submitters outlined the major reason being the increase was not affordable.

Next steps

31. Decisions on the final Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Agreement will be made at the decision-making meeting on Wednesday 16 April 2014. Members may require additional information to support their decision-making. Officers' responses to requests for information will be provided prior to final decisions.

Consideration

Local Board Views

32. The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board will consider all submissions relevant to the local board area at the workshop on the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 and Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Board Agreement.

Maori Impact Statement

33. The implementation of the Annual Plan 2014/2015 has the potential for positive outcomes for Māori. Notwithstanding the projects already identified in the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 that contribute to Māori the impact will be clearer when consideration and decisions are made by the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board and the governing body, at their respective decision-making meetings, on the draft Annual Plan and the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Agreement.
34. Mana Whenua authorities were sent a letter about the consultation process. Maatawaka received information via standard communications processes that Auckland Council use to disseminate Annual Plan information.
35. Te Reo Māori regional summaries and submission forms were available, as well as translators for submissions received in, and/or submitters wishing to address the hearing in Te Reo Māori.

Implementation Issues

36. Implementation issues on the various matters raised in submissions will be considered when making decisions at decision-making meetings on the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 and draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Agreement on 16 April 2014.

Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	Draft Annual Plan 2014-2015 - Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Submissions (Volume 1) <i>(Under Separate Cover)</i>	
B	Draft Annual Plan 2014-2015 - Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Submissions (Volume 2) <i>(Under Separate Cover)</i>	

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