

# Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation feedback report for Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

## 1. Purpose

- A. This report summarises all feedback received through the Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation on Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board proposals. It also summarises feedback on the regional proposals from people or organisations based in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki local board area.
- B. The purpose of this report is to inform the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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 Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2014.
- C. The feedback received will inform the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2017/2018. It will also inform the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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, 227 were submissions from people living in Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area or concerning Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board local proposals (219 from individual and 8 from organisations)

### A. Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board local proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

Planning to continue the following priorities:

1. implementing safety and alcohol harm reduction plan
2. identifying initiatives to support through our Community Partnership Fund
3. continuing our local community grants programme
4. supporting local events through our events fund
5. sportsfield development at Waikaraka Park
6. renewal of existing assets.

### B. Regional proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

#### Issue 1: Rates increases

Of the 227 people in Maungakiekie-Tāmaki that gave feedback on this proposal, 49% indicated that council have the balance about right with a 2.5% rates increase. Doing more with a higher rates increase received 18% support and doing less with a lower rates increase

was at 32%. When asked what rates should be spent on, people indicated they would like council to do more towards transport (12%) and less towards governance and support.

**Issue 2: Rating stability**

Of the 227 feedback points received on the balance between business and residential rates, the majority (70%) agreed that council should change the policy so business and residential ratepayers have the same rates increase in 2017/2018. 22% indicated that they did not want the policy changed and 6% were unsure either way.

**Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion**

Over half (66%) of the 227 submitters agreed that council should introduce a targeted rate on accommodation providers to help fund tourism promotions and major events in Auckland. 19% of people disagreed with this proposal, 12% were not sure.

**Issue 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), 67% of submitters supported this proposal. 11% of people were unsure and 18% disagreed. MT

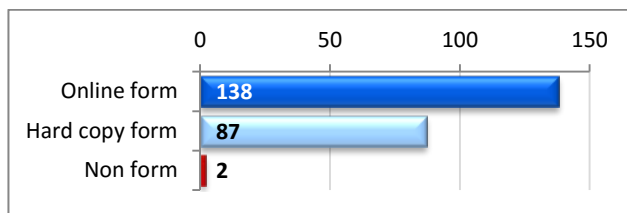
**Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage**

60% of feedback supported the council implementing a living wage policy for staff which would be funded from savings within the existing budgets. 29% disagreed, 9% were not sure either way.

**3. Context**

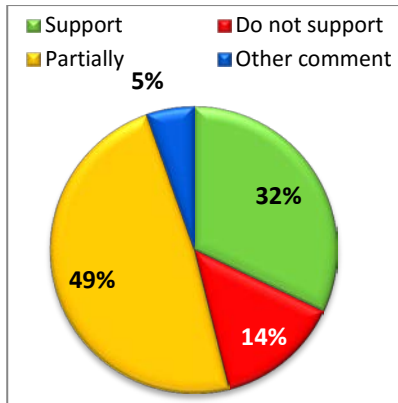
A. This report is being provided to the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board summarising the local consultation feedback received on the annual budget. Council received feedback in person at community engagement events, through written forms (including those submitted online) and through social media.

B. Feedback on Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board local proposals and on regional proposals from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area was received via the online form on Shape Auckland:



