

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

Date: Tuesday, 9 May 2023
Time: 1.30pm
Meeting Room: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board meeting room,
Venue: Shop 17, Māngere Town Centre,
93 Bader Drive, Māngere

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

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| Chairperson | Apulu Reece Autagavaia |
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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.

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

File No.: CP2023/05550

Item 4

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Ōtara-Papatoetoe 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 as provided in Attachment A.

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 Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board's proposed priorities for 2023/2024 to be included in its local board agreement and proposed local activities to discontinue, reduce spending, 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 1,253 submissions from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area.
7. 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 tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board priorities and activities for 2023/2024 including proposed local activities to discontinue, reduce spending, or increase fees, to meet the reduction in local board funding proposed by the Governing Body
- b) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies from people and organisations based in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board area
- c) whakarite / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies to the Governing Body

- d) whakarite / provide advocacy on any local initiatives for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body.

Horopaki Context

8. 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.
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 Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Agreement sets out how the Council will reflect the priorities in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe 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 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. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 41,147 people in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
 - 28,805 online forms
 - 5,006 pieces of feedback through paper copy Have Your Say forms
 - 1,909 pieces of feedback through emails, including letters
 - 4,488 pieces of feedback received through events and additional 939 submissions received through other channels.
12. The Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board hosted three 'Have Your Say' events as part of its Annual Budget consultation. A Community hui was held on the 22 March 2023, followed by a Community Partner led hui by Sikh Women's Association on 27 March 2023. A Diversity Forum took place on 27 March 2023 delivered by the New Zealand Chandigarh Club. Over 250 people participated in these events.
13. The Ōtara Top Squad Youth group hosted two engagement events to gather youth feedback. These were held on 15 and 23 March 2023 at the Ōtara Music and Art Centre. Over 40 youth participated in these two events.
14. The Southern Local Boards Mana Whenua hui took place on 14 March 2023 through Ara Kōtui rōpū and was attended by Ngāti Paoa Trust Board, Ngāti Whatua and Ngā mana whenua o Tāmaki-Makaurau. Elected representatives from all the southern local boards also attended.
15. Two mana whenua workshops were held regionally on 28 February 2023 followed by one on 3 March 2023. 13 of the 19 (68 per cent) mana whenua entities responded to the Auckland Council's proposals for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 which included Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society, Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board, Ngāti Rehua - Ngātiwai Ki Aotea Trust, Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust, Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust, Te Ahiwaru Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, Te Kawerau Iwi Settlement Trust, Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated, Te Ākitai Waiohua Settlement Trust, Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust, Ngātiwai Trust Board, Te Ara Rangatū o te Iwi o Ngāti Te Ata – Waiohua.

16. Several other engagement events took place across the local area which included a Seniors Forum held at Te Puke ō Tara Community Centre on 14 March 2023 with around 96 seniors in participation, followed by a Pasifika Fono on the same day, held at Papatoetoe Town Hall with less than 20 people in attendance.
17. A total of 1,253 submissions were received for the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local area, of which 1,225 were from individuals and 28 from community organisations. A total of 759 submissions were received in hard copy, 356 online, 62 through events, 7 via email and 69 through other channels.
18. This Annual Budget saw the highest number of engagement from Pacific communities locally with 70 per cent of the submitters indicating ethnic identity as Pacific and of these 483 were Samoans, followed by 136 Tongans. Other ethnicities included 210 European submitters, followed by 190 who identified as Asians and 136 as Māori. The local board also received 28 submissions from community organisations
19. In the local board area there were 677 female submitters and 477 males, while 8 selected other. The highest number of participations was from 15-24 age group (20 per cent of submitters), followed by 25-34 years at 19 per cent and 35-44 years at 18 per cent. The local board received 81 submissions from under 15-year-olds and 51 submissions from over 75-year-olds.
20. Of the 1,253 submissions, 356 were made online, while 759 were submitted in hard copy while the remaining 138 came through email and events.
21. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Submissions on the Annual Budget 2023/2024” and is accessible through the following link:
<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/submissions-annual-budget-2023-2024>

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

Feedback received for the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board for 2023/2024

Key priorities in Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Area in 2023/2024

22. The Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2023/2024:
 - Priority 1: Explore initiatives and actions raised through the safety networks to improve safety in our town centres and neighbourhoods.
 - Priority 2: Invest in closing the digital divide by supporting community groups to upskill all residents with technology to enable work, schooling, and connection.
 - Priority 3: Fund programmes aimed at upskilling our residents, particularly youth, for emerging sectors.
 - Priority 4: Continue to improve our sports fields and facilities to encourage active participation and access to sports and athletic activities for organised and informal use.
 - Priority 5: Continue to support environmental activities and initiatives, including community-led activities, to respond to climate change, reducing waste and protecting our environment.
23. A total of 824 submissions were received on Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board’s priorities for 2023/2024. 615 local respondents either support all or most of the proposed priorities of the local board.

| | 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 | 369 | 215 | 84 | 68 | 27 | 22 | 785 |
| Organisations | 17 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 38 |
| Māori entities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Responding to the budget challenge

