

Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation feedback report for Henderson-Massey Local Board

1. Purpose

- A. This report summarises all feedback received through the Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation on Henderson-Massey Local Board proposals. It also summarises feedback on the regional proposals from people or organisations based in the Henderson-Massey local board area.
- B. The purpose of this report is to inform the Henderson-Massey 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 Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2014.
- C. The feedback received will inform the Henderson-Massey Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2017/2018. It will also inform the Henderson-Massey 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 8058 submissions received on the Annual Budget 2017/2018, 328 were submissions from people living in Henderson-Massey Local Board area or concerning Henderson-Massey Local Board local proposals.

A. Henderson-Massey Local Board local proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

1. Preparing an updated open space plan for Harbourview-Orangihina Park, building on work done in the past as well as bringing in fresh thinking.
2. Supporting Henderson Riding for the Disabled to progress its vision of finding a home where it can expand and develop facilities for year round services.
3. Investing additional local board funding in parks, play grounds, footpaths, and off road shared walking and cycling paths.
4. Working with Panuku Development Auckland to progress residential development occurring on the sites that council owns in Henderson.
5. Supporting community groups and businesses with renewed efforts to improve water quality in our streams.

B. Regional proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

1: Rates increases

Of the 285 people in Henderson-Massey that gave feedback on this proposal, 64% indicated that council have the balance about right with a 2.5% rates increase. Doing more with a higher rates increase received 12% support and doing less with a lower rates increase was at 24%. When asked what rates should be spent on, people indicated they would like council to do more towards transport and Auckland development and less towards governance and support.

2: Rating stability

Of the 285 feedback points received on the balance between business and residential rates, the majority (66%) agreed that council should change the policy so business and residential ratepayers have the same rates increase in 2017/2018. 16% indicated that they did not want the policy changed and 18% were unsure either way.

3: Paying for tourism promotion

Just over half (58%) of the 282 submitters agreed that council should introduce a targeted rate on accommodation providers to help fund tourism promotions and major events in Auckland. 24% of people disagreed with this proposal, 18% were not sure.

4: Paying for housing infrastructure

When asked for feedback on council changing the funding policy to allow infrastructure for new housing developments to be funded by targeted rates (rather than ratepayers across Auckland), 57% of submitters gave their support. 24% of people were unsure what this proposal involved and 17% disagreed. Other comments and options accounted for 2% of the feedback.

5: Paying council staff a living wage

61% of feedback supported the council implementing a living wage policy for staff which would be funded from savings within the existing budgets. 20% disagreed, 17% were not sure either way and 2% said they would prefer another option.

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

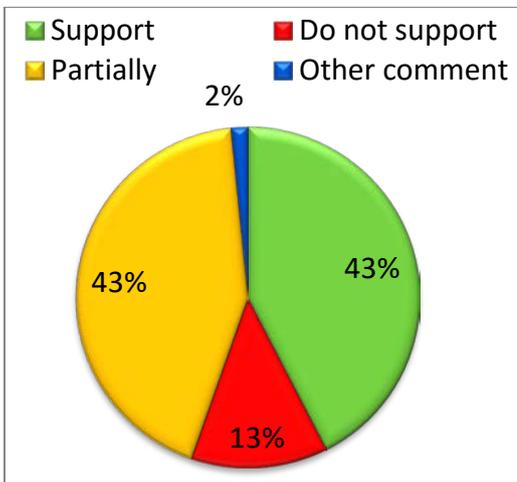
There was no feedback of note on any other proposals or local issues.

3. Context

- A. This report is being provided to the Henderson-Massey 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 Henderson-Massey Local Board local proposals and on regional proposals from the Henderson-Massey Local Board area was received through:
- Written feedback – 326 feedback forms were received (250 online forms and 76 hard copy forms).
 - In person – Feedback was received through a Have Your Say event held as part of the Henderson-Massey Local Board business meeting on 21 March 2017.
 - Social media – two of feedback points were received through social media channels

4. Feedback received on the local proposals

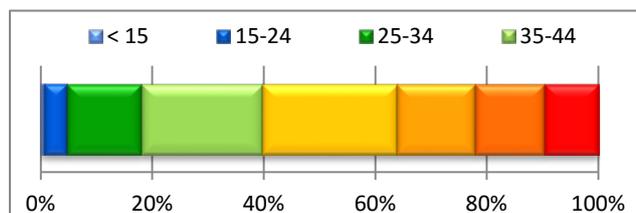
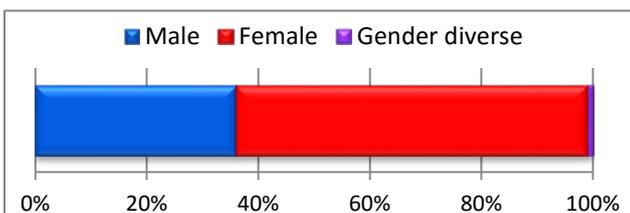
The Henderson-Massey Local Board received 345 submissions on their local priorities, showing that the majority of people either support (43%) or partially support (43%) all of these priorities. 13% do not support these proposals and 2% offered other comments. This is shown in the chart below.

