

Howick Local Board OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Howick Local Board held in the Howick Local Board Meeting Room, Pakuranga Library Complex, 7 Aylesbury Street, Pakuranga on Thursday, 28 April 2016 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	David Collings
Deputy Chairperson	Adele White
Members	Garry Boles
	Katrina Bungard
	Lucy Schwaner <i>(from 6.05pm)</i>
	John Spiller
	Steve Udy
	Bob Wichman

ABSENT

Jim Donald

1 **Welcome**

2 **Apologies**

Resolution number HW/2016/218

MOVED by Chairperson DA Collings, seconded by Member JR Spiller:

That the Howick Local Board accept the apologies from Jim Donald for absence and Lucy Schwaner for lateness.

CARRIED

3 **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Annual Plan 2016/17**

Attachment A, B, and C and late submitter No. 3333 tabled at the meeting are attached to the back of the minutes.

Resolution number HW/2016/219

MOVED by Chairperson DA Collings, seconded by Member G Boles:

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) **Agrees 2016/2017 LDI budgets by activity, within funding envelopes as outlines in Attachment A.**
- b) **Agrees key advocacy issues as outlined in Attachment B with the additional advocacy:**

Ensure that the Chapel Road bridge realignment in Flat Bush is included in the Regional Land Transport Programme on traffic safety grounds in order to get funding to enable the project to proceed to detailed design stage.
- c) **Provides the following views on regional financial policy issues:**
 - i) **Increase the Uniform Annual General Charge.**
 - ii) **Increase the Interim Transport Levy for business.**
 - iii) **Keep farm and lifestyle property rates over 50 hectares at the same level.**
 - iv) **Does not support reducing rates collected from Maori land.**
- d) **Requests that \$110,000 of 2015/2016 LDI opex to be deferred.**
- e) **Note the summary feedback from the public consultation on Auckland Council's Annual Budget and Howick Local Board proposals for 2016/17, and**
 - i) **Refer to the Arts, Culture and Events portfolio the submission received from Uxbridge Arts & Culture (submission no. 47) requesting that their existing level of funding be maintained and that the Board considers their future funding requirements and recognize the additional costs in respect of:**
 - **Attracting regional and national exhibitions to the new public art gallery;**
 - **Attracting new regional markets which bring economic benefit to the area;**
 - **A year-round performance space and extended events programme;**
 - **A focus on delivering a broader programme representative of the community; and**
 - **Additional front-of-house staffing.**
 - ii) **Refer to the Arts, Culture and Events portfolio the submission received from Howick Little Theatre (submission no. 1080) requesting funding to support extraordinary maintenance costs of \$52,800 that the organisation faces in 2016.**
- f) **Notes the late submission No. 3333 be received.**

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: Member Lucy Schwaner entered the meeting at 6.05pm.

6.14pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE HOWICK LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

Item 4 Attachment A

Attachment A

Howick Local Board – LDI Operational Budget

Activity	2016/2017	2017/2018
Local community services	1,446,000	1,422,486
Local environmental management	87,000	66,997
Local parks, sport and recreation	525,000	570,978
Local planning	95,000	119,997
Grand Total	2,153,000	2,180,458

Note: LDI Opex budgets are inflated

2015/16 LDI Operational projects that meet the criteria for deferral

Investigate Recycling Hub	\$20,000
Arts Plan Initiatives	\$50,000
Howick Tourism Plan	\$10,000
Local economic development programme	\$30,000

Item 4 Attachment B

Attachment B – Advocacy

The following is the most recently approved list of advocacy for this local board, adopted in November 2015 as part of the annual plan process. Auckland Council departments and relevant CCO's have provided a response to each initiative, setting out its current status.

Initiative	Department/CCO response
Budget in the LTP for the aquatic facility (at Ormiston Town Centre, Flat Bush) to be brought forward from FY2021 to FY2018 so that design concept work can begin and allow for public consultation; and that the budget is staged over three years from FY2018	<p>Funding from 2018 onwards will need to be considered in the 17/18 Annual Plan or the next Long Term Plan process. A reprioritisation of budget will need to occur at that point.</p> <p>It would be good project management practice to stage the design concept work, consultation and the build of the aquatic facility over three years.</p>
Continued development of the multi-use community facility and library at Flat Bush	Project already initiated. Business case approved. Concept design begun. Architects appointed. LB Services Senior Advisor on project team.
Continued development of the Pakuranga – Reeves Road Flyover	AT, the NZ Transport Agency and Auckland Council are reviewing options for the timing of the Reeves Road flyover and the Pakuranga to Botany section of the busway. Investigations, including modelling of traffic impacts, are continuing. A preferred option for when these projects will be built is expected to be considered by the AT Board in the first quarter of 2016.
Urgently prioritise the development of the Half Moon Bay area as a transport hub and increase ferry services	<p>The ferry terminal project is progressing as planned with completion scheduled for October 2016.</p> <p>The ferry timetable review has been undertaken in the last quarter which will result in minor alterations to improve service punctuality and reliability. Plans are also progressing to develop improved berthing options at the SeaLink Half Moon Bay terminal.</p> <p>Consultation closed on 10 December on proposed New Network bus services in the East, which includes three bus routes connecting to the ferry terminal at Half Moon Bay. At this stage, due to the large volume of submissions received and analysis required, AT anticipates that the final decisions report will be available after June 2016. Implementation is expected to be in 2017.</p> <p>A cycle shelter is being installed at Half Moon Bay by the end of March 2016.</p>

