

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Howick Local Board will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 12 May 2022
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: Howick Local Board Meeting Room
Venue: Online via MS teams

Howick Local Board OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Local board consultation feedback and input into the Annual Budget 2022/2023

File No.: CP2022/04559

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Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Howick Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Howick Local Board Agreement 2022/2023.
 - regional topics for the Annual Budget 2022/2023.
2. To recommend any local matters to the Governing Body, that they will need to consider or make decisions on in the Annual Budget 2022/2023 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022/2023.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

4. Local board agreements set out annual funding priorities, activities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and initiatives for each local board area. Local board agreements for 2022/2023 will be included in the Council's Annual Budget 2022/2023.
5. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2022 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023. This included consultation on the Howick Local Board's proposed priorities for 2022/2023 to be included in their local board agreement.
6. Auckland Council received 11,550 pieces of feedback in total across the region and 1,733 pieces of feedback from the Howick local board area. There were 509 online submissions, 21 hard copy forms and 1,203 pieces of feedback from the online 'Have Your Say' event and interactive boards in libraries. The local board consulted on six key priorities. Overall 28% supported all priorities while 41% supported most.
7. In the Annual Budget process there are financial matters where local boards provide recommendations to the Governing Body, for consideration or decision-making. This includes:
 - proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
 - release of local board specific reserve funds
 - any local board advocacy initiatives.

The Governing Body will consider these items as part of the Annual Budget decision-making process in June 2022.
8. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to provide input into regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws. This report provides an opportunity for the local board to provide input on council's proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Howick Local Board priorities and activities for 2022/2023.
- b) receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022/2023 from people and organisations based in the Howick local board area.
- c) provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 to the Governing Body.
- d) provide its advocacy initiatives for the Annual Budget 2022/2023 to the Governing Body.

Horopaki Context

9. Each financial year Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the local board) for each local board area. The Howick Local Board Agreement sets out how the Council will reflect the priorities in the Howick Local Board Plan 2020 in respect to the local activities to be provided in the Howick local board area and includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
10. The local board agreements 2022/2023 will form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2022/2023.
11. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2022 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023, as well as local board priorities and proposed activities to be included in the local board agreement 2022/2023. All submissions can be accessed here: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/submissions-annual-budget-2022-2023>.
12. Due to the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, significant pressure has been placed upon the council's financial position. This has created significant flow on effects for the council's proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

13. This report includes analysis of consultation feedback, any local matters to be recommended to the Governing Body and seeks input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.

Consultation feedback overview

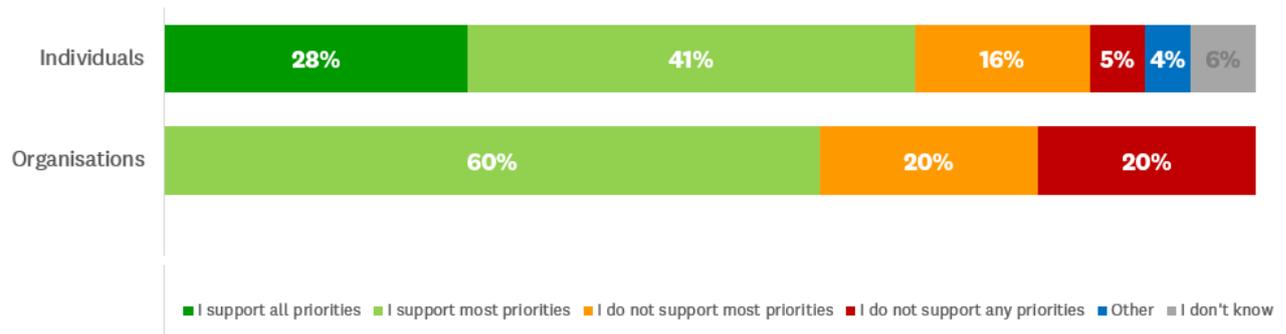
14. As part of the public consultation Auckland Council used a variety of methods and channels to reach and engage a broad cross section of Aucklanders to gain their feedback and input into regional and local topics.
15. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 11,550 people in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
 - written feedback – 9,464 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
 - in person – 2,086 pieces of feedback through online Have Your Say events, or independently managed phone interviews. All events (except one which didn't have any attendees) were moved to an online platform or cancelled due to the red Covid-19 traffic light setting.

