

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary meeting of the Henderson-Massey Local Board will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 9 May 2023
Time: 2.30 pm
Meeting Room: Civic Building L2
Venue: 1 Smythe Road
Henderson

Henderson-Massey Local Board

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Chris Carter
Deputy Chairperson	Brooke Loader
Members	Brenda Brady
	Peter Chan, JP
	Dan Collins
	Dr Will Flavell
	Oscar Kightley
	Ingrid Papau

(Quorum 4 members)

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

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

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | 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.

The following are declared interests of elected members of the Henderson-Massey Local Board.

Member	Organisation	Position
Brenda Brady, JP	1. Safer West Community Trust	Trustee
Chris Carter (Chair)	1. St Lazarus Trust 2. Waitākere Badminton Club	Member Member
Peter Chan, JP	1. Cantonese Opera Society of NZ 2. Asian Leaders Forum 3. NZ-Hong Kong Business Association 4. NZ-China Business Association 5. Whau Coastal Walkway Trust	Member Member Member Member Trustee
Dan Collins	1. Rānui Action Project	Chair
Dr Will Flavell	1. Asia New Zealand Leadership Network 2. COMET 3. Te Atatū Tennis Club 4. Waitākere Literacy Board 5. Te Kura	Member Employee Board Member Board Member Member
Brooke Loader (Deputy Chair)	1. Waitākere Licensing Trust 2. Te Atatū Peninsula Business Association 3. Neighbourhood Support 4. Te Atatū Glendene Community Patrol 5. Real Estate Authority New Zealand	Member Associate Member Member Volunteer Member
Ingrid Papau	1. Liberty Impact Community Trust 2. #WeLoveTuvalu Community Trust 3. Neighbourhood Support 4. Liberty Church 5. Rutherford Primary Board of Trustees	Board Member Member Street Contact Member Presiding member

Member appointments

Board members are appointed to the following bodies. In these appointments the board members represent Auckland Council:

External organisation	Lead	Alternate
Massey Matters	Will Flavell	Peter Chan
Central Park Henderson Business Association	Chris Carter	Dan Collins
Heart of Te Atatū South	Brooke Loader	Brenda Brady
Ranui Advisory Group	Dan Collins	Brooke Loader
Te Atatū Peninsula Business Association	Ingrid Papau	Brenda Brady
Waitākere Ethnic Board	Peter Chan	Brooke Loader
Waitākere Healthlink	Chris Carter	Brenda Brady
Te Whau Pathway Trust	Ingrid Papau	Dan Collins

Local board consultation feedback and input into the Annual Budget 2023/2024

File No.: CP2023/05383

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Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Henderson-Massey Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Henderson-Massey Local Board Agreement 2023/2024.
 - proposed local activities to discontinue, reduce spending on, or increase fees to meet the Governing Body's proposed reduction in local board funding.
 - regional topics and related policies for the Annual Budget 2023/2024.
2. To recommend any local matters to the Governing Body that it will need to consider or make decisions on in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body.

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 2023/2024 will be included in Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2023/2024.
5. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2023 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024. This included consultation on the Henderson-Massey Local Board's proposed priorities for 2023/2024 to be included in its local board agreement and proposed local activities to discontinue, reduce spending on, or increase fees to meet the Governing Body's proposed reduction in local board funding.
6. Auckland Council received 41,147 submissions in total across the region and 1,930 submissions from the Henderson-Massey local board area. The local consultation feedback received favours a community first approach that supports strong, resilient, connected, inclusive communities, with particular emphasis on support for our most vulnerable. There is also consensus on investing in programs, services and infrastructure that promote sustainable and long-term benefits for the community, as well as ensuring community resilience, socially, culturally, economically, and environmentally. There is, however, differing opinion on specific priorities as well as a mixed response on how things should be funded.
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 any local board advocacy initiatives. The Governing Body will consider these items as part of the Annual Budget decision-making process in June 2023.
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 2023/2024.

Ngā tūhunga Recommendation/s

That the Henderson-Massey Local Board:

- a) Receive consultation feedback on the proposed Henderson-Massey Local Board priorities and activities for 2023/2024 including proposed local activities to discontinue, reduce spending on, or increase fees, to meet the reduction in local board funding proposed by the Governing Body.
- b) Receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies from people and organisations based in the Henderson-Massey local board area.
- c) Provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body.
- d) Provide advocacy on any local initiatives for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 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 Henderson-Massey Local Board Agreement sets out how the Council will reflect the priorities in the Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2020 in respect to the local activities to be provided in the local board area. It includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
10. The local board agreements 2023/2024 will form part of Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2023/2024.
11. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2023 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024, as well as local board priorities and proposed activities to be included in the local board agreement 2023/2024.
12. Auckland Council has faced ongoing budget challenges and recent and rapid increases in inflation and interest rates has placed significant pressure on the council's financial position. A forecast budget deficit of \$295 million needs to be addressed in the council's proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024.

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 2023/2024.

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 41,147 people in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:

Channel	No.	%
Online	28805	70%
Hard copy	5006	12%
Email	1909	5%
Other	939	2%
Event	4488	11%
Total	41147	100%

16. The 1,930 submissions from the Henderson-Massey Local Board area were a mix of individual and organisational responses as follows:

Submitters	No.	%
Individual	1893	98%
Organisation	37	2%
Total	1930	100%

17. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Submissions on the Annual Budget 2023/2024” in due course.