Initiative	Department/CCO response
<p>Prioritise public transport projects and address traffic congestion issues including East/West connections and SMART projects with a focus on the linkages in and out of the Howick area</p>	<p>East West Connections: The Detailed Business Case was approved by the AT and NZTA boards in December. The preferred option, a state highway linking SH1 and SH20, will go ahead to the next stage, which is gathering the necessary planning approvals and consents to protect the route between Onehunga and Mt Wellington. NZTA and Auckland Transport are planning to start work in early 2016 on a package of early improvements. These are aimed at providing some early benefits to freight and public transport users on both the motorway and local road network.</p> <p>SMART: The Kirkbride Interchange has been future proofed for a future rail connection (either light rail or heavy rail). A business case is being developed considering heavy and light rail route options.</p>
<p>Development contributions collected to be used in the respective local board area</p>	<p>The legislation provides restrictions on ensuring that money collected in a funding area must be spent in that funding area. Staff have reported to the Finance and Performance Committee in March on a proposal to consult on increasing the number of funding areas. The proposed funding areas do not align with local board areas but rather the underlying planning and urbanisations that underpins Auckland geographically as this better reflects the demand requirements of new infrastructure. We will be requesting local board feedback in April.</p>
<p>Supports the establishment of a hazardous waste and recycling facility for the Howick area at the south west end of the Greenmount Landfill</p>	<p>This will be considered as part of council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan forward work programme and be investigated as part of development of the Resource Recovery Network.</p>
<p>Development of a consistent regional funding approach in response to managing coastal erosion and beach replenishment</p>	<p>A regional approach has been agreed by the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee at its meeting in December 2015. It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approve the coastal management approach for the Auckland Region and the associated supporting principles. b) approve the use of coastal compartment management plans (CCMPs) as the key vehicle to implement a regional approach to coastal management. c) approve the development of a communication plan to raise public awareness of coastal management issues, including climate change. <p>Local Board workshops to outline the operational approach promoted to follow, with an opportunity to capture Local Board key areas of concern and risk will occur over 2016.</p>

Initiative	Department/CCO response
Pakuranga Town Centre Masterplan to be aligned with the AMETI project and used as best practice for development in the area	There is an opportunity to deliver on public outcomes through a joint venture with the owner of Pakuranga Plaza and in collaboration with AMETI, which would see the Pakuranga Town Centre masterplan delivered earlier. An example of integration is around traffic congestion where the AMETI project includes roading improvements along the two busway routes and at key intersections around Pakuranga town centre, and the new Reeves Road flyover.
Supports investment in infrastructure in existing and new areas of growth	Noted
Retention of existing heritage protection zones (which are part of the PAUP as a density overlay) and height restrictions with the Howick Village area	Council's position to the Independent Hearings Panel on Howick includes a precinct over the Howick Village area to deal with height, removal of the special subdivision provisions of the operative district plan and retention of the Single House zone across the majority of the area. The Independent Hearings Panel will make its recommendations to council in July 2016.
Supports the identification of privet as a controlled pest species to enable council enforcement	This feedback will be included in the Regional Pest Management Plan review which is occurring during 2016. It has been forwarded to that project team directly.
Does not support the proposed level of differential for business rate	The council has decided to seek the community's views on a range of rating issues. These are the level of the UAGC; the share of the Interim Transport Levy (ITL) paid by residential and business properties and how the business share is charged to businesses; rates for farm/lifestyle properties over 50 hectares and reducing the rates on some Maori land. The proposed consultation doesn't include the business differential. However, this issue is, in part, addressed by seeking the community's views on the share of the ITL to be paid by business.
More efficient and cost effective delivery of services and supports the local procurement of services wherever possible	The local board chairs are engaged regularly on council's procurement strategy and policy, which sets out how procurement will be used both locally and regionally. We are also in the process of developing a Framework that will deliver multiple outcomes via procurement including local economic outcomes, sustainability, diversity, Maori outcomes etc. A lot of this will be delivered via social enterprises and we have engaged with the likes of Akina to help co-design the approach.

Item 4 Attachment C

Annual Budget 2016/2017 consultation feedback report for Howick Local Board

1. Purpose

- A. This report summarises all feedback received through the Annual Budget 2016/2017 consultation on Howick Local Board proposals. It also summarises feedback on the regional proposals from people or organisations based in the Howick local board area.
- B. The purpose of this report is to inform the Howick Local Board of the views of their local community on the annual proposals. This will build on the boards understanding of community priorities and preferences as established in the development of the Howick Local Board Plan 2014.
- C. The feedback received will inform the Howick Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2016/2017. It will also inform the Howick Local Board discussions with the Finance and Performance Committee on 6 and 9 May on advocacy and local priorities in relation to the regional budgets and proposals.

2. Executive Summary

Out of the 3,324 submissions received on the Annual Budget 2016/2017, 183 were submissions from people living in Howick local board area or concerning Howick Local Board local proposals. This comprised a total of 44,076 individual points of feedback, with 3,016 points of feedback from people living in Howick local board area or concerning Howick Local Board local proposals.

A. Howick local proposals consulted on for 2016/2017

- 1. Undertake a stock take of all community facilities in the area;**
- 2. Support local services and infrastructure in Flat Bush;**
- 3. Continue coastal erosion and sand replenishment of beaches and advocate for a regional fund for coastal erosion;**
- 4. Develop a master plan for the former Greenmount landfill area;**
- 5. Develop a greenways plan to provide safe cycling and walking connections;**
- 6. Connect our walkways to open up the coastline for everyone to use;**
- 7. Increase funding for local parks volunteers for pest control measures;**
- 8. Provide rental support to a number of community facilities;**
- 9. Improve the existing playground network; and**
- 10. Fund green assets/ecological restoration.**

B. Regional proposals consulted on for 2016/2017 Fixed charge (Uniform Annual general Charge or UAGC)

55% of respondents are of the opinion that the UAGC should be higher than \$397, with 31% of respondents of the opinion that if the UAGC were to change, then a level of \$650 would be appropriate. It should also be noted that 16% of respondents were of the opinion that the UAGC be lowered, with 22% of respondents suggesting a level of \$350 as appropriate.

Interim Transport Levy (ITL)

48% of respondents are of the opinion that business' should pay more than other ratepayers, with 58% of the opinion that if business' do pay more, than the levy should be based on property value.

Farm and lifestyle rates

59% of respondents are of the opinion that the rates paid by farm/lifestyle properties over 50 hectares should remain at 80%.