Feedback received on the Howick Local Board's priorities for 2022/2023

16. The Howick Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2022/2023:
 - Greater focus on renewal and maintenance of assets
 - Investigate more community-led delivery of activities

- Investigate partnering with local business to provide, for example, business awards, recruitment events and promotion of business growth
- Investigate further options for dog parks in the local board area
- Investigate options for mountain biking in the local board area
- Investigate options for the skatepark and other wheeled play at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

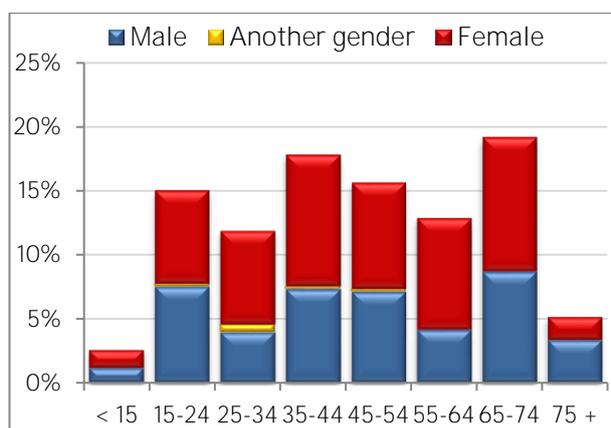
17. 1,733 submissions were received on Howick Local Board’s priorities for 2022/2023. There were 509 online submissions, 21 hard copy forms and 1,203 pieces of feedback from the online ‘Have Your Say’ event and interactive boards in libraries. The majority of local respondents support most of the priorities while 28% support all. Of the organisations that submitted feedback, 60% support most priorities.



18. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 21-23 June 2022.

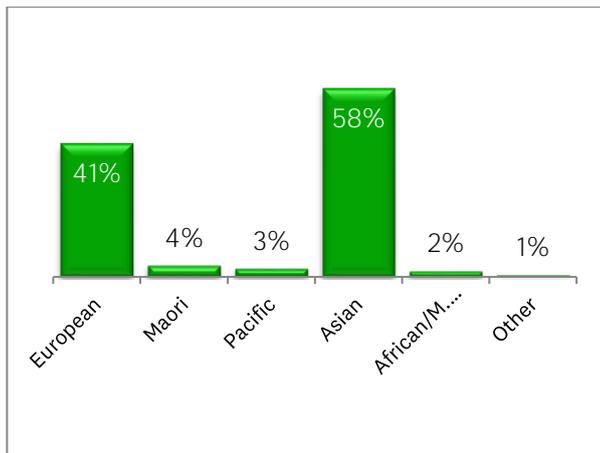
Information on submitters

19. The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.



Age	Male	Female	Another ge
< 15	6	7	0
15-24	38	37	1
25-34	20	37	3
35-44	37	52	1
45-54	36	42	1
55-64	21	44	0
65-74	44	53	0
75 +	17	9	0
Total	219	281	6

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Ethnicity	#	%
European	208	41%
Pakeha/NZ European	175	34%
Other European	33	6%
Maori	18	4%
Pacific	13	3%
Samoan	8	2%
Tongan	2	0%
Other Pacific	3	1%
Asian	293	58%
Chinese	251	49%
Southeast Asian	10	2%
Indian	21	4%
Other Asian	21	4%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin	9	2%
Other	3	1%
Total people providing ethnicity	508	107%