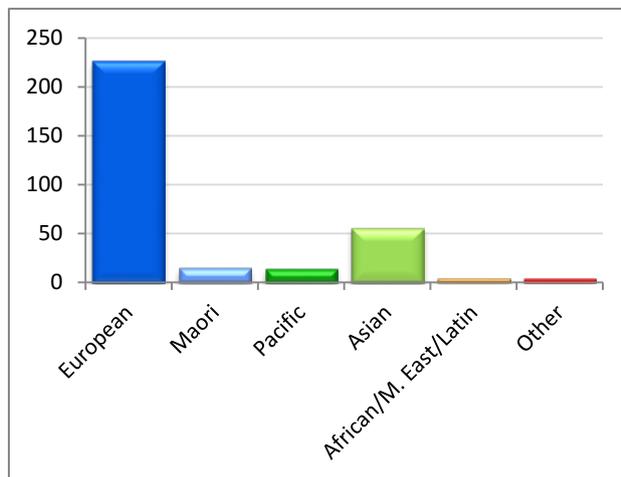
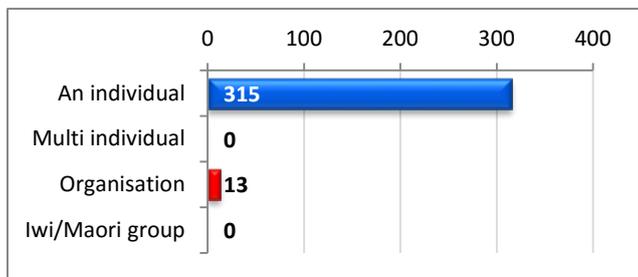


The following table indicates the level of submitter support for each of the local boards' priorities. The level of submitters that were not sure on their response to these priorities was noted by the board.

Local Proposals	Support	Do not support	Not sure	Other comments
Preparing an updated open space plan for Harbourview-Orangihina Park, building on work done in the past as well as bringing in fresh thinking.	104 (44%)	35 (15%)	93 (39%)	6 (3%)
Supporting Henderson Riding for the Disabled to progress its vision of finding a home where it can expand and develop facilities for year round services.	309 (84%)	25 (7%)	21 (6%)	3 (3%)
Investing additional local board funding in parks, play grounds, footpaths, and off road shared walking and cycling paths.	206 (83%)	22 (9%)	20 (8%)	1 (0%)
Working with Panuku Development Auckland to progress residential development occurring on the sites that council owns in Henderson.	99 (43%)	37 (16%)	96 (41%)	0
Supporting community groups and businesses with renewed efforts to improve water quality in our streams.	217 (89%)	9 (4%)	17 (7%)	0

The following charts show the demographics (gender, age, ethnicity and submitter group) of the people in Henderson-Massey local board area that gave feedback on the Annual Budget 2017/2018.





5. Overview of feedback received on regional proposals from Henderson-Massey Local Board area

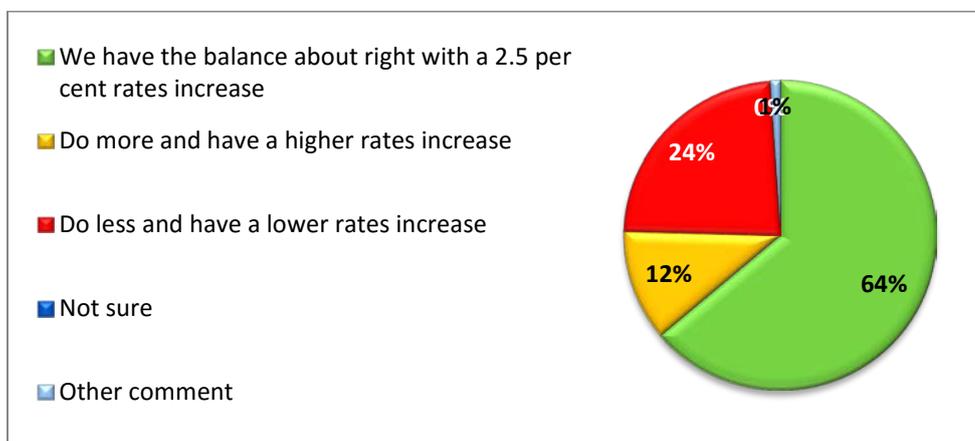
The consultation on the proposed annual budget focused on five key issues, Issue 1: Rates increases, Issue 2: Rating stability, Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion, Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure and Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage. The written feedback received from the Henderson-Massey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