Māori land rates

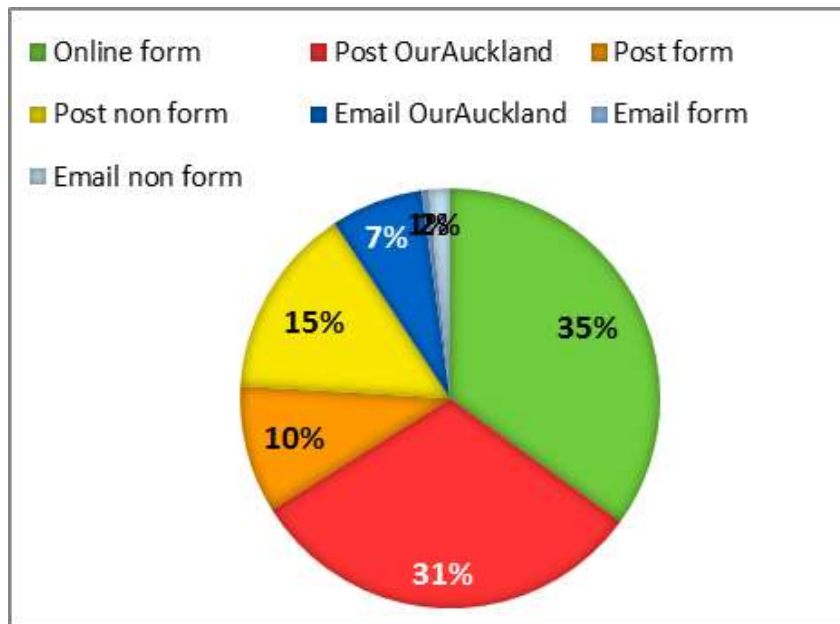
74% of respondents do not support reducing rates collected from Māori land.

C. Other feedback (on any other proposals and/or other local issues)

The main priorities noted in "other" feedback include Local Parks, Sports & Recreation (particularly the Barry Curtis Park master plan), and Local Governance and Support (main theme around communication from the board).

3. Context

- A. This report is being provided to the Howick Local Board summarising the local consultation feedback received on the annual budget. Council received feedback in person at community engagement events, through written forms (including those submitted online) and through social media.
- B. Feedback on Howick Local Board local proposals and on regional proposals from the Howick Local Board area was received through:
 - Written feedback –

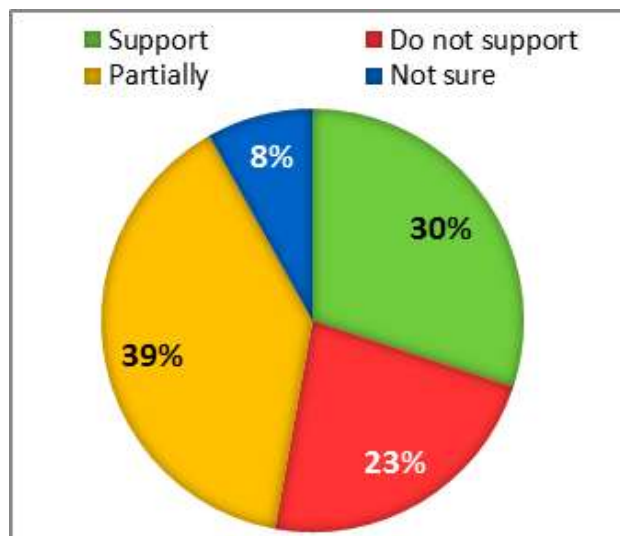


- In person:

Feedback was received through 2 Have Your Say events at the Pakuranga Rugby club (11 attendants, 101 points of feedback) and the Ormiston Senior College (5 attendants, 14 points of feedback).

4. Feedback received on the local proposals

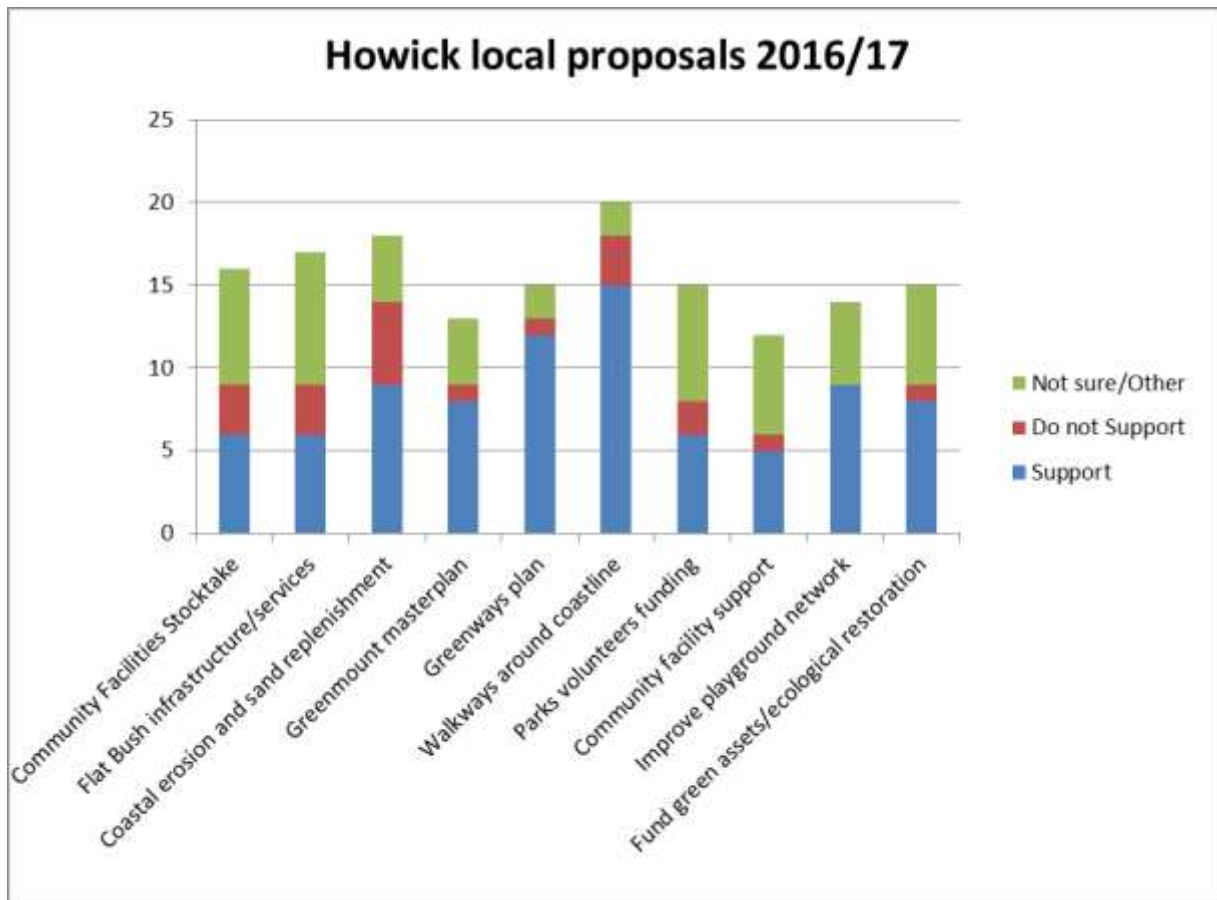
A. Key themes across all feedback received were:



- Transportation (ferry terminal and parking, congestion, cycleways)
- Ward maintenance (berms)
- Too much focus on Flat Bush area
- Barry Curtis Park too costly

B. A summary of the feedback received through each channel is provided below.

Written feedback received



Main themes:

Community Facilities Stocktake (3 comments):

Should be business as usual and therefore not incur additional cost.

