

Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation feedback report for Kaipātiki Local Board

1. Purpose

- A. This report summarises all feedback received through the Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation on Kaipātiki Local Board proposals. It also summarises feedback on the regional proposals from people or organisations based in the Kaipātiki local board area.
- B. The purpose of this report is to inform the Kaipātiki 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 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2014.
- C. The feedback received will inform the Kaipātiki Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2017/2018. It will also inform the Kaipātiki 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, 316 were submissions from people living in the Kaipātiki Local Board area or concerning Kaipātiki Local Board local proposals.

A. Kaipātiki Local Board local proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

The Kaipātiki Local Board proposed to continue the following priorities for 2017/2018:

1. continue implementing the Kaipatiki Connections Network Plan
2. central area upgrade in Northcote
3. renewal of existing Community Facility and Parks assets
4. funding additional library opening hours so all three libraries in this local board area have the same seven day opening times
5. funding the additional cost of utilising the method of mechanical edging in our parks instead of edging with chemical sprays
6. funding the additional cost required for our community houses to operate effectively.

In addition to what has been planned, the Kaipātiki Local Board proposed the following priorities for 2017/2018:

7. Support the implementation of the Pest Free Kaipatiki Strategy adopted in August 2016.

The local board proposals received 264 written responses. Of those, most either support (45 per cent) or partially support (40 per cent) the local board proposals. Fewer people do not

support (13 per cent) the local board proposals. A small number (2 per cent) had other comments.

B. Regional proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

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.

Issue 1: Rates increases

Feedback shows most local people believe the balance is about right with a 2.5 per cent rates increase (60 per cent). Some would like council to do less and have a lower rates increase (23 per cent) and some would like council to do more and have a higher rates increase (16 per cent).

Issue 2: Rating stability

Feedback shows most local people agree that for 2017/2018 both business and residential ratepayers receive the same rates increase (73 per cent). Fewer people disagree (16 per cent), are not sure (8 per cent) or support another option (3 per cent).

Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

Feedback shows most local people agree with the proposed targeted rate on accommodation providers to fund tourism promotion (75 per cent). Fewer people disagree (13 per cent), are not sure (9 per cent) or support another option (3 per cent).

Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure

Feedback shows most local people agree with a change in council's funding policy to allow infrastructure for housing developments to be funded from targeted rates alongside existing growth charges (74 per cent). Fewer people disagree (9 per cent), are not sure (14 per cent) or support another option (2 per cent).

Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage

Feedback shows most local people agree with council implementing a living wage policy over the council term to ensure all council staff can afford typical living costs (66 per cent). Some disagree (21 per cent), are not sure (10 per cent) or support another option (2 per cent).

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

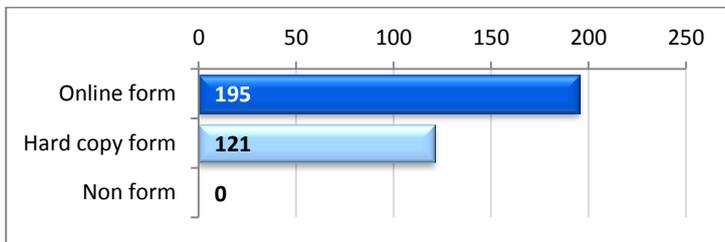
3. Context

A. This report is being provided to the Kaipātiki 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 Kaipātiki Local Board local proposals and on regional proposals from the Kaipātiki Local Board area was received through:

- Written feedback – 316 feedback forms
- In person – Feedback was received through two Have your say events held at Glenfield Library on 14 March and 16 March 2017. 39 feedback points were provided.
- Social media – No feedback points were received through social media channels from people living in the Kaipātiki Local Board area or concerning Kaipātiki Local Board local proposals.

