

Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation feedback report for Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

1. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this report is to inform the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board of the views of their local community on the annual budget proposals. This will build on the local board's understanding of community priorities and preferences recorded during and since the development of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2014.
- B. This report summarises feedback received through the Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation on Hibiscus and Bays Local Board proposals. It also summarises feedback on the regional proposals from people or organisations based in the Hibiscus and Bays local board area.
- C. The feedback received will inform the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board decisions on the allocation of their locally driven initiatives budgets in their local board agreement for 2017/2018. It will also inform the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board discussions with the Finance and Performance Committee on 9 May on advocacy and local priorities in relation to the regional budgets and proposals.

2. Executive Summary

Out of the 8,058 submissions received on the Annual Budget 2017/2018, 351 were submissions from people living in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area or concerning Hibiscus and Bays Local Board local proposals.

A. Hibiscus and Bays Local Board local proposals consulted on for 2017/2018:

Based on our 10-year budget, in 2017/2018 we plan to invest \$7.8 million to renew and develop assets in your local board area and \$15.9 million to maintain and operate these assets and provide other local initiatives. This includes:

- development at Long Bay reserves 5,6,7,8
- renewal of existing assets

What might change

Planning for a toilet at Red Beach Reserve (William Bayes Place) is currently proposed for 2019/2020 with delivery to follow in 2020/2021, however we will endeavour to bring that project forward for planning to occur in 2017/2018 followed by build in 2018/2019 or earlier.

What else we propose

In addition to what we have planned, we propose the following priorities for 2017/2018:

- continue to provide improvements to playgrounds including all ability play equipment and sun smart options
- continue to upgrade old signage in the local board area
- begin to deliver actions from the Hibiscus and Bays Greenways Plan
- begin to deliver on actions identified in the Silverdale, Orewa and Browns Bay Centre Plans

- begin to implement the Mairangi Bay Reserves Management Plan
- continue to work with our volunteers on environmental initiatives
- develop a strategy for eco-tourism for the local board area
- develop a strategy for the review of reserve management plans within the local board area.

What do you think?

- Have we got our priorities right?
- Do you agree with us trying to plan and deliver the new toilet at Red Beach Reserve (in William Bayes Place) earlier than proposed?

B. Regional proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

Issue 1: Rates increases

Feedback shows 60% of local people support a 2.5% rates increase. A higher increase was supported by 21% whilst a lower increase was supported by 18% of local people.

Issue 2: Rating stability

Feedback shows that 74% of local people support a policy change so business and residential ratepayers have the same increase in 2017/2018. Only 17% of local people did not support the proposed policy change and 6% were unsure.

Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

Feedback shows that 71% of local people support a targeted rate on accommodation providers to fund tourism promotion costs. Eighteen percent of local people did not support this proposal and 8% were unsure.

Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure

Feedback shows that 74% of local people support a change to the funding policy to allow for growth infrastructure targeted rates, so those who benefit from the infrastructure, including those who get the resulting increase in their land values, pay for it, rather than the ratepayers across Auckland. Twelve percent of local people did not support this proposal and 12% were unsure.

Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage

Feedback shows that 62% of local people support the introduction of a living wage for council staff, whereas 26% did not support the proposal and 9% were unsure.

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

In addition to the local proposals consulted on 93 submission points were received on transport issues including 21 points in support of building Penlink earlier.

3. Context

- A. This report is being provided to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board summarising the local consultation feedback received on the annual budget. Council received feedback in person at

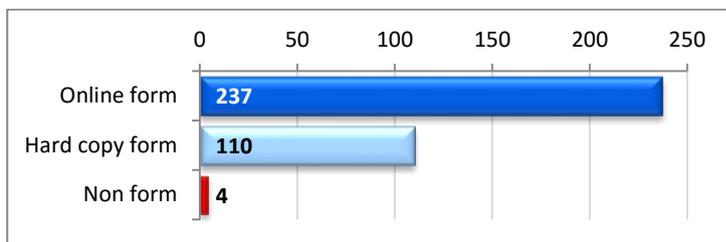
community engagement events, through written forms (including those submitted online) and through social media.