Flat Bush Infrastructure/services (5 comments):

Too much focus on the Flat Bush area to the detriment of others.

Coastal erosion and sand replenishment (3 comments):

No support for sand replenishment – it's a natural process.

Greenways Plan (4 comments):

Support for more and improved cycleways

Walkways around coastline (4 comments):

Connect walkways and greenways.

Opposition to walk/cycleway at Bucklands Beach

Parks volunteers funding (3 comments):

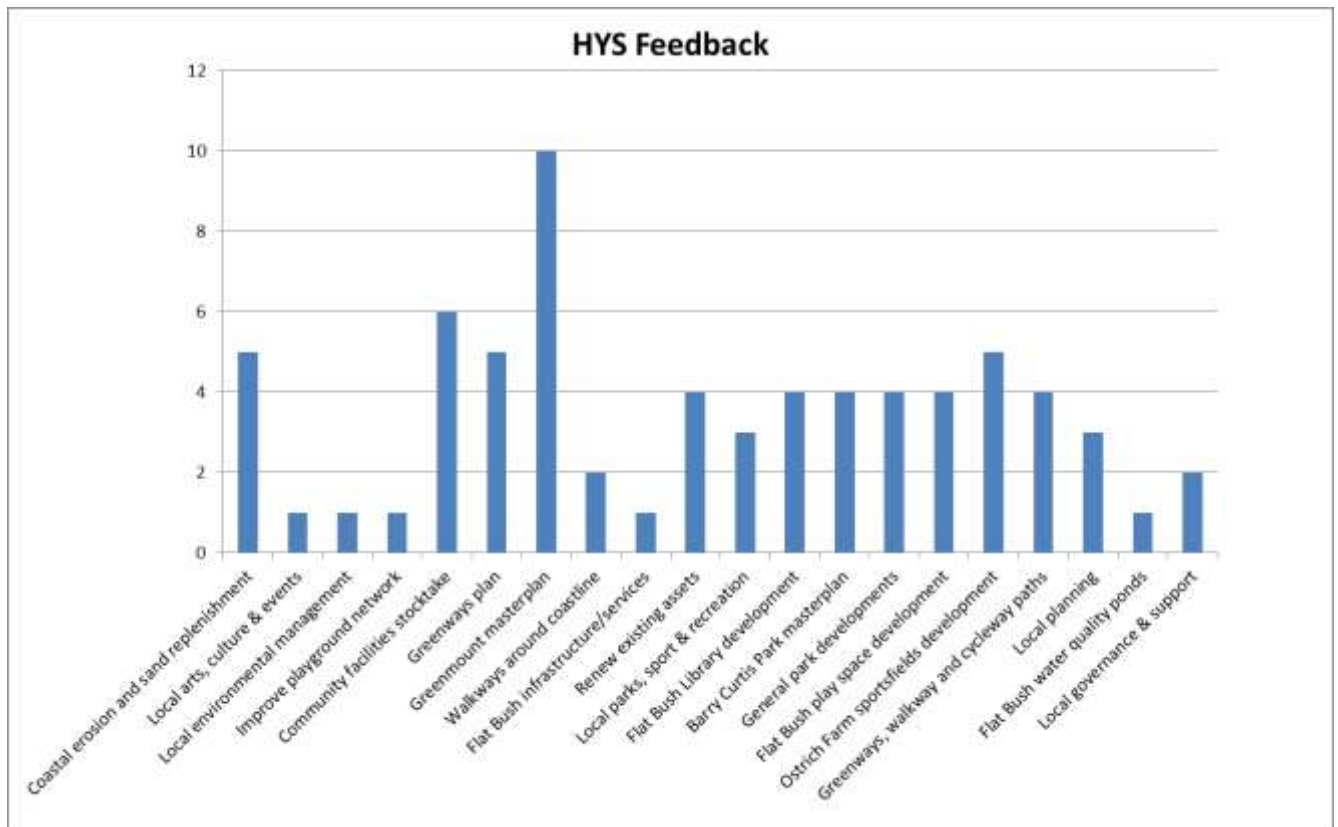
Comment with regard to 1080 poisoning and pest control.

Other suggested changes to Howick Local Board priorities:

