



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

Date: Tuesday, 25 March 2014
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: Boardroom
Venue: Whau Local Board Office
31 Totara Avenue
New Lynn

Annual Plan Hearings - Whau

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Catherine Farmer
Deputy Chairperson	Susan Zhu
Members	Derek Battersby, QSM, JP Ami Chand Duncan Macdonald, JP Ruby Manukia-Schaumkel Simon Matafai
Councillors in attendance	Councillor Ross Clow Councillor Alf Filipaina

(Quorum 5 members)

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1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies 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.

Summary of public submissions on the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 – Whau Local Board

File No.: CP2014/03796

Purpose

1. This report provides a high-level analysis of key themes contained in submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 relevant to the Whau Local Board. The report also provides high-level analysis of the regional submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015.

Executive Summary

2. 1,967 submissions were received on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, 87 of which were received after the submission deadline. The Draft Annual Plan includes the Whau Draft Local Board Agreement.
3. Legislation requires that submitters to the Draft Annual Plan be given reasonable opportunity to be heard.
4. Submissions that cover both regional and local content will be heard at local board hearings, with at least the ward councilor(s) present to hear regional content. For the Whau Local Board, there were a total of 66 submissions, with 15 submitters requesting to be heard.
5. The Whau Local Board proposed two budget changes. While the majority of submitters from the Whau Local Board area did not respond to these questions, of the submitters that did respond, most were supportive of both proposed budget changes.
6. Local issues arising from the submissions include a relatively low level of general support and/or advocacy for street environment and town centre initiatives, and also for parks improvements.
7. The most significant regional issues arising from the submissions were in regards to the consultation questions, i.e. the stadium strategy and Arts Festival proposals.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The most notable other topic was opposition to fluoridation of the water supply. 237 submitters raised this point, with 217 of them coming in the form of a pro forma.
11. The submissions relevant to the Whau Local Board area are attached to this report.
12. The Whau Local Board will consider all submissions relevant to the local board area at discussion workshops on the Draft Annual Plan and Whau Draft Local Board Agreement on 9 April 2014.

Recommendation/s

That the Annual Plan Hearings - Whau:

- a) Receives submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, including the Whau Draft Local Board Agreement, relevant to the Whau Local Board
- b) Hears the relevant submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015
- c) Thanks submitters for their verbal presentations
- d) Considers any potential amendments to the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, including the Whau Draft Local Board Agreement.

Discussion

Context

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. This report provides statistics on submissions received regionally and locally, and a brief high-level analysis of key themes and topics.
16. More detailed analysis of submissions will be provided to the local board workshop on 9 April 2014.
17. The consultation period for the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, incorporating the Whau Draft Local Board Agreement, was held from 23 January 2014 to 4pm 24 February 2014.

Submissions

18. Council received and processed 1,967 submissions. Of these submissions, 66 are relevant to the Whau Local Board area with 15 submitters requesting to be heard.
19. Copies of submissions for the Whau Local Board area are provided in Attachment A to this report.

Overview of feedback from submissions relevant to the Whau Local Board area

20. The submission form asked for views on local board budget changes for 2014/2015. The Whau Local Board proposed two budget changes. Table 1 below shows whether respondents agreed, disagreed or were unsure about the proposed budget changes.

Table 1 - Whau proposed budget changes

Proposed budget change	Support		Do not support		Unsure		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Community environment programmes	16	24.2%	2	3.0%	0	0.0%	48	72.7%
Local library events and programmes	13	19.7%	1	1.5%	0	0.0%	52	78.8%

21. While the majority of submitters from the Whau Local Board area did not respond to these questions, of the submitters that did respond, most were supportive of both proposed budget changes.
22. The local themes or topics that received the most significant number of comments from submissions to the Whau Local Board are outlined below:
 - 9 submitters raised the issue of local street environment and town centres, with most supportive of and/or advocating for improvements in this area.
 - 8 submitters raised the issue of local parks, with most supportive of and/or advocating for local parks initiatives.