B. Feedback on Hibiscus and Bays Local Board local proposals and on regional proposals from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area was received through:

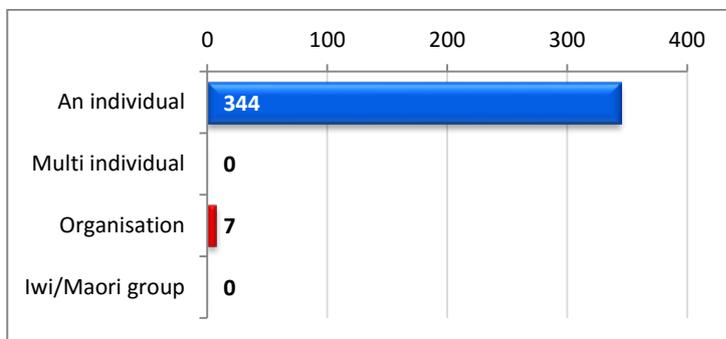
- written feedback – 347 feedback forms and four freeform
- in person – feedback was received through two community events, one at the Children’s Day event (Browns Bay Village Green) on 5 March 2017 and the second at the Orewa Beach Sandcastle Competition at Moana Reserve on 26 March 2017. There was also one Have Your Say event that was moved at short notice from another local board’s proposed venue to outside the East Coast Bays Library on 25 March 2017
- social media – one feedback point was received through social media channels

4. Feedback received on the local proposals

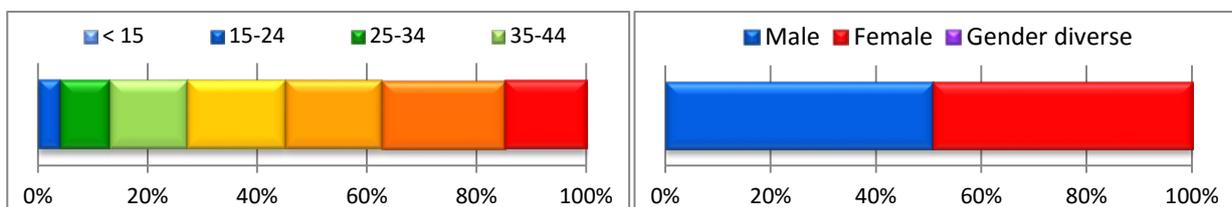
- The majority of written feedback from local people in Hibiscus and Bays came via post and online channels

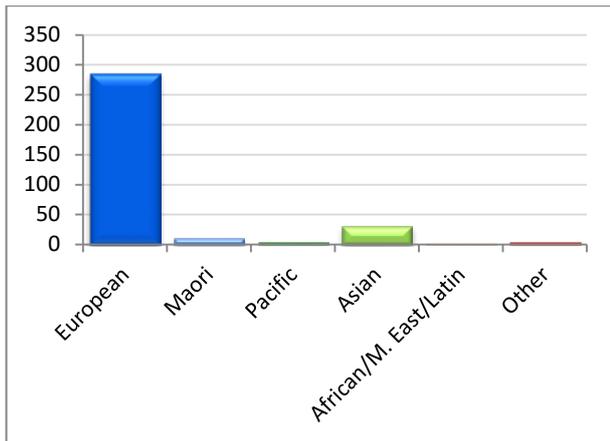


- The sources of feedback is as follows:



A. Demographics of those providing written feedback in the Hibiscus and Bays area is as follows:





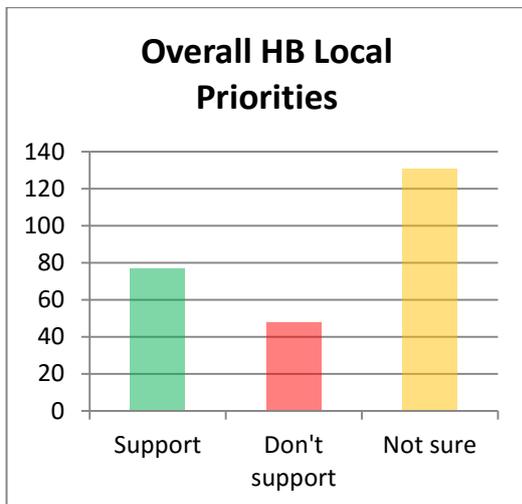
B. Key themes across all local feedback received were mainly transport-related including:

- To build Penlink earlier
- Transport priorities including the need to improve congestion
- The need to have infrastructure in place before more growth is allowed.