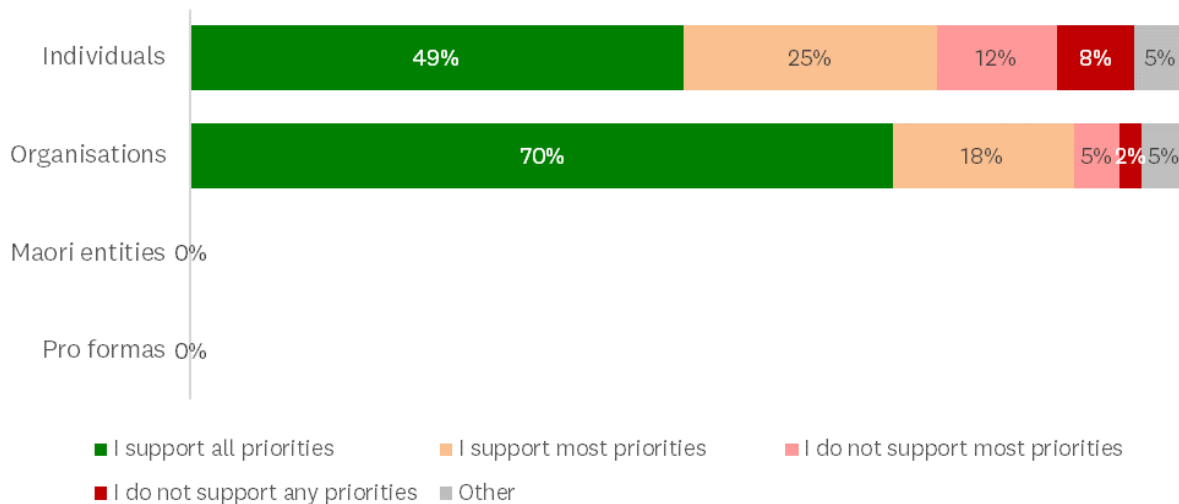
Feedback received for the Henderson-Massey Local Board for 2023/2024

Key priorities in Henderson-Massey Local Board Area in 2023/2024

18. The Henderson-Massey Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2023/2024:
- Priority 1: Focus on supporting community organisations and initiatives that strengthen social and economic resilience and prosperity.
 - Priority 2: Support community-led environmental activities and enable community-led climate action through initiatives identified in the Climate Action Plan
 - Priority 3: Continue to support the Māori responsiveness plan Waitākere ki Tua and Te Kete Rukuruku project, developing relationships across Māori communities and returning Māori names and narratives to the whenua.
 - Priority 4: Continue support for Pasifika and ethnic focused initiatives.
 - Priority 5: Continue to support collaboration between key agencies and intercultural activities with minority, migrant and refugee communities to increase inclusion and participation.
19. 1,844 submissions were received on Henderson-Massey Local Board’s priorities for 2023/2024. Most local respondents supported all, and most priorities as demonstrated by the table and graph below.

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Count	I support all priorities	I support most priorities	I do not support most priorities	I do not support any priorities	Other	Don't know	Total
Individuals	886	456	216	140	95	7	1800
Organisations	31	8	2	1	2	0	44
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage	I support all priorities	I support most priorities	I do not support most priorities	I do not support any priorities	Other	Don't know	Total
Individuals	49%	25%	12%	8%	5%	0%	100%
Organisations	70%	18%	5%	2%	5%	0%	100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



20. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving its local board agreement on 20 June 2023.

Key themes

21. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:

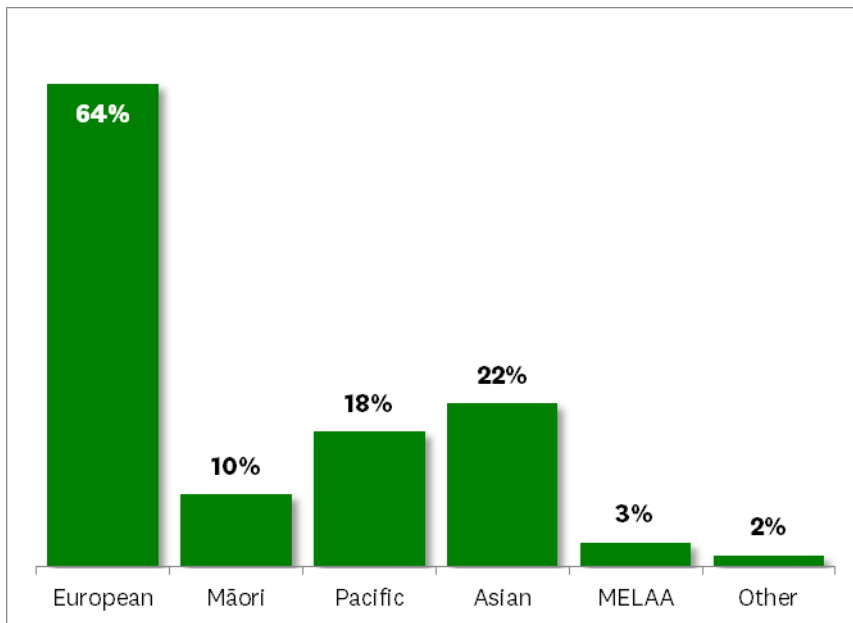
- Most people support the proposed priorities, with a focus on community wellbeing, social and economic resilience, and quality facilities and services.
- Many people emphasise the importance of community support and funding, particularly for vulnerable neighbourhoods, and are concerned about the potential impact of funding cuts on essential services.
- There is general agreement that the local board should prioritise supporting social and economic wellbeing for all residents, as well as providing quality parks, recreation facilities, and libraries.
- There is particular support for initiatives that focus on community resilience, environmental education, and support for Māori and Pasifika communities.