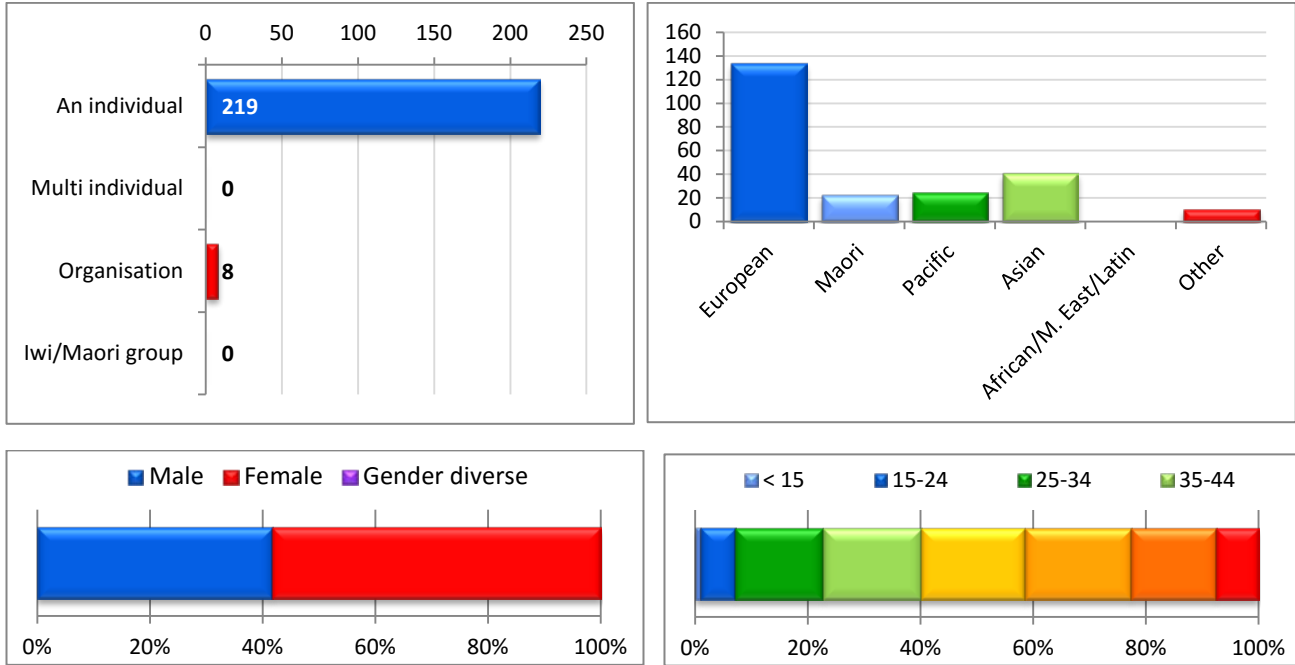
## 4. Feedback received on the local proposals

The Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board received 227 submissions on their local priorities, showing that the majority of people either partially support (49%) or support (32%) the board's priorities.



Additional questions for Maungakiekie-Tamaki	Number of responses	Key points received
Tell us how safety, including perception of safety, can be improved in and around your local neighbourhood?	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase security/cameras</li> <li>Improve lighting in unsafe areas</li> <li>Increase police presence</li> <li>Footpath improvements, Security patrols; safer intersections; Road safety</li> <li>Support network groups; Neighbourhood building; events; lobby to Government</li> </ul>
We are open to working in partnership with the local community to deliver and support any shared objectives. Please tell us how you want to be more involved in the delivery of our initiatives?	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not enough people in the community know about the council's role</li> <li>Support vulnerable youth, safety group; set up taskforce; planning committee; Environmental; multi user transport</li> <li>Involve via communication and meetings; would like to participate at early stages; more community input; community involvement; many engaged and keen to participate</li> </ul>

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



## 5. Overview of feedback received on regional proposals from Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area

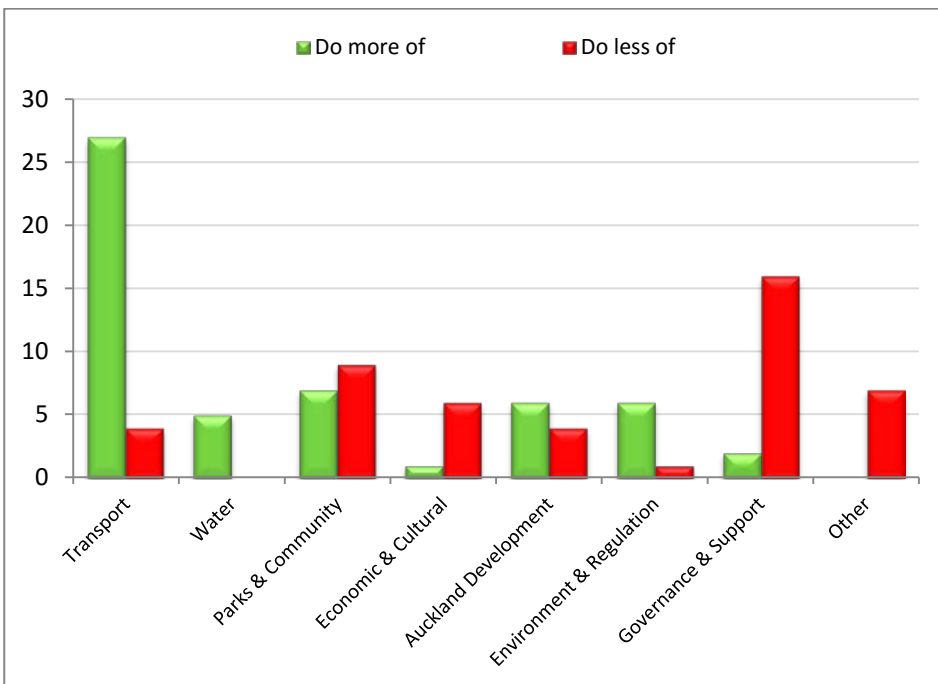
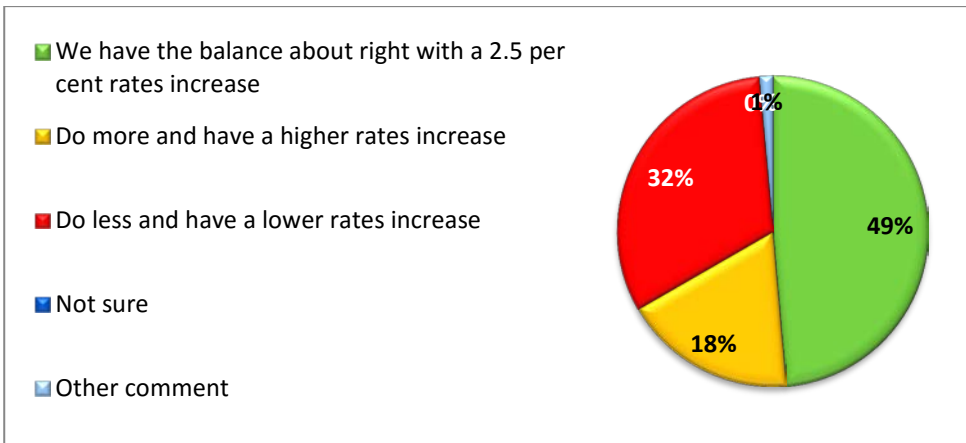
The consultation on the proposed annual budget focused on five key issues, Issue 1: Rates increases, Issue 2: Rating stability, Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion, Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure and Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage. The written feedback received from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki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