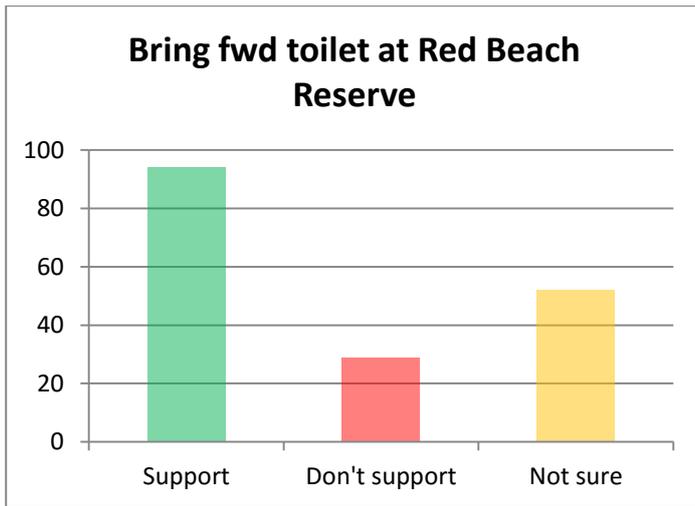
C. A summary of the written feedback received is provided below.

Written feedback received

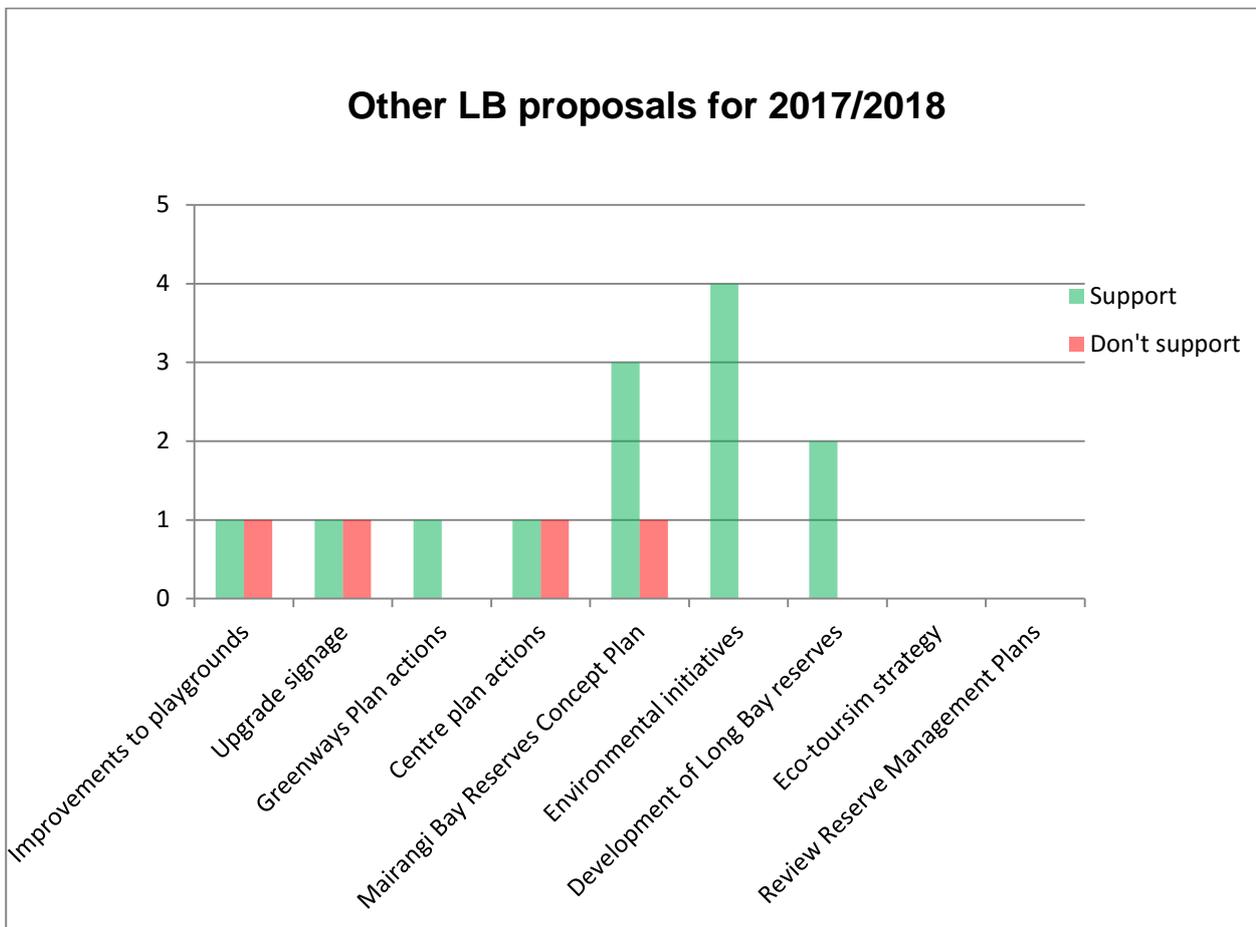
In response to the question “In your opinion, have we got our priorities right for this local board area in 2017/2018?” the majority indicated they were unsure.



