

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

1. Purpose

- A. This report summarises all feedback received through the Annual Budget 2017/2018 consultation on Puketāpapa Local Board proposals. It also summarises feedback on the regional proposals from people or organisations based in the Puketāpapa local board area.
- B. The purpose of this report is to inform the Puketāpapa 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 Puketāpapa Local Board Plan 2014.
- C. The feedback received will inform the Puketāpapa Local Board decisions on allocation of their local budgets in their local board agreement for 2017/2018. It will also inform the Puketāpapa 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, 94 were submissions from people living in Puketāpapa Local Board area or concerning Puketāpapa Local Board local proposals (92 from individuals and 2 from organisations).

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

Planning to continue the following priorities:

- local community services including local community grants and youth development
- local parks initiatives including restoration work on the Manukau coast
- local environmental initiatives including healthy homes/carbon reduction initiatives
- local planning and development including for local economic development
- upgrade of the climate control system at Pah Homestead
- linkage improvements from Fearon Park to Harold Long Reserve
- renewal of existing assets.

Proposing the following priorities in addition to what is planned:

- restoring and protecting the Manukau Harbour, Te Auaunga Awa and the historic whare building

- supporting community activities through our grants programme, events and provision of community facilities
- improving amenities in our small parks and expanding the greenways network
- developing local town centres
- supporting local businesses and youth employment opportunities.

B. Regional proposals consulted on for 2017/2018

The bullet points below note the approval ratings for each of the regional proposals. Further information about responses can be found in section 5.

- **Issue 1: Rates increases**

Feedback shows that about half (49%) of the local respondents agreed that we have the balance right with a 2.5 per cent average rates increase. Respondents sought more investment in transport.

- **Issue 2: Rating stability**

Most respondents (63%) agreed that businesses and residential ratepayers should receive the same rates increase.

- **Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion**

Most respondents (63%) agreed that the Council budget for tourism promotion and major events should be funded from a targeted rate on accommodation providers rather than general rates.

- **Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure**

Most respondents (77%) agree with the proposed change the Council's funding policy to allow infrastructure for new housing developments to be funded by targeted rates, rather than ratepayers across Auckland.

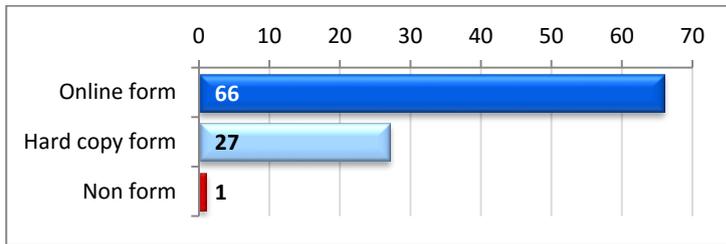
- **Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage**

Most respondents (66%) agree with implementing 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.

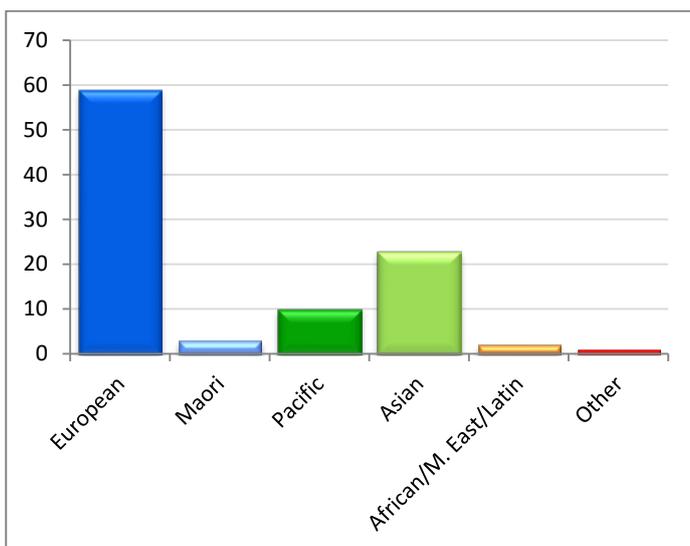
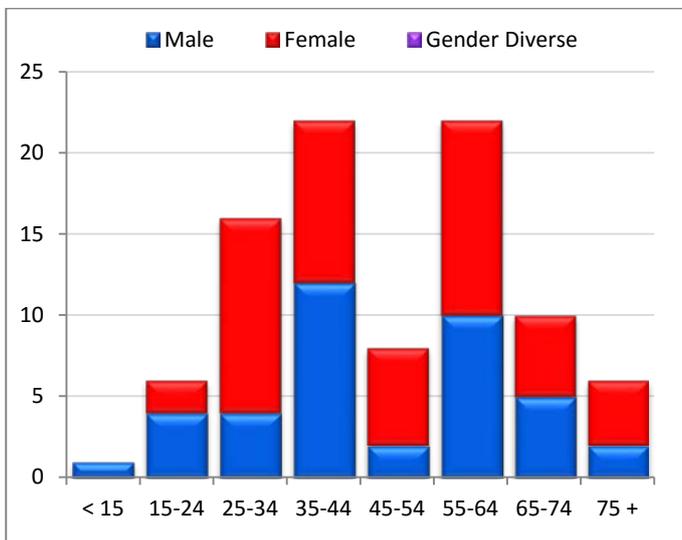
3. Context