Responding to the budget challenge

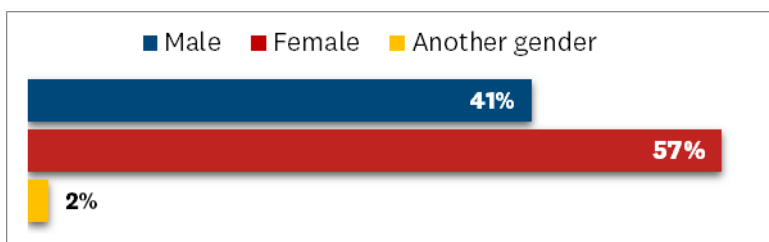
Information on submitters

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

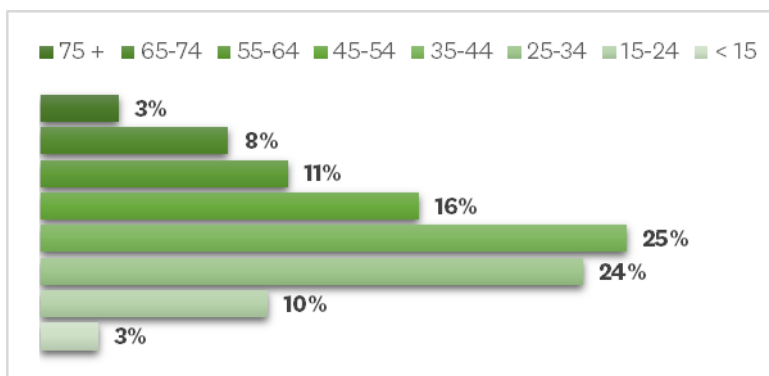
Ethnicity		#	%
European		1150	64%
	Pākehā/NZ European	985	55%
	Other European	165	9%
Māori		174	10%
Pasifika		323	18%
	Samoan	148	8%
	Cook Islands Māori	35	2%
	Tongan	38	2%
	Other Pasifika	102	6%
Asian		390	22%
	Chinese	88	5%
	Southeast Asian	68	4%
	Korean	21	1%
	Indian	199	11%
	Other Asian	14	1%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin		58	3%
Other		28	2%
Total		1803	118%



Demographics		Count
Gender		1803
	Male	746
	Female	1027
	Another gender	30



Demographics		Count
Age		1765
	Under 15	46
	15-17	55
	18-24	125
	25-34	430
	35-44	464
	45-54	300
	55-64	196
	65-74	149
	75+	62



Key themes

27. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written, in-person and other channels) included the need to:
 - balance cost-cutting measures with the long-term consequences of proposed cuts and support for vulnerable populations including the long-term consequences of selling strategic assets
 - find a balance between the affordability of rates and debt and ensuring financial sustainability and future revenue for Auckland that supports community wellbeing (through programs and services), as well as investing in sustainable infrastructure and the environment, now and for the future
 - make decisions that work best for community.
28. Key themes of note across the feedback received from Te Kawerau ā Maki (TKaM), as the iwi of West Auckland (and Upper Harbour) included:
 - the importance of maintaining the Māori outcomes budget, the environmental targeted rate, the water quality targeted rate, the budget supporting Waitangi Day and Matariki events, as well as the budget for TKaM to lead Creative Henderson/West project in partnership with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
 - request for funding for: ongoing support for the establishment of the Te Henga marae; funding for dedicated officer resources for various projects including the Riverhead forest plan, Te Onekiritea, and Waitākere Ranges Kaitiaki Monitoring, as well as to be able to exercise its regulatory functions in a more systematic way, build

capacity and capability in TKaM, and to be able to participate in Council processes in genuine partnership; and progressing a relationship agreement and Mana Whakahono document.

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Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 from the Henderson-Massey Local Board Area