Key themes

20. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written, in-person and social media channels) included:
- Overall there is strong support for focus on playground upgrades, asset maintenance and community facilities in Flatbush and Pakuranga, focusing on areas other than LEP and BCP given they are great outdoor spaces.
 - Focusing on community-led activities will bring pride and confidence in the local community and people will be drawn to that.
 - There has been a shift from supporting dog parks in the local board area, to not supporting under the current climate as they are not considered a priority given the financial pressure everyone is facing at the moment.
 - There is little support for mountain biking saying that it should be a regional project.
 - For the skatepark and other wheeled play option, there are mixed views with both support and don't support.

Feedback on other local topics

21. Key themes across feedback received on other local topics included:
- Climate and Environment - strong support for environmental initiatives across the local board area.
 - Financial hardship - Many households are under financial pressure in the current climate.
 - Transport - Strong focus to look at other options other than a car

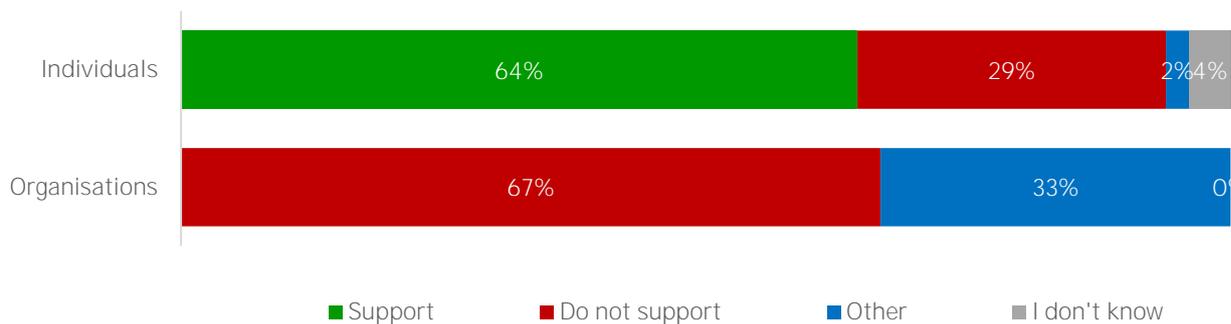
Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022/2023 from the Howick Local Board area

22. The proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 sets out Auckland Council's priorities and how to pay for them. Consultation on the proposed Annual Budget asked submitters to respond to four key questions on:
1. Climate
 2. Budget Pressures
 3. Operating Spending Prioritisation
 4. Waste Service Standardisation

23. The submissions received from the Howick Local Board area on these key issues are summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

Key Question 1: Climate

24. Aucklanders were asked about a proposed climate action package which will be funded by a targeted rate. The climate action package includes investments in low-carbon public transport, active walking and cycling networks; and urban ngahere (forest) canopy cover.
25. This is proposed to be funded through \$574 million from a targeted rate over the next 10 years as well additional funding from government co-funding.
26. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



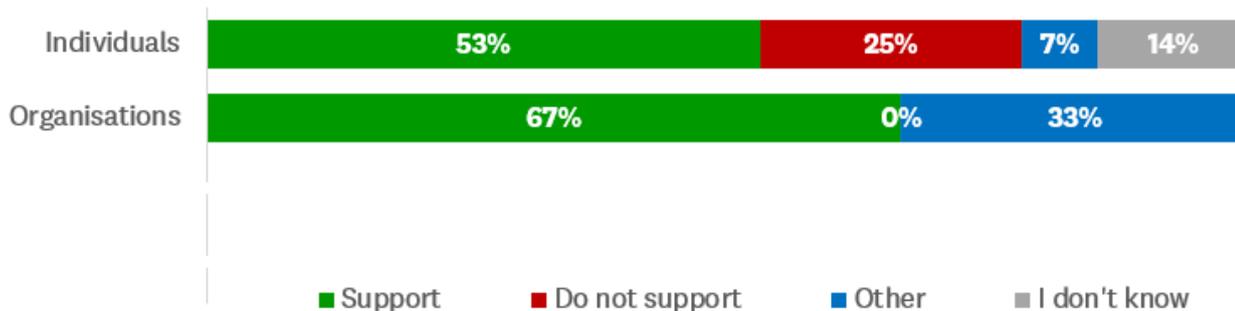
Key themes

27. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- Improve transport network & frequency
 - Low support for walking & cycling lanes due to high cost vs low usage
 - Lack of maintenance of existing green spaces