A. This report is being provided to the Puketāpapa 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. Most feedback on Puketāpapa Local Board local proposals and on regional proposals from the Puketāpapa Local Board area was received via the online form on Shape Auckland:



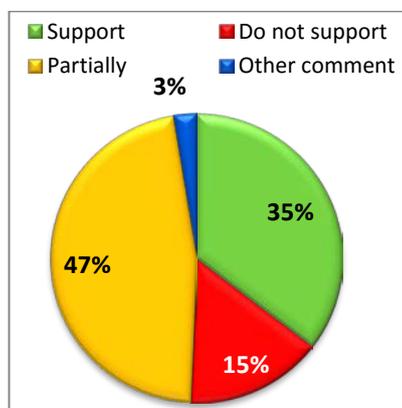
C. Responses are categorised in terms of age, gender and ethnicity below:



4. Feedback received on the local proposals

A. Local board priorities:

- Most submitters either support (35%) or partially support (47%) the board’s key priorities:



B. Local board advocacy:

- The online form noted that *“We will be advocating for regional resources to support well-planned urban design that connects neighbourhoods, restoration of the Manukau Harbour and securing Liston Village for social housing”*. It sought feedback about the following three key priorities:

Advocacy points	Number of comments	Percentage of support
Regional resources to support well-planned urban design that connects neighbourhoods	53	89%
Restoration of Manukau Harbour	57	86%
Securing Liston Village for social housing	58	45%

C. Local board transport projects:

The online form noted that the local board has approximately \$400,000 per annum for local transport projects. It asked which projects it should priorities. These were the responses:

Walking and cycling

- *Prioritise safe and improved walking and cycling facilities (3 generic comments)*
- *Active local transport initiatives, particularly anything that gets more school children walking and biking to school. Also road calming measures in some roads such as Duke Street and McCullough Avenue.*

- *Cycling and walking. Any greenway or quiet street improvements to link One Tree Hill Domain with Monte Cecilia, Three Kings, or to the SH20 parallel cycle paths passing the various schools and community facilities in the area would be fantastic to see.*
- *Ideally cycleways and walkways - improving linkages between main roads and encouraging people to walk / cycle / bus rather than drive.*
- *Protected cycleways to make it safe for children ride their bikes. We need to build healthy habits young if we are to avoid an obesity epidemic, let alone deal with pollution and congestion from private motor vehicles.*
- *People need to be able to get to their local library and to the supermarket as well as business hubs such as New Lynn, Onehunga, Penrose, etc. Bike paths and covered bike parking along with better bus service would be great*
- *Wayfinding cyclists and pedestrians, and better shelter and lighting on walkways and parks (eg Keith Hay Park).*