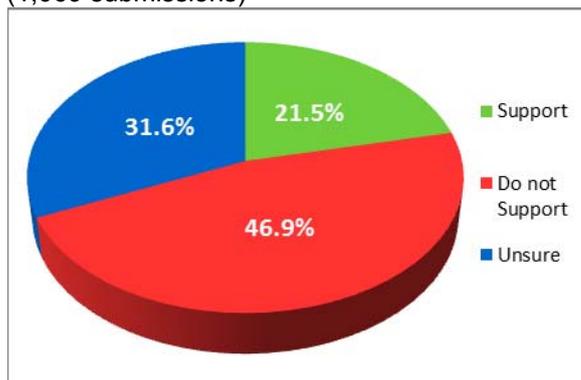
Consultation questions

23. **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, 53.2% of the 47 submitters from the Whau Local Board also do not support the stadium strategy. This is outlined in figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – Stadium Strategy proposal

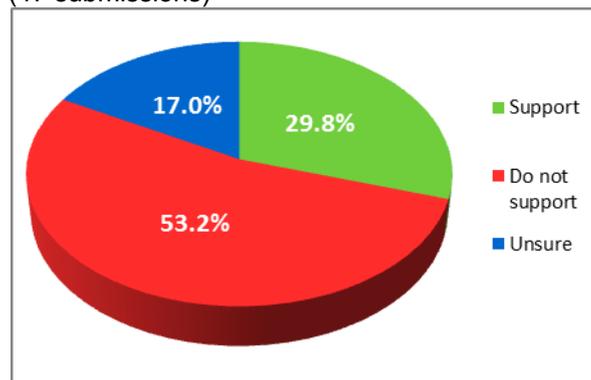
Overall

(1,069 submissions)



Whau Local Board submitters

(47 submissions)

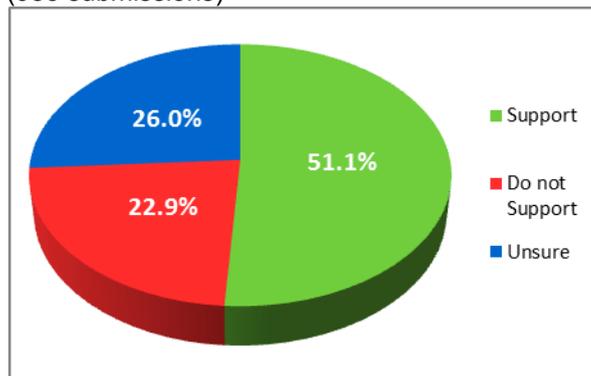


24. 985 submitters (50.1% of all submitters) provided an opinion on the Arts Festival proposal. Of these, 503 (51.1%) supported the proposal, while 226 (22.9%) did not support it, and 256 (26.0%) were unsure. Similarly, 47.7% of the 44 submitters from the Whau Local Board were also supportive an annual Arts Festival. This is outlined in figure 2 below.

Figure 2 – Arts Festival proposal

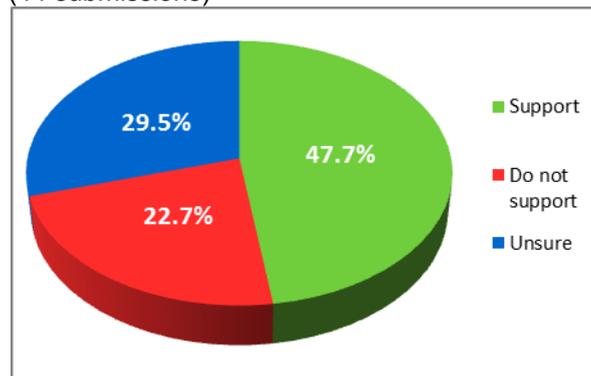
Overall

(985 submissions)



Whau Local Board submitters

(44 submissions)



Regional overview

25. 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.
26. 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%

27. **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.
28. **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.
29. **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

30. Decisions on the final Whau 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 tabled at the deliberation meeting.

Consideration

Local Board Views

31. The Whau Local Board will consider all submissions relevant to the local board area at the workshop on the Draft Annual Plan 2014/2015 and Whau Draft Local Board Agreement on 9 April 2014.

Maori Impact Statement

32. 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 Whau Local Board and the Governing Body, at their respective decision-making meetings, on the Draft Annual Plan and the Whau Draft Local Board Agreement.
33. 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.
34. 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

35. 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 Whau Draft Local Board Agreement on 16 April 2014.

Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	Draft Annual Plan 2014-2015 - Whau Local Board Submissions (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>)	

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