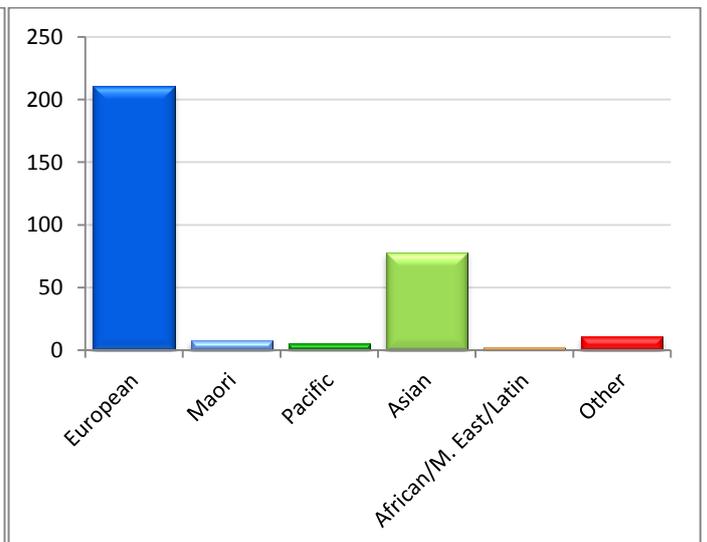
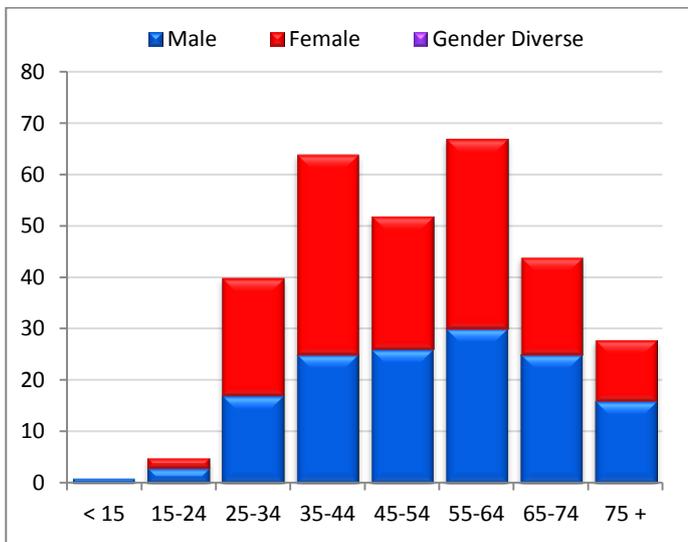
The most common method of submitting written feedback by Kaipātiki residents was through completion of an online form, with 62 per cent of submissions received via this method. This next most common method was via post using the feedback form, with 38 per cent of submissions received via this method.



4. Feedback received on the local proposals

A. A total of 316 written responses were received from residents, associations and groups from and about the Kaipātiki Local Board area. The following information provides a breakdown of demographic information on those that provided feedback:

Demographic Information



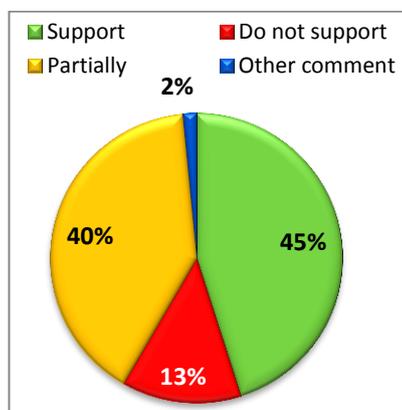
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In addition to what has been planned, the Kaipātiki Local Board proposed the following priorities for 2017/2018:

7. Support the implementation of the Pest Free Kaipatiki Strategy adopted in August 2016.

There was one question relating to the local proposals in the feedback form – “In your opinion, have we got our priorities right for this local board area in 2017/2018”. 264 written responses were received on this and the overall result showed the majority of responses (85 per cent) were in support of the local proposals. 45 per cent supported and 40 per cent partially supported the local board proposals. 13 per cent did not support the local board proposals and 2 per cent had other comments. This feedback is illustrated in the graph below:



C. The approach taken by the Kaipātiki Local Board for 2017/2018 was to continue delivering planned priorities with the addition of Pest Free Kaipātiki. As a result, the feedback on local proposals was primarily provided as a general response to all rather than on individual projects.