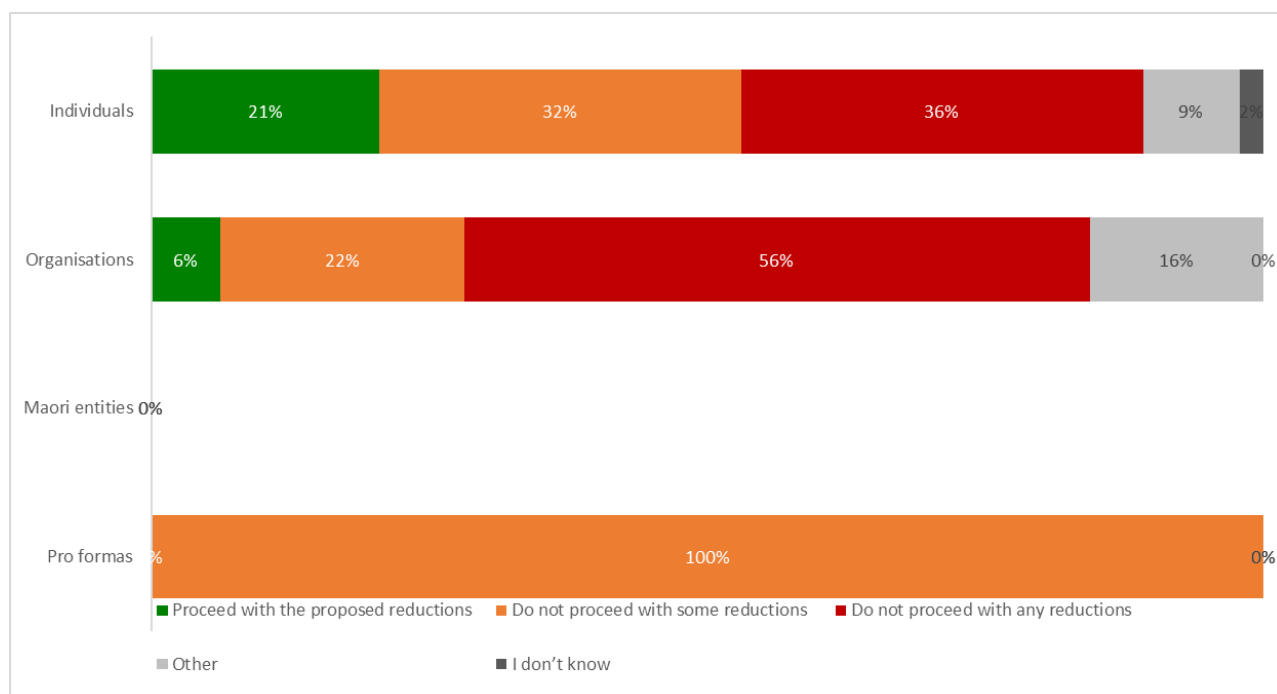
29. The proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 sets out Auckland Council's priorities and how the Council plans to pay for them. Consultation on the proposed Annual Budget asked submitters to respond to key questions on:
 1. operating spending reductions
 2. amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy
 3. managing rates and debt
 4. storm response
 5. local board priorities (covered in 'Feedback received on the Henderson-Massey Local Board for 2023/2024' section above)
 6. changes to other rates, fees, and charges.
30. Submitters were also encouraged to give feedback on any of the other matters included in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation document.
31. The submissions received from the Henderson-Massey 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: Operating spending reductions

32. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on a proposal to save \$125 million through reductions including:
 - maintaining the current reduced number of public transport services for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million
 - reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million with effects on service delivery (including economic development and tourism promotion) and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery and stadiums
 - reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, arts and culture programmes, regional events, economic development and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$20 million
 - reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million (feedback received on local impacts of the reduction is outlined in the 'Feedback received for the Henderson-Massey Local Board for 2023/2024' section above)
 - reducing contestable grants to save \$3 million
 - no longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

33. The table and graph below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Henderson-Massey local board area.

Q1 Operating spending reductions							Total
Category	Count	Proceed with the proposed reductions	Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt	Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	352	352	557	619	149	37	1714
Organisations	2	2	7	18	5	0	32
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	0	22	0	0	0	22
Percentage							Total
Category	Count	Proceed with the proposed reductions	Do not proceed with some reductions	Do not proceed with any reductions	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	352	21%	32%	36%	9%	2%	100%
Organisations	2	6%	22%	56%	16%	0%	100%
Maori entities	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	0	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%



Key themes

34. Respondents were asked why, and which reductions they would not proceed with, if any. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:

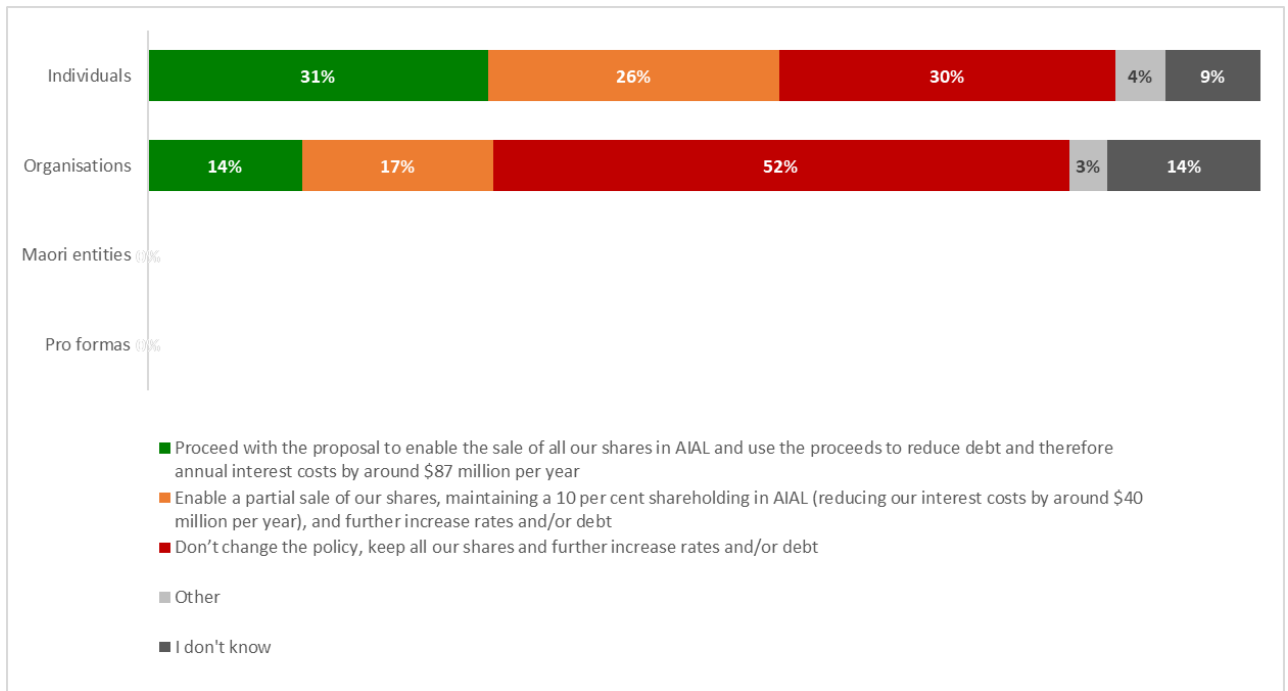
- For those respondents who would not proceed with all or some of the reductions, the following were identified as areas where funding should not be reduced because they are seen as important to ensure quality of life, community wellbeing, strong local economies and future success of individuals and communities:
 - early childhood education and other education programs
 - public transport
 - regional services
 - social services for vulnerable members of the community (eg homelessness, mental health support, and addiction support)
 - community and environmental organisations.

- For those respondents who would proceed with reductions, the following were identified as areas where funding could be reduced:
 - upper management consulting services or information technology upgrades
 - community events and festivals
 - economic development.

Key Question 2: Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy

35. Aucklanders were asked about a planned change to the AIAL Shareholding Policy which will allow the sale of some or all of Auckland Council’s shares in AIAL. The proposal is to sell all the shareholding (currently around 18 per cent of shares in Auckland Airport) which would reduce debt by around \$1.9 billion. This is projected to reduce interest costs by \$87 million per year.
36. Other options were considered, including keeping all the shares or a partial sale. These options would contribute less towards the budget reduction target and require other actions such as further increasing rates or debt.
37. The table and graph below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Henderson-Massey local board area.

Q2 AIAL Shareholding Policy						
Category	Count			Percentage		Total
	Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year	Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt	Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	514	441	509	75	145	1684
Organisations	4	5	15	1	4	29
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage			Percentage		Total
	Proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all our shares in AIAL and use the proceeds to reduce debt and therefore annual interest costs by around \$87 million per year	Enable a partial sale of our shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL (reducing our interest costs by around \$40 million per year), and further increase rates and/or debt	Don't change the policy, keep all our shares and further increase rates and/or debt	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	31%	26%	30%	4%	9%	100%
Organisations	14%	17%	52%	3%	14%	100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Key themes

38. Respondents were asked whether they agreed with a full sale, a partial sale with an increase to rates and/or debt, or no sale with an increase to rates and/or debt. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- For those respondents who agreed with a full or partial sale:
 - selling shares could generate income without having to raise rates, thereby reducing the burden on ratepayers
 - selling some* shares would generate a one-off return that could be used to alleviate the financial burden (*there is a belief that the value of shares will increase over time, providing a good return on investment for council)
 - enabling the sale of shares could potentially attract private or overseas investment into the airport, which could help fund future development projects.
 - For those respondents who did not agree with the sale:
 - the airport is a critical infrastructure asset that should remain under local government control, especially as it provides essential services to the region. By having a say in the decision-making processes of the airport board and ensure that the airport continues to serve the needs of the city and its residents
 - selling a key asset that returns dividends to Auckland is short-sighted and could lead to the airport being privatised.
 - selling shares at a low point in the market could result in a significant loss for the council
 - selling shares could lead to a loss of control over the airport's operations and services, potentially having negative impacts on the local economy and social services provided by the airport.

Key Question 3: Managing rates and debt

39. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on a proposal of a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around 4.66 per cent or \$154 per year. This would be achieved through:
- an average increase in general rates of 7 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
 - reducing the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) by around two thirds and using the money already collected from these rates to continue delivering these work programmes as planned in 2023/2024
 - pausing the long-term differential strategy (the split between business and residential rates) for one year. Under the current policy, annual increases to general rates for business properties are less than for non-business properties so that over time the share of general rates paid by business properties is fairer.
40. Aucklanders were also asked about the proposal to increase council’s use of debt by up to \$75 million in the 2023/2024 year. The proposal involves using the debt to fund some capital expenditure that is currently planned to be funded by operating revenue.
41. The table and graph below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Henderson-Massey local board area.