Public transport

- *Give Onehunga a tram line again*
- *Light rail on all arterial routes*
- *Public transport frequencies and duration*
- *Increase train lanes.*
- *Improving the effectiveness of the cycleways on Dominion Road and thinking about public transport options. The backroads cycleways are more for leisure, not commuting. Greenways for cycling and pedestrians that link need clearer access and linkage.*
- *Improve bus services*
- *Better bus stop shelters, with solar lighting and accurate solar run digital timetables in place. Lanes on main roads for buses essential, and lanes for 2-3 plus people in a car to use alongside buses*
- *Look at providing buses in areas that are currently not served by a bus service.*
- *Better links for cycles, buses on Hillsborough Road and connecting between harbourside areas and link roads*

Roads (in general)

- *Better lighting on the roads and signboards/street names (in glow in the dark styles)*
- *Traffic calming*
- *Install a roundabout at the Hillsborough Road/Commodore Drive/Griffin Park Road junction. It is impossible to cross from Commodore to Griffin Park in the morning, and will get much worse when retirement village is built at Tropicana Farm*
- *Optimising traffic flow down dominion road.*
- *Wayfinding for motorists*

Dominion Road

- *Dominion Road is the most congested road in NZ*
- *Even if Dominion Road as a whole is too complex to solve straight away, there things that can be done which are reusable on the later full project of Dominion Road. Such as street*

furniture and street activation.

Regardless of when the Dominion Road project is happening, the footpath is a disgrace and it needs fixing up no matter what. It is a health and safety risk with potholes, uneven surfaces and patchwork

- *Analysis of traffic flow with a goal to alleviate bottle-necks (e.g. clear way/bus lane extending to Dominion Road extension, pedestrian bridge at Balmoral shops instead of traffic lights, rail to the airport) and improvements. Lobbying relevant agencies for these changes to be made.*

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

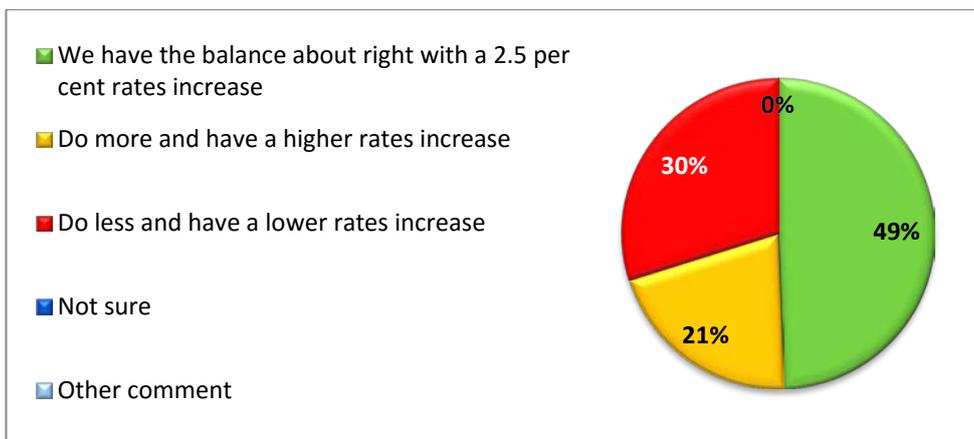
The consultation on the proposed annual budget focused on five key issues, Issue 1: Rates increases, Issue 2: Rating stability, Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion, Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure and Issue 5: Paying council staff a living wage. The written feedback received from the Puketāpapa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