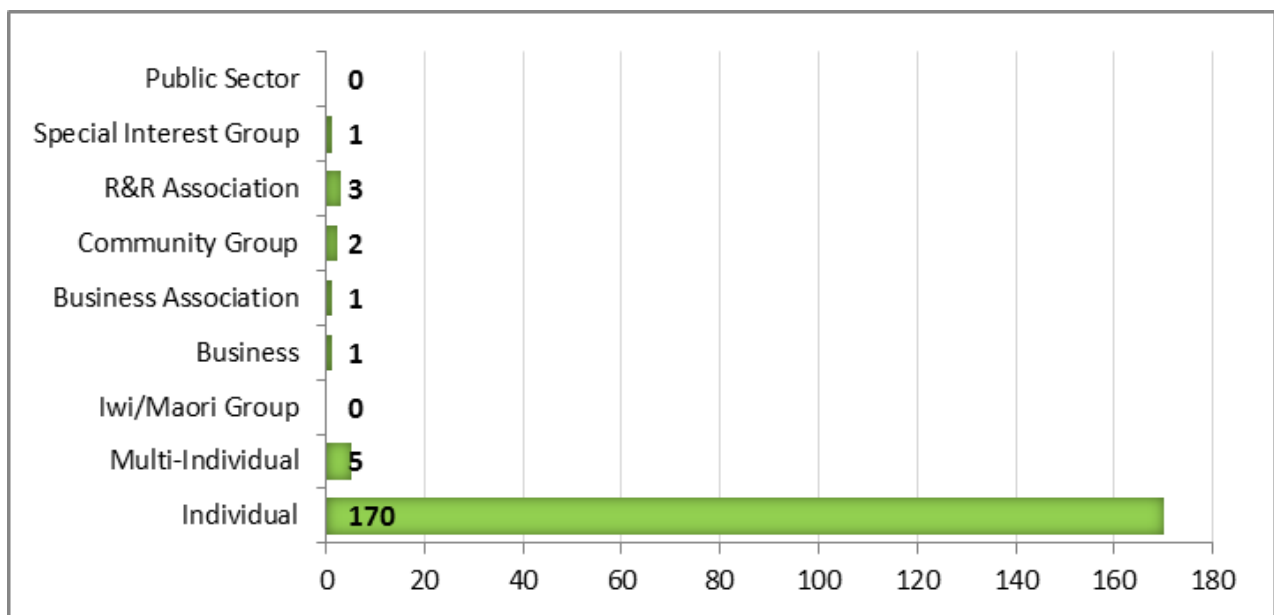
More funding for Uxbridge Centre

More funding for building maintenance for community groups that own building on Council land.

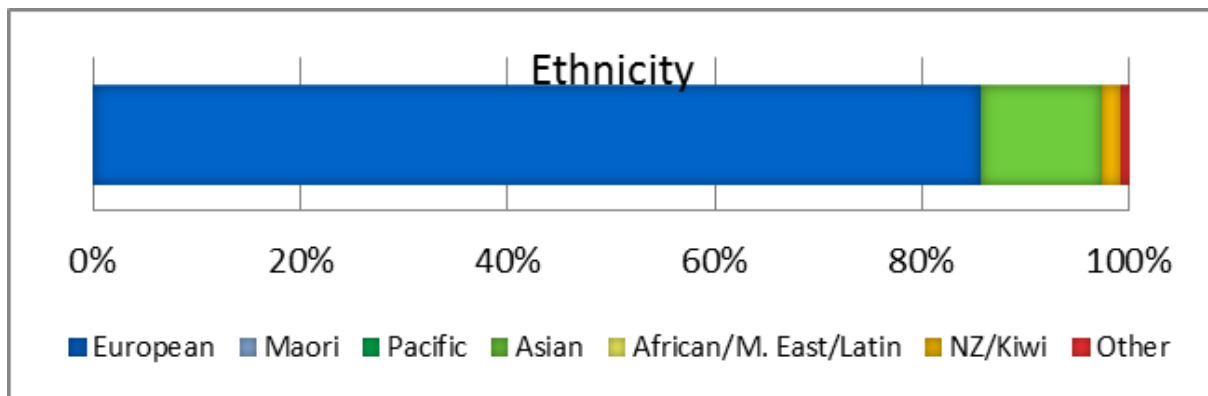
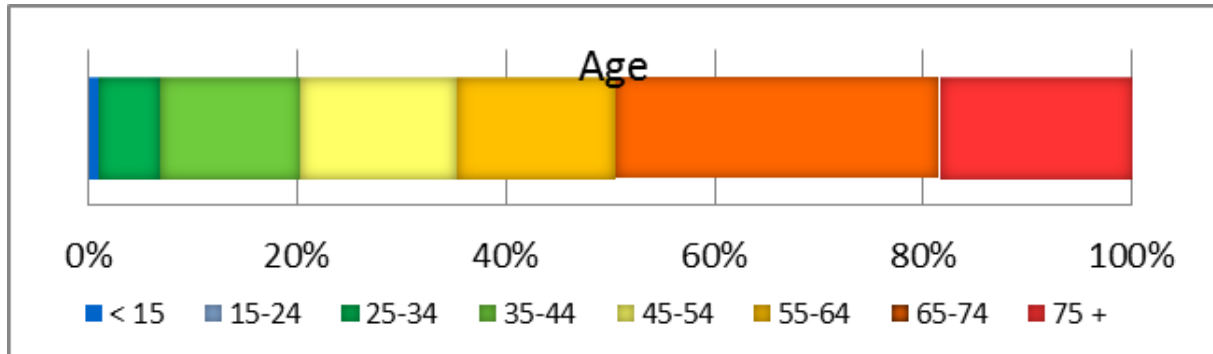
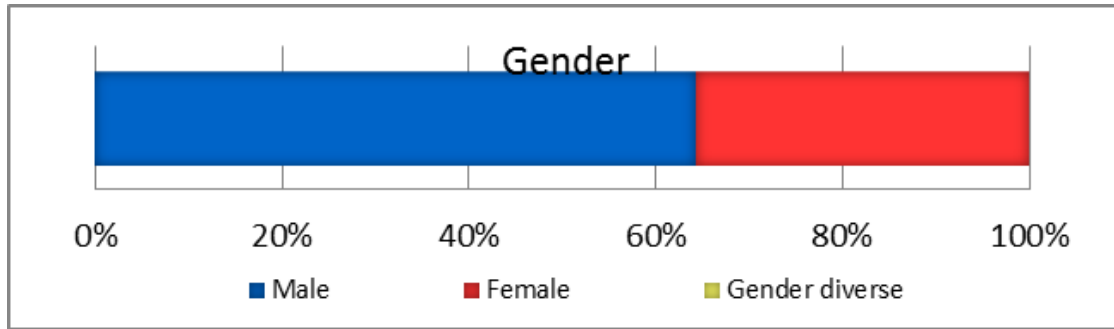
Feedback received through Have your say events



Sources of feedback



Demographic Breakdown



5. Overview of feedback received on regional proposals from [LB] area

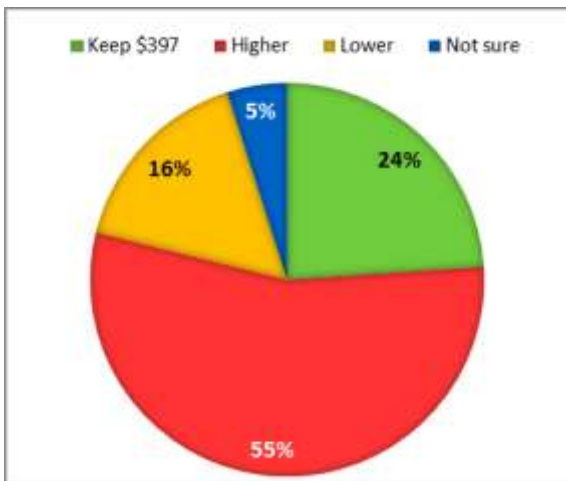
The consultation on the proposed annual budget focused on four key issues, Uniform Annual General Charge, Interim Transport Levy, Rural rates and Maori Freehold Land rates. The written feedback received from the [LB] area on these key consultation topics is summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

