

# Memo

18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

To: Seniors Advisory Panel Members  
cc: Austin Kim  
From: Citizen and Customer Engagement

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Subject: Feedback on 10-year Budget and Auckland Plan consultation

## Thank you

Thanks for providing elected members with the views of your community on the future of Auckland and the transport plans in March and May. Thank you also for encouraging your communities to submit their feedback across a range of channels. Your input has been invaluable. Your support was generally strong for the proposals in the plans and we acknowledge that some suggestions/requests were made for consideration. We are unable to respond to those specifically but below we have outlined some of the overall results and the status of the two main plans.

## The Results

A total of 26,556 written submissions were received, through the online forms, Peoples Panel, hard copy forms and other methods. Ten percent of the submissions (where ethnicity was identified) were from Māori, 7% Pacific and 19% Asian – indicating success in reaching some of our diverse communities.

The final report of results is attached.

## The Plans

As you know, there were two major plans we asked for help with this year:

The 10-year Budget which sets the priorities for the next decade and how we pay for them  
The Auckland Plan which is about long-term issues and the Auckland that we want over the next 30 years.

## The 10-year Budget

In the consultation on our budget, we asked for feedback on how the budget funds transport, water quality and the environment, as well as how we planned to approach rates for the next 10 years.

On [31 May council agreed to the following items](#) for the 10-year Budget:

- The [introduction of a Regional Fuel Tax](#), enabling the largest ever council transport investment of \$12 billion over the next 10 years (including \$4.3 billion from leveraging the Regional Fuel Tax). Read the [RFT report](#) for more information
- Cleaning up Auckland's waterways and beaches with new investment of \$452 million in stormwater infrastructure through a water quality targeted rate
- Protecting Kauri and our native flora and fauna with an additional \$311 million from a natural environment targeted rate to fund pest and disease control

- Adapting to Climate Change and protecting communities with the establishment of a \$40 million Climate Change Response Fund and an additional \$90 million for coastal asset management
- Investing in sports and culture by establishing a contestable fund of \$120 million for sports and recreation facilities and an additional \$20 million funding for the Auckland Art Gallery
- Delivering improved social outcomes by creating the Western Initiative with \$5 million to increase employment and life skills for young Aucklanders
- average general rate rise of 2.5 per cent for the next two years and 3.5 per cent for the remaining eight years of the budget
- To amend the rating treatment of the online accommodation sector so that business rates and the accommodation provider targeted rate so it also applies to properties rented using web-based accommodation services.

Find out more about these items and other content in the [committee reports and minutes](#).

These decisions and the budget will now be reflected in the final 10-year Budget document which will be audited and then adopted by the council on 28 June.

Auckland Transport will also make its final decisions around its 10-year plan for transport in Auckland after considering public feedback on the [draft Regional Land Transport Plan](#).

You will be able to find out more about these [decisions and read the final budget online](#) or hard copies found in Libraries, Service Centres and Local Board Offices in July.

### **The Auckland Plan 2050**

A separate document for the Advisory Panels is currently being prepared on the Auckland Plan which will focus solely on this plan.

Thanks again everyone – your feedback played a big part in deciding our future!