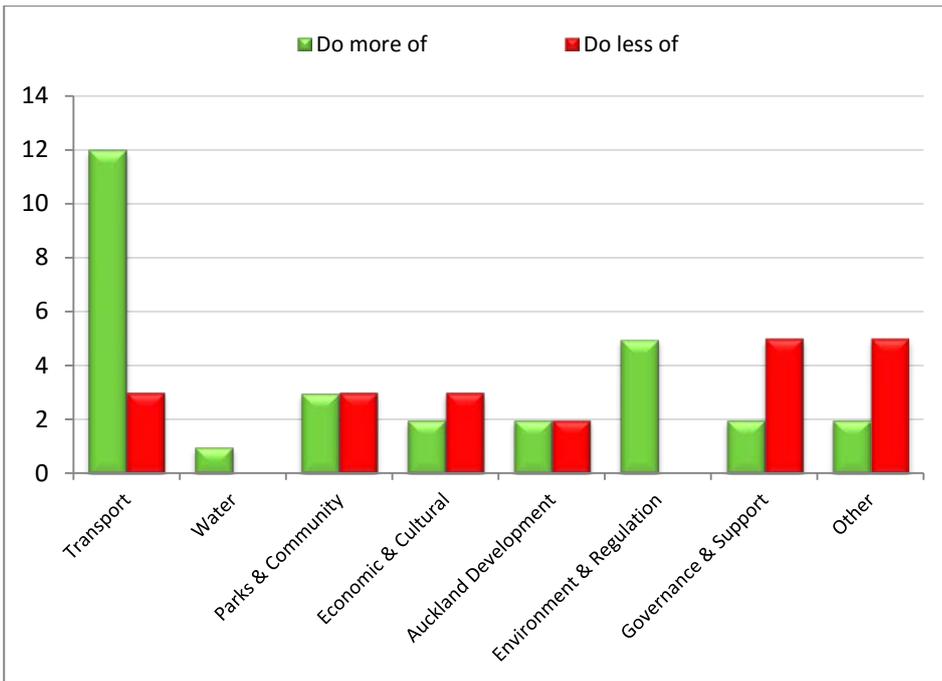
Issue 1: Rates increases

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?

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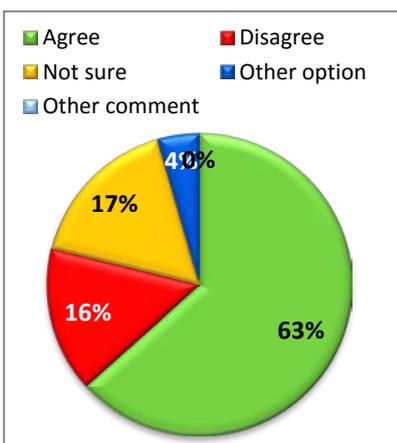


Issue 2: Rating stability

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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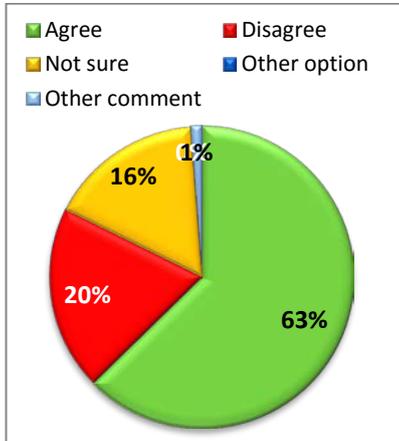


Issue 3: Paying for tourism promotion

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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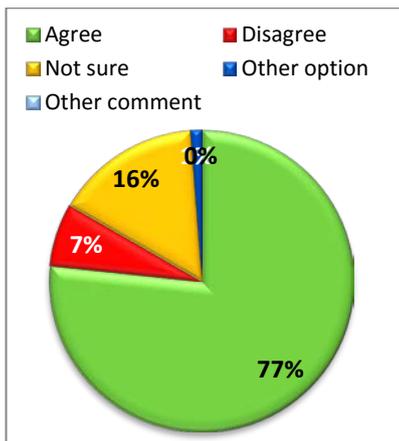


Issue 4: Paying for housing infrastructure

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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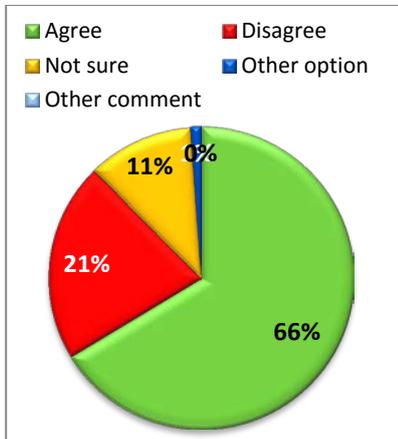


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6. Feedback on other local topics

There were numerous feedback points from people living in Puketāpapa Local Board area related to the following themes:

- Affordable and accessible walking, cycling and public transport
- Measures to address traffic congestion
- Keeping rates affordable
- Homelessness