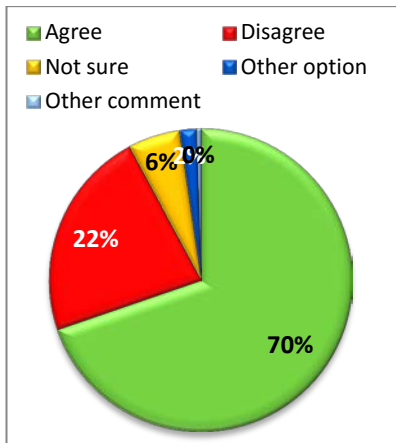


### Issue 2: Rating stability

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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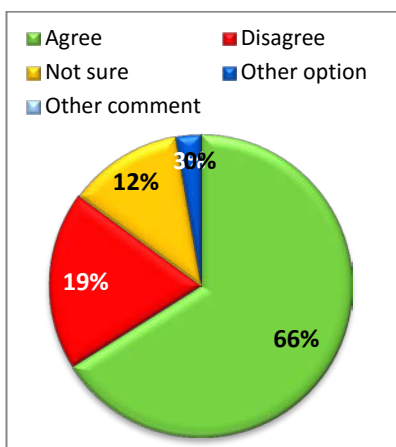


### Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

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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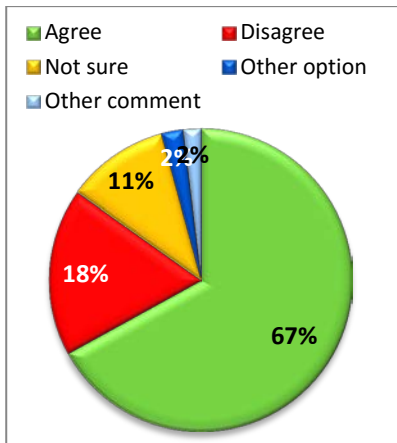


### Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure

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.

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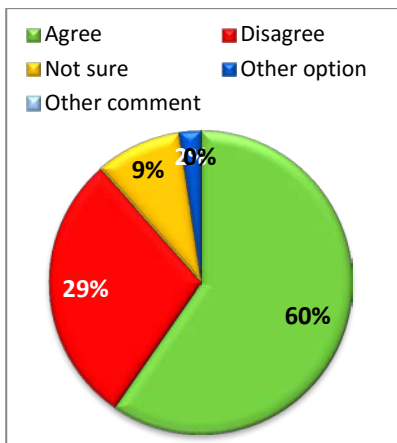


### Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage

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 local topics

Key themes across feedback received on other local topics include:

- Homelessness
- Regional governance and support
- Transport - Roothing roads
- Financial strategy
- Auckland Bylaws