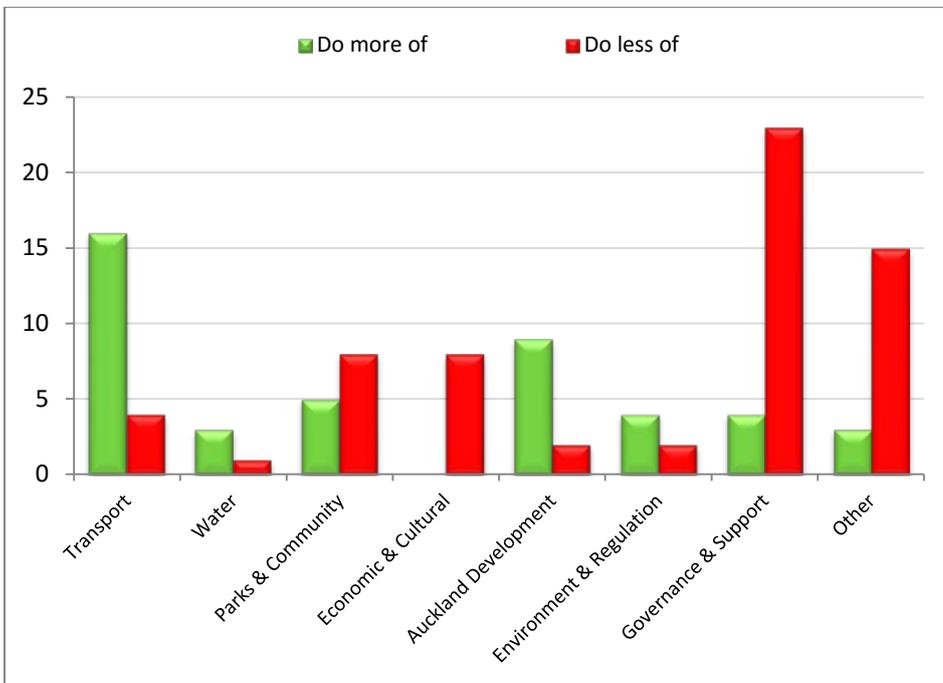
Issue 1: Rates increases

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 Henderson-Massey Local Board area.



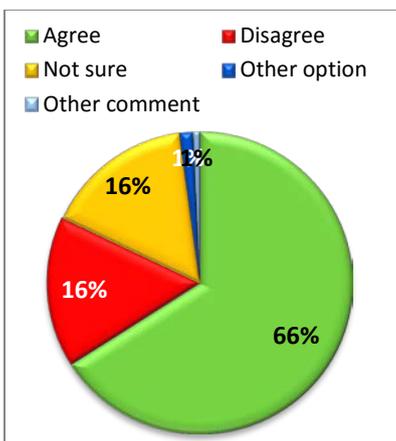


Issue 2: Rating stability

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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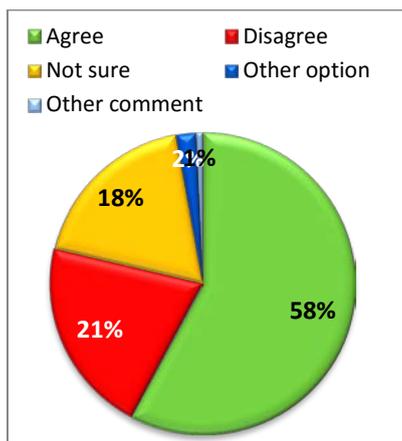


Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

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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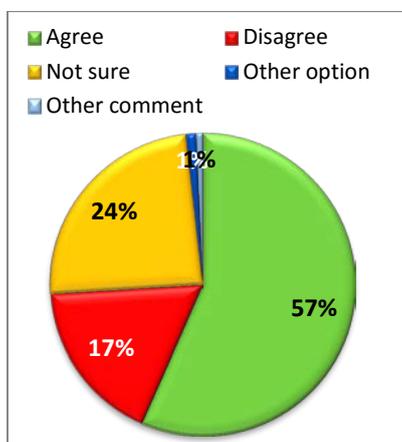


Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure

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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