

# Proposal to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy

## About the Revenue and Financing Policy

The Revenue and Financing Policy provides predictability and certainty about sources and levels of funding available to the council. It explains the rationale for, and the process of selecting various tools to fund the operating and capital expenditures of the council.

## What we need your feedback on

Auckland Council proposes to amend its Revenue and Financing Policy to include a zero-rating general rates differential category to allow us to not charge rates to the following land used by religious organisations for:

- presbytery/manse used to house clergy which is onsite or adjacent to the place of religious worship
- halls and gymnasiums used for community not-for-profit purposes
- not-for-profit childcare for the benefit of the community
- libraries
- offices that are onsite and which exist for religious purposes
- non-commercial op-shops operating from the same title
- car parks serving multiple land uses but for which the primary purpose is for religious purposes

Land used for commercial purposes including car parks, gyms, cafes, and op shops that are operated as a commercial activity will continue to be rated as business.

For more information about the proposed amendments, please see pages [\[links to relevant pages of the supporting information containing discussion of options relating to the above-listed amendments\]](#) of the Supporting Information for the Annual Budget 2019/2020.

If the changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy are not made then the council will be unable to implement the proposed changes to rating of religious use properties in the Annual Budget 2019/2020.

## When you can have your say

Submit your feedback on the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy from 17 February to 17 March 2019.

Alternatively, you can have your say on the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy by attending one of the Have Your Say events. Have Your Say Events provide an opportunity where Aucklanders have spoken interaction with council representatives.

## What happens next

Your feedback will be analysed and reported to the Governing Body for its consideration before it adopts any amendments to the policy in June 2019.