Key Question 2: Budget Pressures

28. Aucklanders were asked about a range of levers proposed to manage on-going budget pressures. Council are forecasting a budget shortfall of \$85 million for 2022/2023 compared to what was budgeted for in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031. This is due to on-going impacts of COVID-19 on revenue and growing inflationary pressure.
29. A range of levers are proposed to manage the budget pressures including:
- Using the Government's Better Off support package funding
 - Changing the timing of some capital spending
 - Implementing cost reductions in the form of efficiency savings and a potential reduction in some services
 - Keeping the previously agreed general rates increase of 3.5 per cent for 2022/2023 and;
 - Continuing work on the sale or long-term lease of non-strategic assets as required.
30. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.

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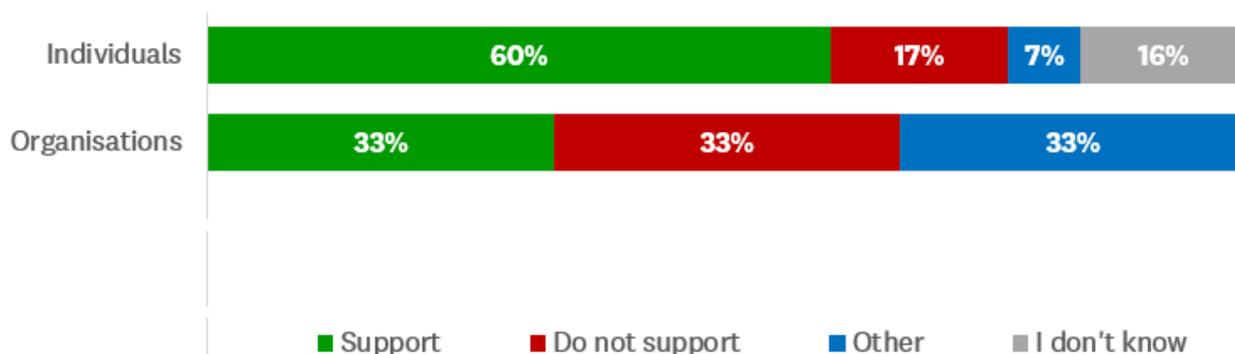


Key themes

31. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
 - Capital spending on unnecessary projects
 - Keep rates at 3.5%
 - Don't support the selling of non-strategic assets
32. Since consultation, further reduction in revenue caused by the COVID-19 omicron outbreak and rising interest and inflation costs has compounded budget pressures.
33. Local Board Chairs attended a Finance and Performance Committee workshop outlining the increased pressures and a briefing was held for all local board members.

Key Question 3: Operating Spending Prioritisation

34. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on a proposal that would see council prioritise operating spending to help manage on-going budget pressures. A set of criteria to be used when making decisions about cost reductions, including those that could reduce, stop or change some services, was proposed.
35. The proposal involves implementing \$15 million of additional permanent cost reductions in the form of efficiency saving and low-priority service reductions across the group in 2023/2024, growing to \$30 million per annum from 2024/2025 onwards.
36. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