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

Written feedback received

The majority either supported (45 per cent) or partially supported (40 per cent) the local board proposals. Fewer people did not support (13 per cent) the local board proposals. A small number (2 per cent) had other comments.

The individual projects proposed received mixed comments, both in support and opposition. The comments were balanced and none of the projects appeared to have a significantly greater number of comments either in support or opposition.

Feedback received through Have your say events

Two have your say drop-in events were held in the Glenfield Library. 39 feedback points were provided over these two events. The feedback was in-line with that provided in the written feedback forms with the majority supporting the local and regional proposals (66 per cent).

5. Overview of feedback received on regional proposals from Kaipātiki Local Board area

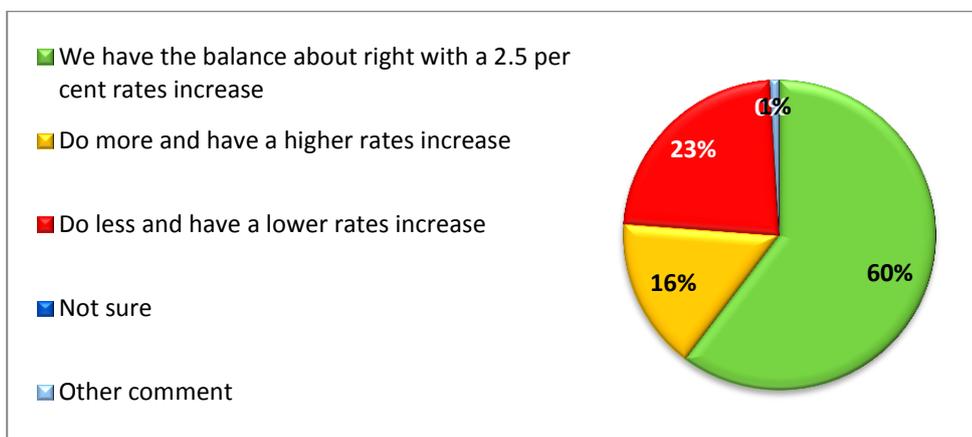
The consultation on the proposed annual budget focused on five key issues, Issue 1: Rates increases, Issue 2: Rating stability, Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion, Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure and Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage. The written feedback received from the Kaipātiki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