D. The following summarises the feedback to the question: Do you agree with us trying to plan and deliver the new toilet at Red Beach Reserve (in William Bayes Place) earlier than proposed?



E: Feedback received on the other local proposals is as follows:



F. Two proposals received no feedback at all;

- develop a strategy for eco-tourism for the local board area

- develop a strategy for the review of reserve management plans within the local board area.

5. Overview of feedback received on regional proposals from Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area

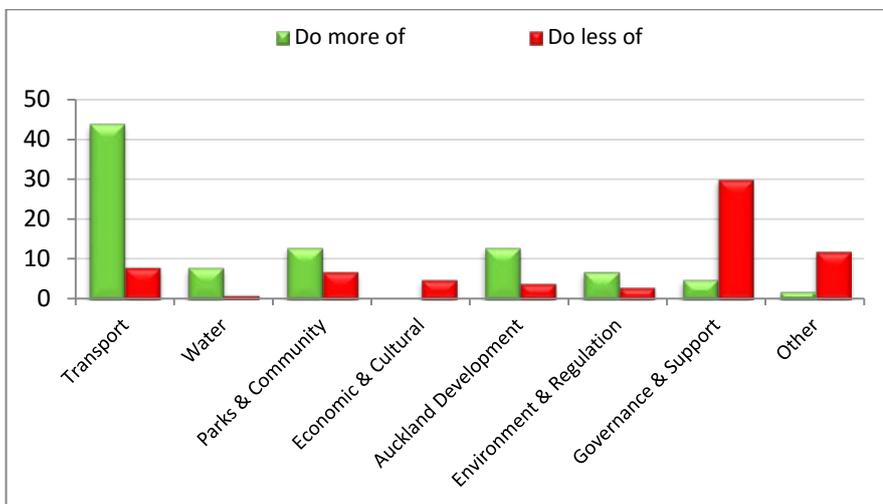
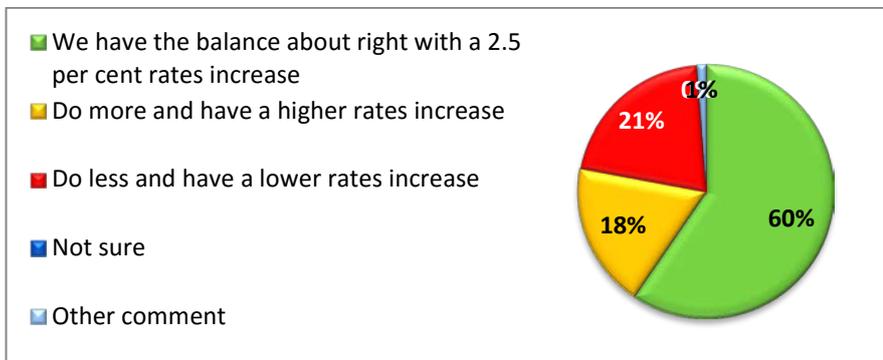
The consultation on the proposed annual budget focused on five key issues, Issue 1: Rates increases, Issue 2: Rating stability, Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion, Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure and Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage. The written feedback received from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board 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.

Issue 1: Rates increases

Aucklanders were asked if we have the balance right with a 2.5 per cent average rates increase or should we have a higher rates increase (3.5 per cent) and do more or a lower rates increase (2 per cent) and do less.

Question 1: Delivering our planned investments and services will require an average rates increase of 2.5 per cent for 2017/2018. A higher rates increase would enable us to do more, while a lower rates increase would mean we can do less. What do you think?

The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area.

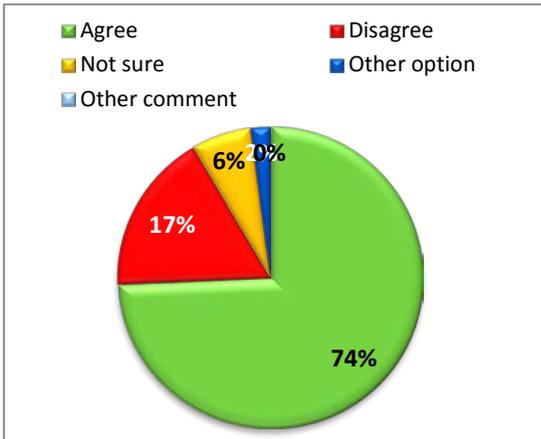


Issue 2: Rating stability

Aucklanders were asked if businesses should receive the same rates increase as residential ratepayers in 2017/2018.