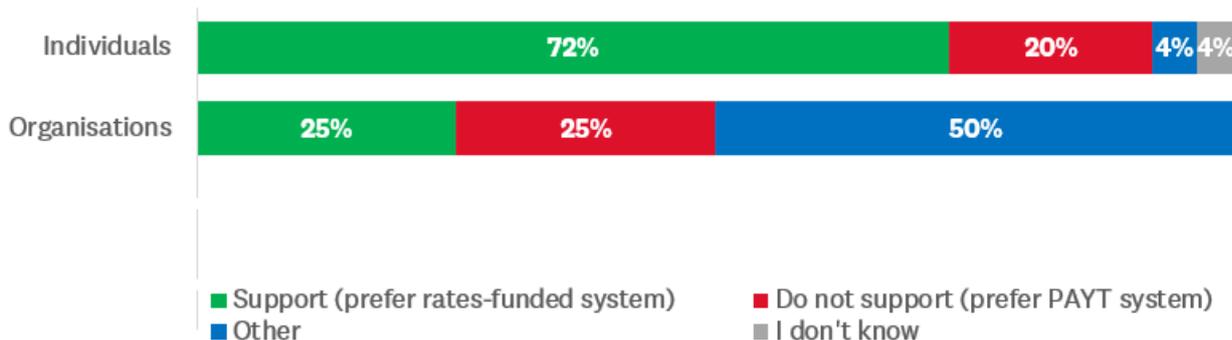
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37. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
 - Proposal is too vague – need details
 - Wasteful spending on climate change
 - Focus on existing/essential projects and services

- Reduce staff and introduce pay cuts

Key Question 4: Waste Service Standardisation

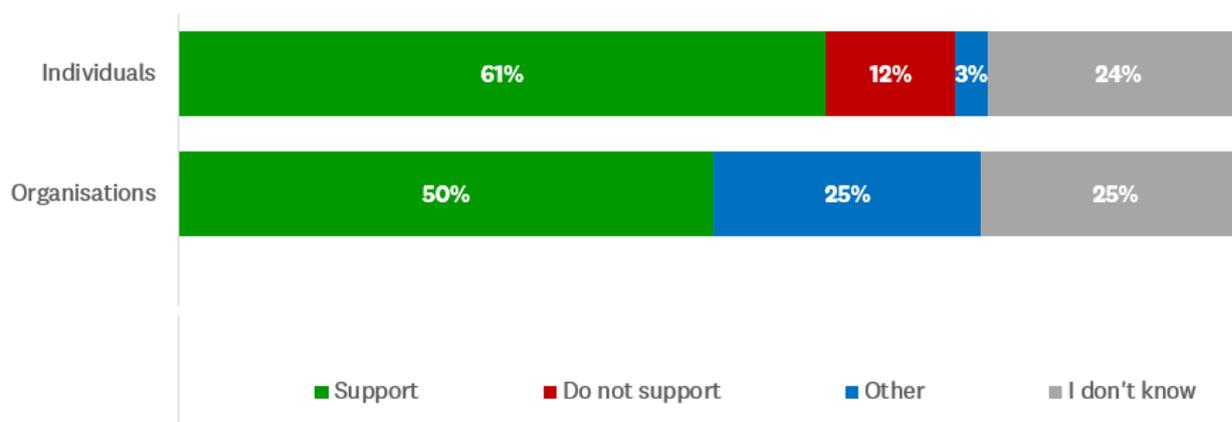
- Aucklanders were asked about a proposal to standardise waste services and charges across Auckland. The proposal would involve a move to a region-wide rates funded refuse collection service and see a choice of three bin sizes (with different pricing for each) to accommodate different household needs.
- Auckland Council are also proposing to include standardising which properties can opt-out of waste management services and charges across Auckland.
- The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