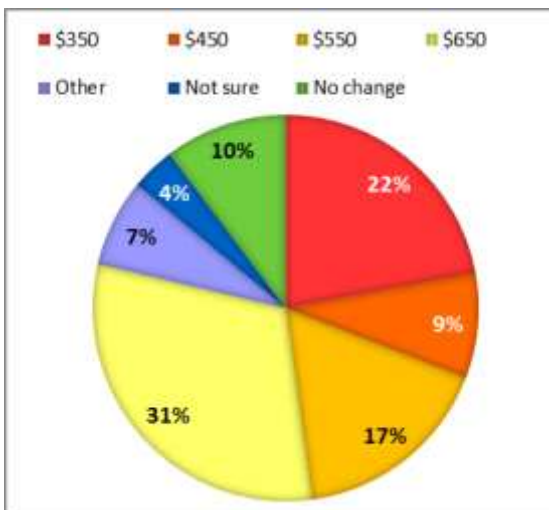
Auckland's residents and ratepayers were asked if the UAGC should be kept at \$397 so that rates are spread differently between high and low value properties, and should it be changed to \$350, \$450, \$550 or \$650.

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the [LB] area.

Question 1a” What is your opinion on the fixed charge portion of the rates (UAGC)?



Question 1 b: If changed, what should the fixed charge be?

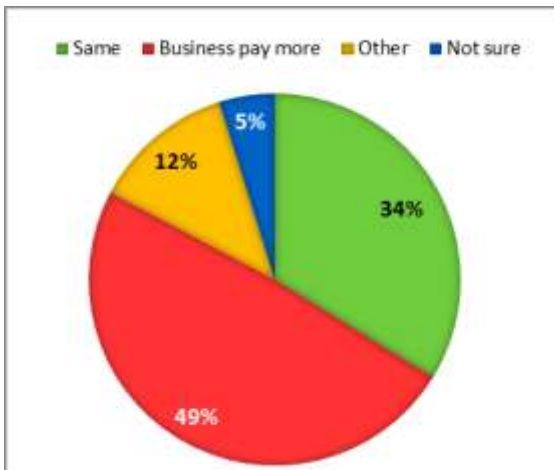


Interim Transport Levy (ITL)

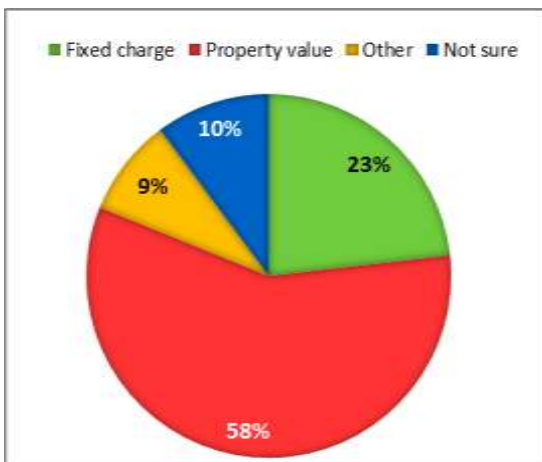
People were asked if businesses should pay more than they currently do toward the ITL (meaning other ratepayers pay less) and should the levy continue to be a fixed charge for businesses or be based on the size of the business (meaning small businesses pay less than large ones).

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the [LB] area.

Question 2a: What is your opinion on the ITL amount paid by businesses versus the amount paid by all other ratepayers?



Question 2b: What is your opinion on the amount businesses pay in relation to their property value?

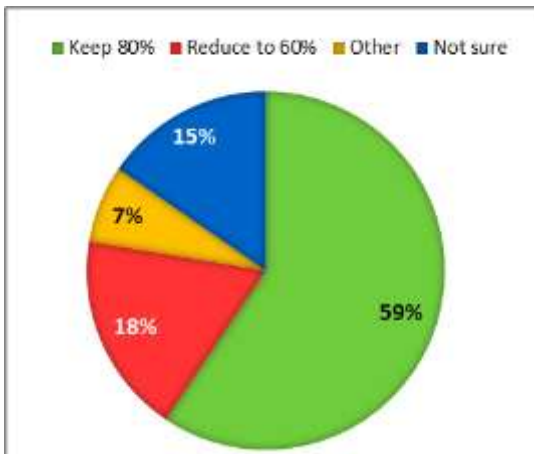


Farm and Lifestyle rates

Auckland's residents and ratepayers were asked to provide their thoughts on the rates paid by farm/lifestyle properties (over 50 hectares) reducing to 60 per cent from 80 per cent of the urban residential rate (meaning all other ratepayers pay less).

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the [LB] area.

Question 3: What is your opinion on the rates paid by farm/lifestyle properties over 50 hectares?

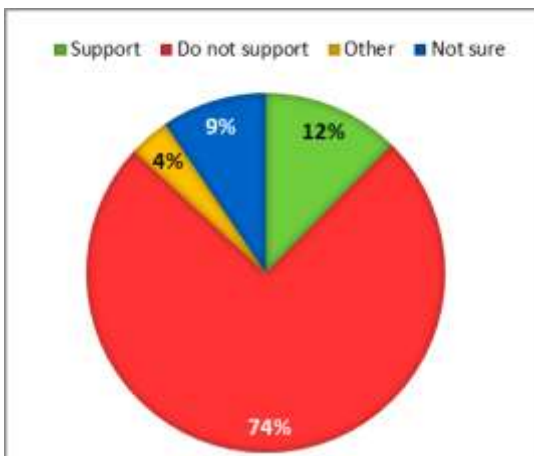


Māori Freehold Land rates

People were asked if they supported reducing rates for some Māori land to reflect restrictions on its use.