Q3 Managing rates and debt									
Category	Count								Total
	Proceed with the proposed increases to rates (4.66 per cent overall for the average value residential property) and debt (up to \$75 million of additional debt)	Set a higher general rates increase	Make greater use of debt	Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt	Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt	Other	I don't know		
Individuals	502	242	163	352	98	230	138		1725
Organisations	6	5	2	4	4	5	4		30
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pro formas	0	0	0	0	0	22	0		22
Percentage									
	Proceed with the proposed increases to rates and debt	Set a higher general rates increase	Make greater use of debt	Set a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt	Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt	Other	I don't know		
Individuals	29%	14%	9%	20%	6%	13%	8%		100%
Organisations	20%	17%	7%	13%	13%	17%	13%		100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%
Pro formas	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%		100%



Key themes

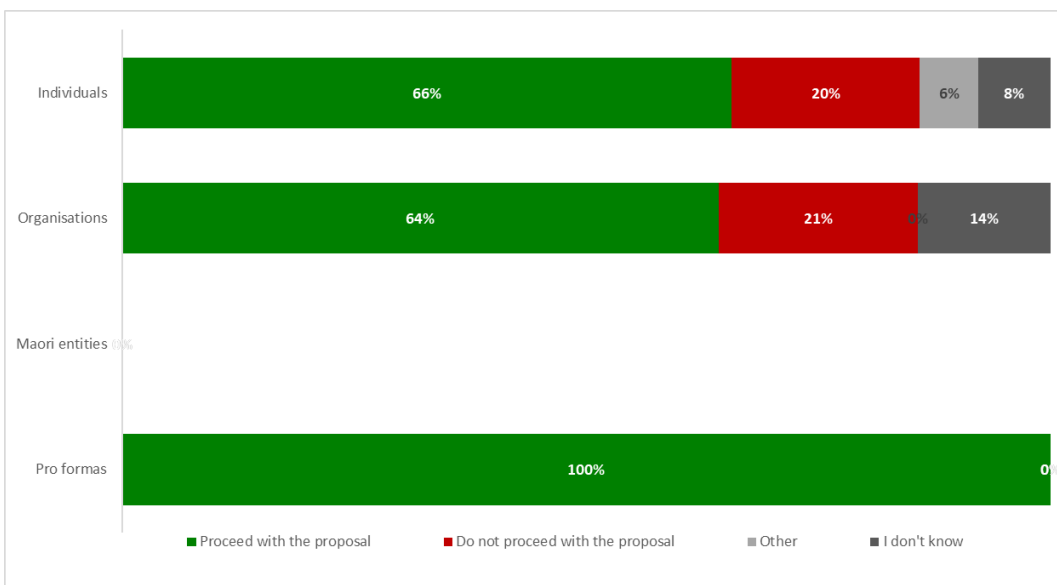
42. Respondents were provided with a range of options to manage rates and debt. Feedback from respondents showed this was a complex issue with a range of perspectives. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- When considering the reasons to increase rates and or debt:
 - ensuring the sustainability of essential services, such as healthcare, education, and public safety, by generating more revenue for the city
 - maintaining and improving Auckland's infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, public transit, and water systems, to ensure the city's ability to function effectively and ultimately improve the quality of life for Aucklanders
 - ensuring businesses pay their fair share towards the cost of city services and making luxury properties subject to higher rates to increase investment and prevent cuts to social services
 - higher rates and debt can be used to finance necessary infrastructure improvements and upgrades.
 - When considering the reasons to not increase rates and or debt:
 - concerns that increasing rates could push people into poverty, and that current rates are already too high compared to other parts of the country, which could drive people away from the city, reducing the population and Auckland's potential for growth and development
 - belief that increasing rates and taking on debt is not a sustainable long-term solution, as it simply kicks the can down the road and creates more problems for future generations
 - the burden of rates and debt falls unfairly on homeowners, and that businesses should be contributing more towards the costs of running Auckland.
 - When considering managing rates and debt generally:
 - find a balance between financial sustainability, social equity, and environmental responsibility by exploring alternative revenue sources, finding savings and efficiency in council operations, and managing debt in a responsible way that doesn't compromise Auckland's credit rating
 - the decision to manage rates and debt depends on balancing different factors and finding a solution that works best for the community including financial sustainability, social equity, and environmental responsibility.

Key Question 4: Storm response

43. Aucklanders were asked about a proposal to increase council's operating budgets by around \$20 million each year to improve the ability to prepare for and respond to future storms. This would likely require rates to increase for 2023/2024 by around an additional 1 per cent (on top of the 4.66 per cent increase proposed to address the budget shortfall).
44. The table and graph below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Henderson-Massey local board area.

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Q4 Storm response						
Category	Count					Total
	Proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year	Do not proceed with the proposal	Other	I don't know		
Individuals	1138	352	109	135		1734
Organisations	18	6	0	4		28
Maori entities	0	0	0	0		0
Pro formas	22	0	0	0		22
Percentage						
	Proceed with the proposal	Do not proceed with the proposal	Other	I don't know		
Individuals	66%	20%	6%	8%		100%
Organisations	64%	21%	0%	14%		100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%
Pro formas	100%	0%	0%	0%		100%



Key themes

45. Respondents were asked whether they agreed with proceeding with the proposal or not proceeding with the proposal. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- For those respondents who agreed to proceed with the proposal:
 - investing in better infrastructure and maintenance, as well as prevention and preparedness can reduce the impact of future storms, ensure that critical services are not disrupted, can keep people safe, can minimise the disruption to people’s lives and businesses, and reduce the cost of clean-up and repair after a storm and avoid rate increases.
 - prioritising physical infrastructure, the environment, and people’s homes and businesses can minimise the impact of future storms and ensure that the most vulnerable areas are protected. Moreover, increasing funding for infrastructure upgrades and spending on environmental projects can help fund preparation and response to future storms can help fund preparation and response to future storms
 - investing in green infrastructure and reducing reliance on fossil fuels can help reduce our carbon emissions and act on climate change

- investing in storm adaptation now can avoid paying more when the next disaster hits. Taking responsibility for storm adaptation and investing in long-term solutions can make long-lasting, sustainable changes to prevent future storm damage.