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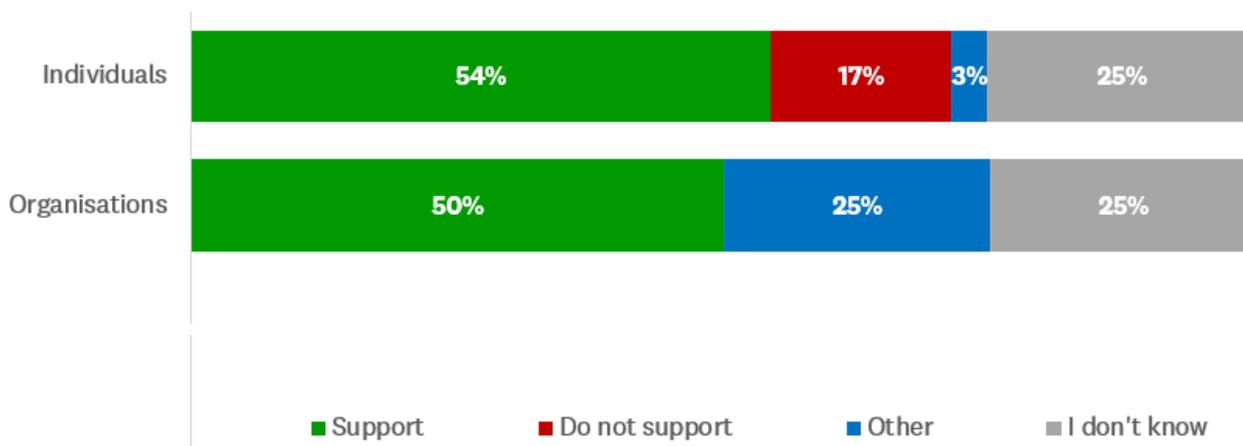
- Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
 - Cost of living too high, adding PAYT will become unaffordable
 - Users should pay according to their usage
 - Waste of money
- Auckland Council are also proposing to include standardising which properties can opt-out of waste management services and charges across Auckland.
- The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area to Question 4B.

Standardise the opt-out rules for residential multi-unit developments (10 or more units)

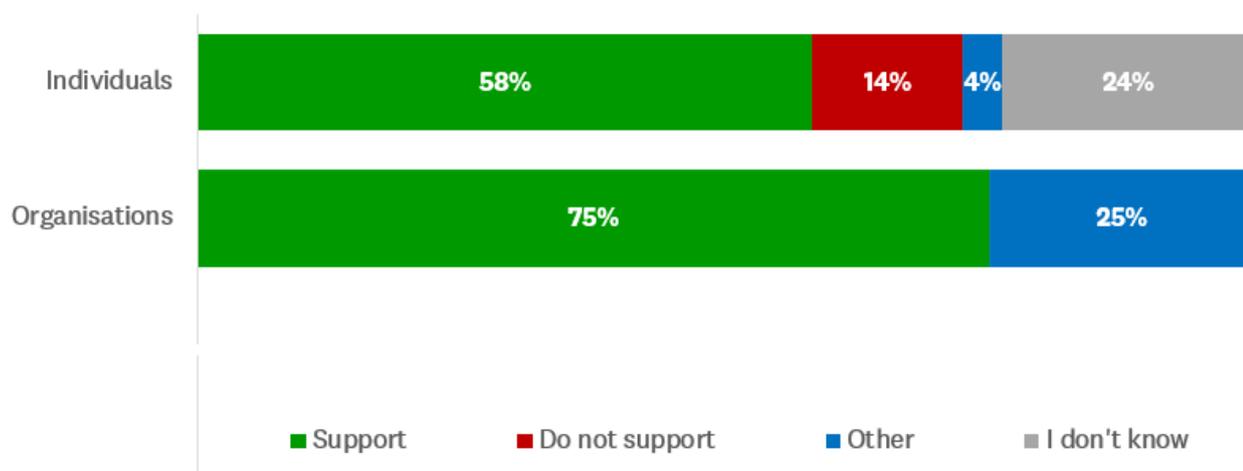


Standardise the opt-out rules for residential and lifestyle properties with between two and nine units