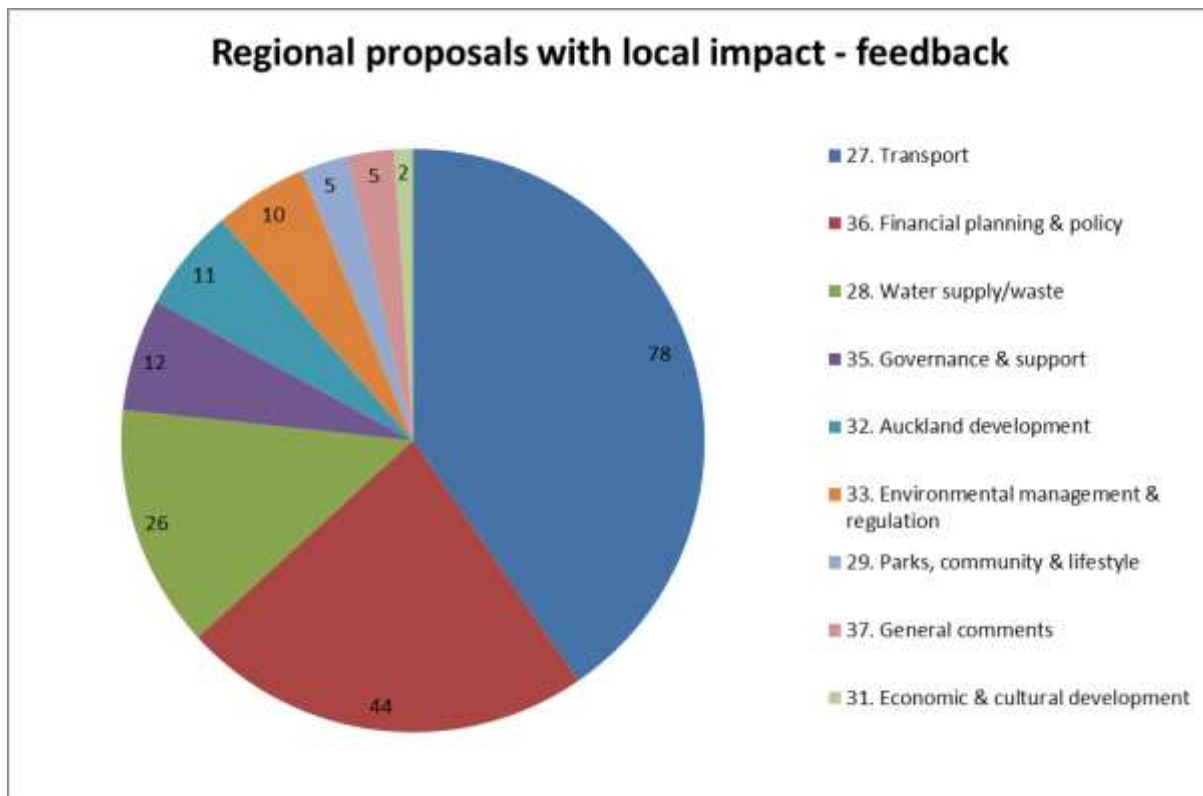
The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the [LB] area.

Question 4: What is your opinion on reducing the rates collected from Māori land to reflect restrictions on its use?



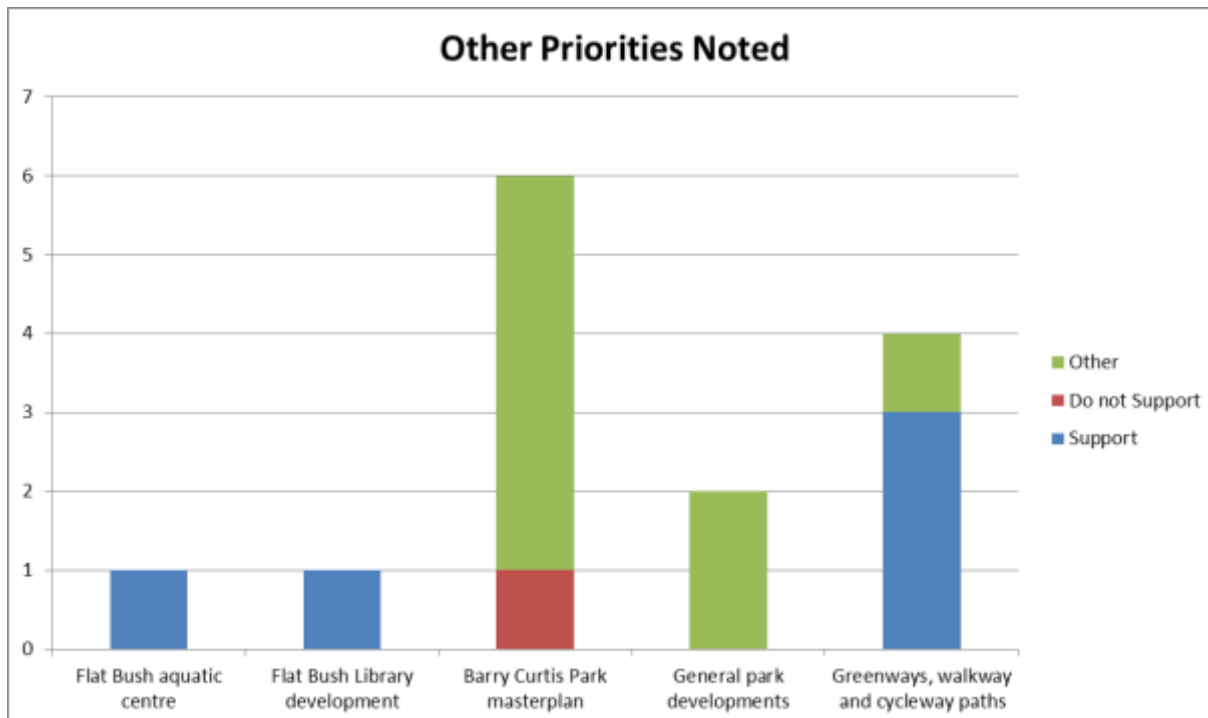
Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact

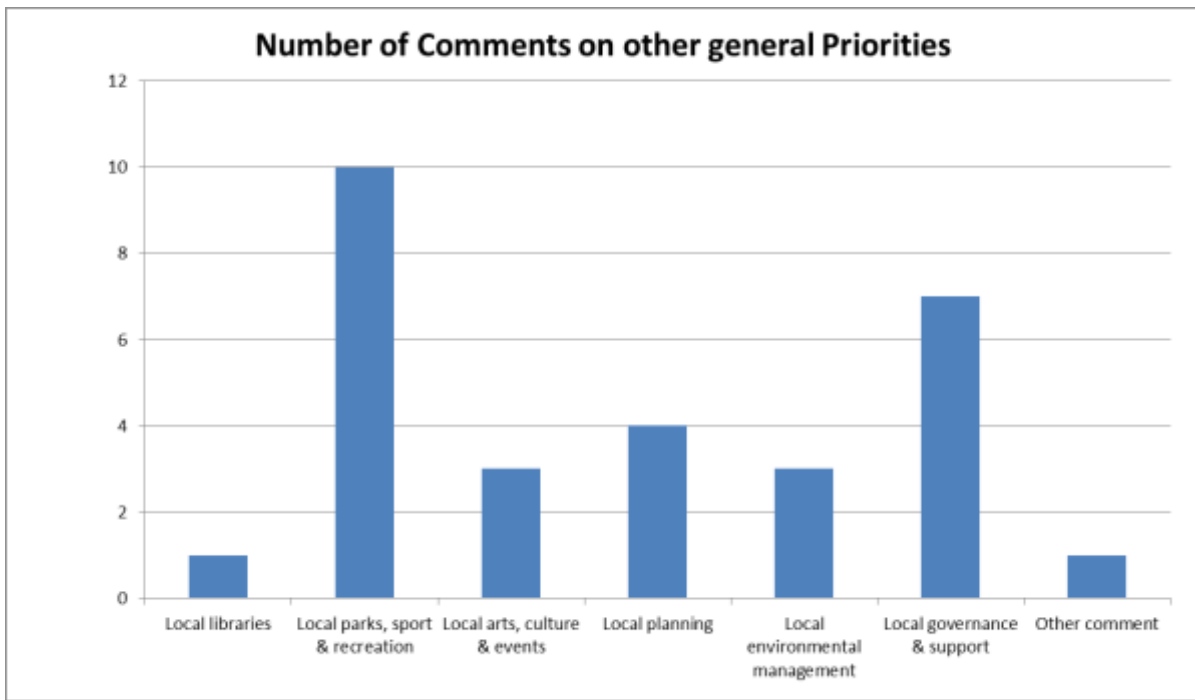
Feedback was received from the Howick Local Board area on other regional proposals. The graph below shows the areas covered by this feedback.



6. Feedback on other local topics

Key themes across feedback received on other local topics include:





ITEM 4 LATE SUBMISSION NO. 3333

Have your say on Auckland's direction for 2016/2017

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Feedback must be received by 4pm Thursday 24 March 2016.

Please visit shapeauckland.co.nz and read the consultation document before providing your feedback. We encourage you to provide feedback online. Alternatively you can complete this form and return it to us as outlined below.

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Email Simply scan your completed form and email to annualplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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Auckland Council
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Private Bag 92 300, Auckland 1142

In person Drop off at your local library, service centre or local board office

Your name and feedback will be public documents.
All other personal details will remain private.

First name: WENDY
Last name: PETERSEN

Your local board: HOWICK

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business?
(If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

Yes No

Name of organisation or business:

For more information, read the consultation document at shapeauckland.co.nz or at libraries, service centres or local board offices.

Fixed Rates Charges (Uniform Annual General Charge)

Questions 1a and 1b relate to the fixed charge portion of rates, known as the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC).
For information about this please visit shapeauckland.co.nz.

Question 1a: What is your opinion on the fixed charge portion of rates, known as the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)?

- This should be kept as it currently is (at a fixed yearly charge of \$397)
- The fixed charge should be higher, meaning that rates for higher value properties would decrease and rates for lower value properties would increase
- The fixed charge should be lower, meaning that rates for higher value properties would increase and rates for lower value properties would decrease
- Not sure

Question 1b: If changed, what should the fixed charge be, within the range of \$350 to \$650?

- \$350 \$450 \$550 \$650
- Other: \$ _____ Not sure
- Not applicable / don't think it should be changed

Please comment:

Interim Transport Levy

Questions 2a and 2b relate to the Interim Transport Levy, a targeted rate that partially funds an accelerated transport programme in Auckland. For information about this please visit shapeauckland.co.nz.

Question 2a: What is your opinion on the Interim Transport Levy amount paid by businesses versus the amount paid by all other ratepayers?

- The Interim Transport Levy should remain at \$183 for businesses, and \$114 for all other ratepayers
- The Interim Transport Levy should increase to \$407 for businesses, and decrease to \$90 for all other ratepayers
- Other Not sure

Please comment: _____

Question 2b: What is your opinion on the amount businesses pay for the Interim Transport Levy in relation to their property value?

- This should be kept as it currently is, so all businesses pay the same amount regardless of their property value
- This should be changed so the amount businesses pay depends on their property value (i.e., higher value business properties pay more, lower value business properties pay less)
- Not sure
- Other

Please comment: _____

Farm and lifestyle rates

Question 3 relates to the rates charged to farm/lifestyle properties over 50 hectares. Please visit shapeauckland.co.nz for more information.

Question 3: What is your opinion on the rates paid by farm/lifestyle properties over 50 hectares?

- This should be kept the same (80 per cent of the urban residential rate for properties that have the same value)
- This should be reduced to 60 per cent of the urban residential rate for properties that have the same value (meaning an average increase in rates for all other ratepayers of \$3.70 per year)
- Not sure
- Other

Please comment: _____

Māori freehold land rates #3333

Question 4 relates to the rates collected from Māori land in Auckland. For information about this please visit shapeauckland.co.nz.

Question 4: What is your opinion on reducing the rates collected from Māori land in Auckland to reflect restrictions on its use?

- Support reducing rates for some Māori land where significant barriers to development exist (meaning an increase in rates for all other ratepayers of less than 25 cents per year)
- Do not support reducing rates for some Māori land where significant barriers to development exist
- Other
- Not sure

Please comment: _____

Local Board information

Questions 5a and 5b relate to your local board area. For information about the key priorities for each local board area please visit shapeauckland.co.nz.

Question 5a: Which local board does your feedback relate to? If different to the local board stated at the beginning of this form.

Question 5b: In your opinion, have we got our priorities right for this local board area in 2016/2017?

- Yes
- No
- Partially

What do you think we should change?

Please comment: *There should be more than 2x for our area councillors*

Any other feedback?

Please provide any feedback on the other matters in the consultation document or on regional or local priorities:

Need more room?

You can attach extra pages, but please make sure they are A4, and also include your name and contact information.

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