Key Question 5: Local board priorities

46. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on the local impacts of the Annual Budget, feedback received on this is outlined in the 'Feedback received for the Henderson-Massey Local Board for 2023/2024' section above.

Key Question 6: Changes to other rates, fees, and charges

47. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on proposals to increase some targeted rates and other regulatory fees and charges as set out below. If the changes are not made, then general rates may need to be higher than proposed.

Waste management rates changes

- A 10.6 per cent increase to the base rate and targeted rate charges for non-standard refuse bins (in the former Auckland (ACC) and Manukau (MCC) city council areas)
- introduction of a fee for swapping bin sizes
- extension of the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year.

Changes to other rates, fees, and charges

- Re-prioritisation of additional bus service expenditure which was planned to be funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate (CATR) for the 2023/2024 year
 - Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate: increases to reflect the actual costs of the service, and an increase in the fee for follow up inspections
 - amendment to Community Occupancy Guidelines
 - changes to the Rodney Drainage District Targeted Rate
 - establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) and BID targeted rate for Silverdale
 - animal management fees
 - some building and resource consenting fees
 - other regulatory fees such as food licensing registration, micro-mobility operator fees and swimming pool inspections
 - cemetery fees
 - review of fees for bookable spaces in council managed pool and leisure facilities.
48. The tables below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Henderson-Massey local board area. Responses came from individuals and organisations. There were no responses from Māori entities or pro forma responses.

INDIVIDUALS						
Waste Management Rates Change	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know		TOTAL
Cost changes in waste management	736	572	48	265		1621
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	972	443	36	165		1616
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year	923	386	35	273		1617
Changes to other rates	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know		
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate	986	415	26	200		1627
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	734	431	40	407		1612

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Waste Management Rates Change	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know		TOTAL
Cost changes in waste management	13	6	0	8		27
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	19	4	0	5		28
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year ²	14	6	1	6		27
Changes to other rates	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know		
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate	12	9	0	6		27
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	13	9	0	5		27

Key themes

49. Respondents were asked if they had any feedback on the proposed changes in the table above, or the other proposed changes to rates, fees, and charges in the consultation document (pages 55,58). Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- For those respondents who supported the changes, there was some thinking that:
 - the changes can fund climate change initiatives and reduce waste to landfills
 - increasing rates can fund important services, such as a food waste collection service and public transport, walking, cycleways, and safer roads.
 - fees should be increased proportionately to socioeconomic grouping, with those who have more expensive properties paying more.
 - For those respondents who did not support the changes, there was some thinking that:
 - the changes will increase the cost of living and that money would be better spent on maintaining infrastructure and public transport
 - rates are already too high and that any increases would be unfair, especially for low-income earners and pensioners
 - concerns that changes to fees for swimming pool/spa pool fencing compliance and rubbish disposal will increase costs for users
 - more creative ways should be found to increasing revenue before cutting funding for community support and services.

Other matters for feedback

50. Aucklanders were asked to feedback on the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024 which sets out a framework in which the council must carry out the routine management of 14 Tūpuna Maunga.

51. Aucklanders were also asked what else is important to them and if they had any feedback on any other issues.

Key themes

52. Respondents identified a number of concerns and issues including the need to invest in or support:
- infrastructure and affordable, no-carbon transportation
 - arts and culture
 - planting natives + 10 per cent canopy cover in new builds
 - mental health
 - community safety
 - population management
 - youth centers
 - entrepreneurship.
53. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- the importance of investing in sustainable infrastructure, connecting existing pathways, providing safe transport options, promoting biodiversity, and planting natives, and creating opportunities for community engagement.
 - concerns about the negative impact of budget cuts on vulnerable groups, the prioritisation of affordable housing, healthcare, and mental health support, and the need for community programs, especially for youth.
54. The table below breaks down the overall comments into the following themes:

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Q7 - Other feedback					
Themes	Individuals	Organisations	Maori entities	Pro forma	
Q7 General financial strategy	59	1	0	0	0
Q7 Other rating policy	8	1	0	0	0
Q7 APTR (Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate)	1	0	0	0	0
Q7 Climate Action Targeted Rate (CATR)	0	0	0	0	0
Q7 Rodney Drainage Districts Targeted Rate	0	0	0	0	0
Cemetery fees	6	1	0	0	0
Q7 Changes to other fees and charges	1	0	0	0	0
Q7 Business Improvements Districts (BIDs)	0	2	0	0	0
Q7 Strategic assets	28	1	0	0	0
Q7 Local Board Funding policy	22	1	0	0	0
Q7 Contributions policy	1	0	0	0	0
Q7 Grants and Subsidies	9	1	0	0	0
Q7 Other rating and funding	8	1	0	0	0
Q7 Transport (roads and footpaths)	59	0	0	0	0
Q7 Transport (public transport)	84	3	0	0	0
Q7 Transport (walking and cycling)	69	0	0	0	0
Q7 Transport (parking and enforcement)	13	1	0	0	0
Q7 Transport (other)	13	2	0	0	0
Q7 Water supply	13	0	0	0	0
Q7 Wastewater	10	0	0	0	0
Q7 Stormwater	21	2	0	0	0
Q7 Regional community places and services	138	9	0	0	0
Q7 Regional libraries	33	0	0	0	0
Q7 Regional parks, sport and rec	56	1	0	0	0
Q7 Regional arts, culture and events	98	2	0	0	0
Q7 Regional planning	35	1	0	0	0
Q7 Housing	30	0	0	0	0
Q7 Bylaws	2	0	0	0	0
Q7 Regulatory services	12	1	0	0	0
Q7 Cultural and built heritage	2	0	0	0	0
Q7 Solid waste services	19	0	0	0	0
Q7 Environmental services	104	1	0	0	0
Q7 Governance and support	59	1	0	0	0
Q7 Organisational support	31	0	0	0	0
Q7 Maori outcomes	14	1	0	0	0
Q7 Emergency management	4	0	0	0	0
Q7 Tupuna Maunga	22	1	0	0	0
Q7 Panuku Development Auckland	2	0	0	0	0
Q7 Auckland Unlimited	26	2	0	0	0
Q7 General comments about the plan	86	4	0	0	0
Q7 General comments about the process	22	2	0	0	0
Out of scope	39	1	0	0	0
TOTAL COMMENTS	697	25	0	0	0

Annual Budget 2023/2024 related policies

The following proposals were consulted on alongside the Annual Budget:

Revenue and Financing Policy

55. The proposal to pause the Long-Term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for one year would require an amendment to the Revenue and Financing Policy.
56. Under the current rating policy, businesses pay a greater share of rates than non-business properties. Businesses make more use of council services like transport and stormwater. They also place more demand on these services. Council previously decided that the level of business rates is too high and should be reduced gradually over time. The LTDS currently lowers the total amount of general rates (UAGC and value-based general rate) for businesses in equal steps, from 31 per cent in 2022/2023 to 25.8 per cent by 2037/2038.

Feedback

57. 146 submissions were received on the proposal. Of these, 99 supported the proposal and 41 did not support the proposal. A further six either provided another response or did not know. Comments from those in support included businesses being in a position to afford the increase and the impact of rates on residential ratepayers.
58. Responses from those who did not support the proposal included the view that business rates are too high.
59. Eight of the 146 responses were from people who identified as Māori with four in support of the proposal, three not in support and one who did not know.
60. The Property Council did not support the proposal citing concern for increased costs on businesses and business rates being too high.

Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

61. The Council is proposing to amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to provide a partial remission of rates to general title papakāinga, where that land is:
 - protected from being sold out of Māori ownership
 - for the sole use of hapū/iwi (tribe).
62. This recognises the similarities between these properties and papakāinga on Māori freehold land. The proposed remission would apply a discount of up to 10 per cent of the rateable land value. This is similar to what is applied to Māori freehold land.

Feedback

63. There were 40 submissions from individuals. Of these 20 were in support of the proposal and 20 did not support the proposal. Responses in support included the positive benefits to Māori in retaining land. Responses from those who did not support included Māori not having special treatment, and concern about the costs to other Aucklanders.
64. Eight of the 40 responses were from individuals who identified as Māori, all of who supported the proposal. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei also submitted in support of the proposal.

Local board advocacy

65. Local boards can also provide approved advocacy initiatives which considers the consultation feedback above. This allows the Governing Body to consider these advocacy items when making decisions on the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body in June.
66. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will be included as an appendix to the 2023/2024 Local Board Agreement.

Local board input on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024

67. 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 the council's proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024, proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy and Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi **Climate impact statement**

68. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next year.
69. Projects allocated funding or proposed to have reduced 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 the council's rigorous reporting requirements.

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

70. The Annual Budget 2023/2024 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**

71. 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 and policies.
72. 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 Governing Body workshops on the Annual Budget.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori **Māori impact statement**

73. 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.
74. 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.
75. 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.
76. Ongoing conversations between local boards and Māori will assist in understanding each other's priorities and issues. This in turn can influence and encourage Māori participation in the council's decision-making processes.
77. 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.
78. The Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies includes a proposed amendment to the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy covered in the 'Annual Budget related policies' section above.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

79. 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.
80. The local board also provides input to regional plans and policies. There is information in the council's consultation material for each proposal with the financial implications of each option outlined for consideration.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

81. The council must adopt its Annual Budget, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2023. In order to meet this timeframe, the local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Annual Budget by mid May 2023 and present to the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the Annual Budget on 8 June 2023.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

82. The local board will approve its local board agreement in June 2023 and corresponding work programmes in July 2023.
83. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the Governing Body for consideration in its decision-making.
84. The final Annual Budget 2023/2024 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 29 June 2023.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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