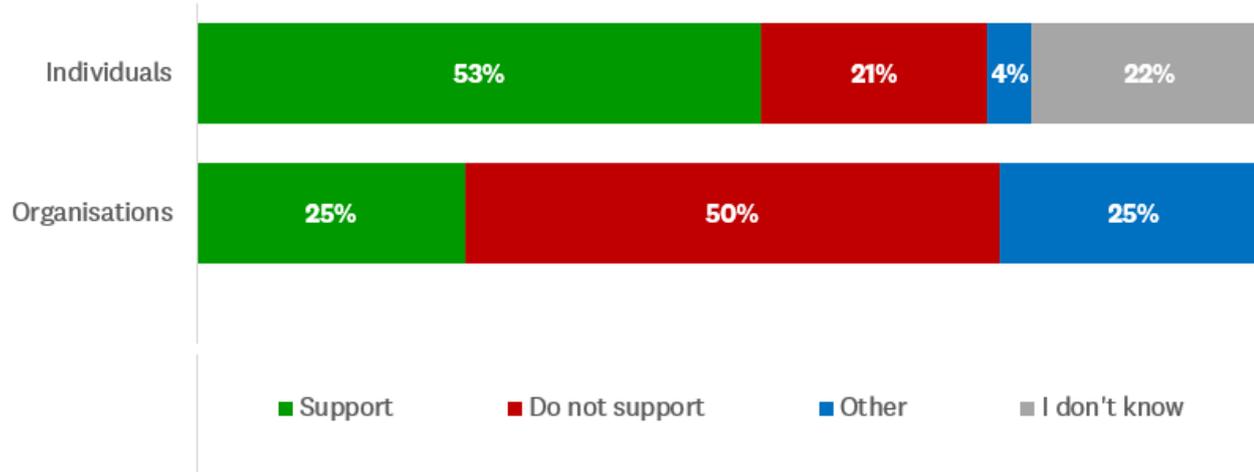
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Standardise the opt-out rules for non-residential properties



Apply a minimum base charge to every separately used or inhabited part of a property



Other feedback

44. Aucklanders were asked what is important to them and if they had any feedback on any other issues, including:

- Local board decision-making over local community services - support the importance of the role of the local board.
- Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 – not favourable of this plan given the tree felling at Pigeon Mountain.

45. The local board had no further feedback on these items.

Recommendations on local matters

46. This report allows the local board to recommend local matters to the Governing Body for consideration as part of the Annual Budget process, in June 2022. This includes:
- proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
 - release of local board specific reserve funds.
 - local advocacy initiatives.

Funding for Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI)

47. Local boards are allocated funding for locally driven initiatives (LDI) annually, to spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities. Local boards have decision-making over the LDI funds but need approval from the Governing Body where:
- operational LDI funding is to be converted into capital LDI funding.
 - the release of local board specific reserve funds is requested, which are being held by the council for a specific purpose.
 - a LDI capital project exceeds \$1 million.
48. These conditions do not apply to the Howick Local Board for the 2022/2023 financial year.

Local board advocacy

49. Local boards are requested to provide approved advocacy initiatives which considers the consultation feedback above. This allows the Finance and Performance Committee to consider these advocacy items when making recommendations on the Annual Budget 2022/2023 to the Governing Body in June.
50. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will be included as an appendix to the 2022/2023 Local Board Agreement

Local board input on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2022-2023

51. Local boards have a statutory responsibility for identifying and communicating the interests and preferences of the people in its local board area in relation to Auckland Council's strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws, and any proposed changes to be made to them. This report provides an opportunity for the local board to provide input on council's proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

52. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Annual Budget 2022/2023 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next year.
53. Projects allocated funding through this Annual Budget process will all have varying levels of potential climate impact associated with them. The climate impacts of projects Auckland Council chooses to progress, are all assessed carefully as part of council's rigorous reporting requirements.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

54. The Annual Budget 2022/2023 is an Auckland Council Group document and will include budgets at a consolidated group level. Consultation items and updates to budgets to reflect decisions and new information may include items from across the group.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