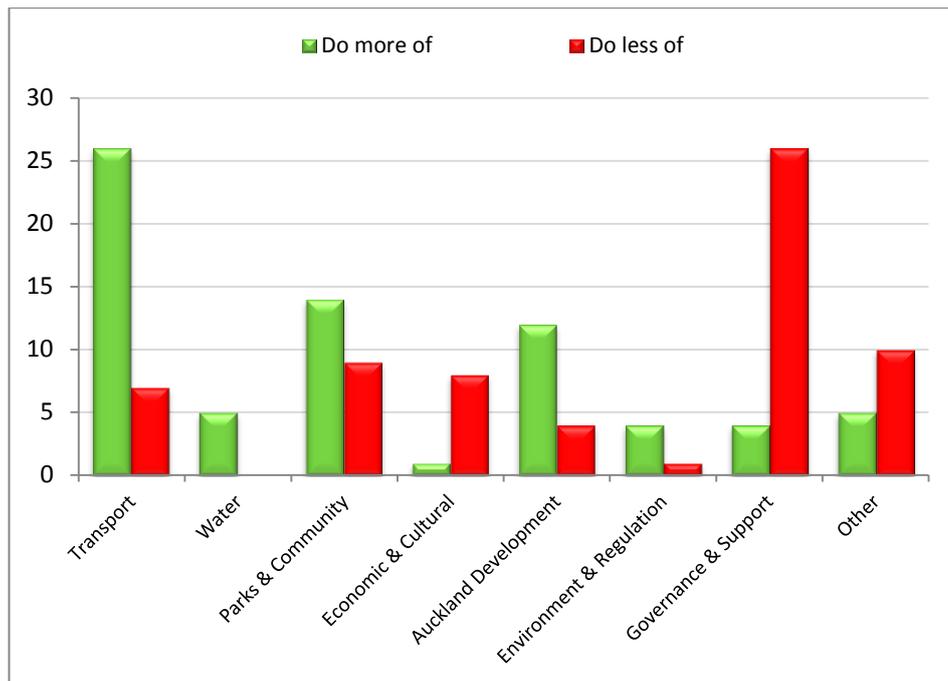
Issue 1: Rates increases

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 Kaipātiki Local Board area.



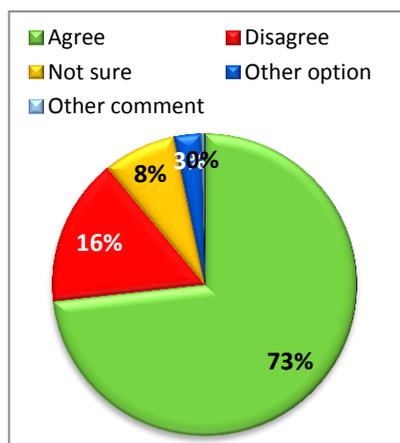


Issue 2: Rating stability

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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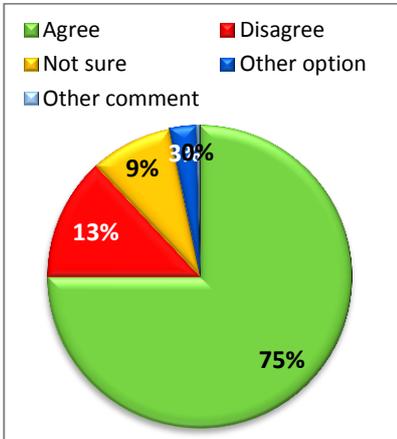


Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

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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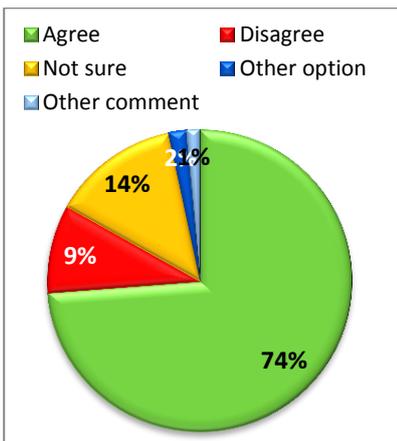


Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure

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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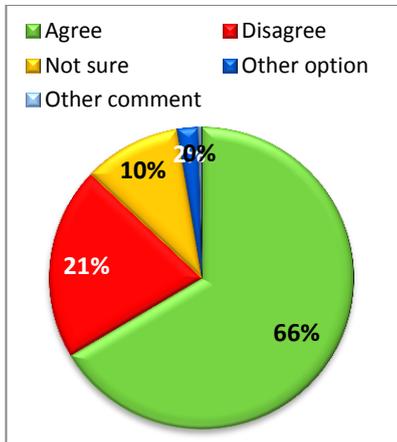


Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage

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.

Question 5: The council is proposing 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. What do you think?

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Feedback on other regional proposals with a local impact

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

Theme	Topics	Count
Transport	Roads	9
Auckland Development	Homelessness	8
Financial planning & policy	Financial Strategy	8
Transport	Transport Key Projects	8

6. Feedback on other local topics

Whilst there were other local topics received through the feedback, key themes were not able to be drawn out.