Question 2: The council has been adjusting the share of general rates between businesses and residential ratepayers over time. This has resulted in businesses having a smaller increase than residential ratepayers. We are proposing that for 2017/2018 both should receive the same rates increase. What do you think?

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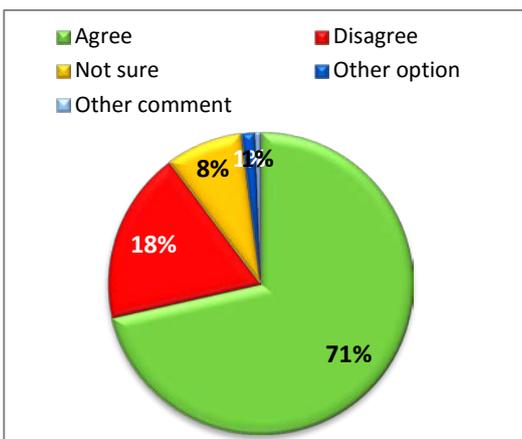


Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

Aucklanders were asked if they agree or disagree with the proposed targeted rate on accommodation providers to fund tourism promotion rather than from general rates.

Question 3: The council spends \$20-30 million on tourism promotion and major events each year. We are proposing to fund this from a targeted rate on accommodation providers rather than general rates. What do you think?

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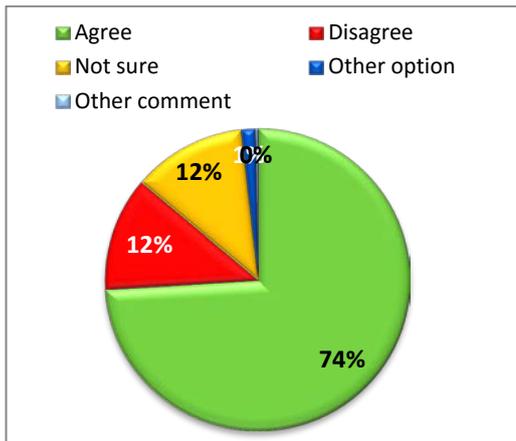


Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure

People were asked if they supported changing our funding policy to allow infrastructure for new housing developments to be funded by targeted rates alongside existing growth charges, rather than ratepayers across Auckland.

Question 4: The council is proposing to change our funding policy to allow infrastructure for new housing developments to be funded by targeted rates, rather than ratepayers across Auckland. What do you think?

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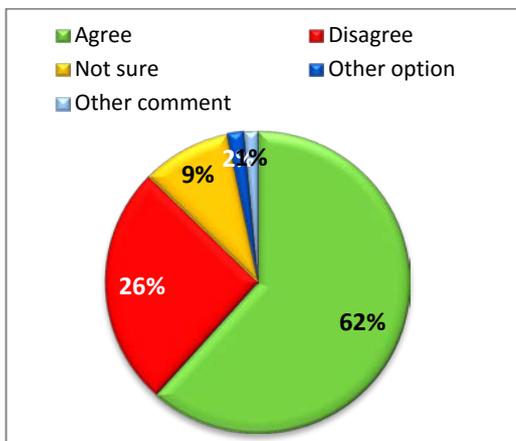


Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage

People were asked if they support the council to implement a living wage policy over the council term ending October 2019 to ensure all council staff can afford typical living costs. This would be funded from savings within the existing budgets.

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6. Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact

Feedback was received from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area on other regional proposals. The table below shows the areas covered by this feedback.

Theme	Count
28. Transport	93
37. Financial planning & policy	52
33. Auckland development	38
30. Parks, community & lifestyle	21
36. Governance & support	19
32. Economic & cultural development	14
38. General comments	12
34. Environmental management & regulation	9
29. Water supply/waste	6
31. Tupuna Maunga	3

7. Feedback on other local topics

In addition to the local consultation topics a small amount of feedback was received on other matters as shown in the table following.

Theme	Count
11.8 HB Local planning	30
11.9 HB Local environmental management	15
11.5 HB Local parks, sport & recreation	13
11.10 HB Local governance & support	8
11.4 HB Local community services	7
11.3 HB Local libraries	4
11.7 HB Local economic development	1

A number of submissions commented on the lack of detailed information available on local proposals.