55. The local board's decisions and feedback are being sought in this report. The local board has a statutory role in providing its feedback on regional plans.
56. Local boards play an important role in the development of the council's Annual Budget. Local board agreements form part of the Annual Budget. Local board nominees have also attended Finance and Performance Committee workshops on the Annual Budget.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

57. Many local board decisions are of importance to and impact on Māori. Local board agreements and the Annual Budget are important tools that enable and can demonstrate the council's responsiveness to Māori.
58. Local board plans, developed in 2020 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities. There is a need to continue to build relationships between local boards and iwi, and the wider Māori community.
59. Analysis provided of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Budget includes submissions made by mana whenua and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
60. Ongoing conversations between local boards and Māori will assist to understand each other's priorities and issues. This in turn can influence and encourage Māori participation in the council's decision-making processes.
61. Some projects approved for funding could have discernible impacts on Māori. The potential impacts on Māori, as part of any project progressed by Auckland Council, will be assessed appropriately and accordingly as part of relevant reporting requirements.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

62. This report is seeking the local board's decisions on financial matters in the local board agreement that must then be considered by the Governing Body.
63. The local board also provides input to regional plans and proposals. There is information in the council's consultation material for each plan or proposal with the financial implications of each option outlined for consideration.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

64. The council must adopt its Annual Budget, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2022. The local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Annual Budget by mid May 2022 and present to the Finance and Performance Committee on 25 May, to enable and support the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the Annual Budget on 7 June 2022.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

65. The local board will approve its local board agreement and corresponding work programmes in June 2022.
66. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the Finance and Performance committee for consideration ahead of that Committee making recommendations to the Governing Body for decision.

67. The final Annual Budget 2022/2023 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 29 June 2022.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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Howick Local Board feedback on regional topics

Topic	Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
Climate Action	To introduce a climate action targeted rate	Support	The board support the proposal but would like to see a focus on more research and education around climate change.
Budget Pressures	To manage on-going budget pressures	Support	The board are not supportive of the disposal of community assets – particularly neighbourhood parks in the local board area.
Operating Spending Prioritisation	On how council will choose which services to reduce, stop or change	Support	The local board are supportive of the proposal ensuring there is no reduction on public safety related services, and that operational spending focuses on the delivery of core services and delivers them well (need-to-have as opposed to nice-to-have).
Waste	To move from a planned region-wide pay-as-you-throw system to a region-wide rates-funded refuse collection system	Support	The board support the proposal however do not support any costs related to food scraps.
	To standardise the opt-out rules for residential multi-unit developments (10 or more units)	Support	
	To standardise the opt-out rules for residential and lifestyle properties with between two and nine units	Support	
	To standardise the opt-out rules for non-residential properties	Support	
	To apply a minimum base charge to every separately used or inhabited part of a property	Support	

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Howick Local Board Advocacy

Advocacy Item	Local Board Avocacy
Coastal management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for increased regional funding for the restoration of our beaches and to address the impacts on our coastline due to climate change, sea level rise and weather-related events, with a particular focus on Bucklands Beach.
Transportation Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for retention of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund • for funding to upgrade rural roads to urban standards, including widening narrow bridges in response to growth of our urban areas (eg. Flat Bush School Road, Chapel Road and Murphys Road) • for continued planning for an east-west connection between Onehunga, Sylvia Park and Panmure and through to East Tamaki • Transport – more options to support getting the public out of cars, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate to Auckland Transport for feeder bus services or other innovative on demand services that will enable the community to access the existing bus/ferry services ○ Advocate to Auckland Transport for more bus services to serve the areas of Flat Bush, Mission Heights and the Murphys Road area, Cockle Bay, Farm Cove and Bucklands Beach ○ Advocate to Auckland Transport for the airport to Botany Rapid Transit Network, and for the route to connect with Barry Curtis Park