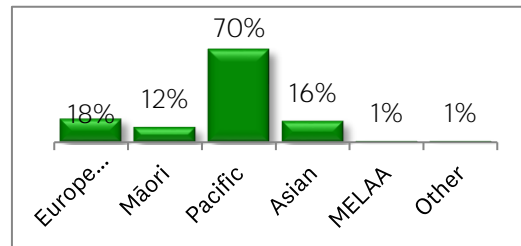
24. The council's proposed response to mitigate the budget pressures for 2023/2024 included a proposed reduction of \$16 million to local board operational funding – this would require the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$891,000.
25. To do this, local boards would need to make tough decisions, prioritising what they do and where they invest. Aucklanders were asked for their priorities given the proposed reduction would mean some local activities would have to be discontinued, have reduced spending, or increased fees.
26. The graph below gives an overview of the responses from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

| Themes | Individuals | Organisations |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants | 247 | 25 |
| Arts and culture programme | 238 | 9 |
| Community programme delivery e.g. community activations and placemaking | 237 | 11 |
| Library opening hours and services | 180 | 8 |
| Local events e.g. Movies in Parks, ANZAC | 173 | 4 |
| Environmental restoration and pest control programmes | 171 | 3 |
| Community climate action and sustainability | 161 | 5 |
| Protection and restoration of local waterways | 144 | 7 |
| Parks activations and programmes | 102 | 6 |
| Local waste minimisation programmes | 80 | 3 |
| Environmental programme volunteers | 81 | 0 |
| Temporarily or permanently close council venues | 63 | 2 |
| Community lease charges | 41 | 8 |
| Open space low / no mow areas | 23 | 1 |
| Other | 270 | 4 |
| Total | 2211 | 96 |

Information on submitters

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

| Demographics | | Count |
|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Gender | | 1162 |
| | Male | 477 |
| | Female | 677 |
| | Another gender | 8 |



| Ethnicity | | # | % |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| European | | 210 | 18% |
| | Pākehā/NZ European | 181 | 15% |
| | Other European | 29 | 2% |
| Māori | | 136 | 12% |
| Pasifika | | 821 | 70% |
| | Samoan | 483 | 41% |
| | Cook Islands Māori | 118 | 10% |
| | Tongan | 136 | 12% |
| | Other Pasifika | 84 | 7% |
| Asian | | 190 | 16% |
| | Chinese | 32 | 3% |
| | Southeast Asian | 28 | 2% |
| | Korean | 14 | 1% |
| | Indian | 114 | 10% |
| | Other Asian | 2 | 0% |
| African/Middle Eastern/Latin | | 11 | 1% |
| Other | | 11 | 1% |
| Total | | 1169 | 118% |

Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area

28. 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:
- operating spending reductions
 - amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy
 - managing rates and debt
 - storm response
 - local board priorities (covered in 'Feedback received on the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board for 2023/2024' section above)
 - changes to other rates, fees and charges.
29. Submitters were also encouraged to give feedback on any of the other matters included in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation document.

30. The submissions received from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe 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

31. 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 Ōtara-Papatoetoe 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.
32. A total of 731 submitters responded to this question with 455 opting for do not proceed with any and or some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt. A total of 10 out of 13 iwi (77 per cent) responded to this proposal with 7 opting for do not proceed with any and or some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt as well.
33. The graph below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

| | Proceed with the proposed reduction | 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 | Total |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------|--------------|-------|
| Individuals | 138 | 193 | 262 | 60 | 55 | 708 |
| Organisations | 2 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 22 |
| Māori entities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Proformas | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Key themes

34. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- support for retention of local board funded activities
 - support for maintaining the current reduced number of public transport services

- partial support for reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited as it brings local tourism and events to South Auckland especially Pasifika festival
- strong advocacy from Community organisations on retaining regional services for e.g. funding for Citizens Advice Bureau with further support on reducing arts and culture programmes if needed
- support for maintaining the current contestable grants
- Mana Whenua entities who elected to support all priorities emphasised the importance of local board funding to further initiatives to enhance the wellbeing of people and the environment
- support for no longer directly providing early childhood education services as the local childcare network has this provision covered.

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. Of the 743 submitters who responded to this question, 222 opted for don't change the policy, keep all shares and further increase rates and/or debt, followed by 184 responses with enable a partial sale of shares, maintaining a 10 per cent shareholding in AIAL and, 188 submitters saying proceed with the proposal to enable the sale of all shares. A total of 9 of the 13 iwi (69 per cent) responded to this proposal with 7 opting for full and or partial sale of the shares.
38. The graph below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

| | 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 | Total |
|----------------------|--|---|---|-------|--------------|------------|
| Individuals | 188 | 184 | 215 | 76 | 59 | 722 |
| Organisations | 4 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 21 |

Key themes

39. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- Mana whenua identified the sale of AIAL shares as an opportunity for mana whenua entities to invest
 - airport shares are an investment and should be kept as future dividends/income
 - global travel trends are growing and as a result, partial sale could still ensure growth in dividends, while we free up some shares to pay the interest rates.

Key Question 3: Managing rates and debt

40. 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.
41. 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.
42. Of the 1,036 responses on this question, 350 submitters opted for setting a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt with, 192 respondents selecting proceeding with the proposed increases to rates and debt. A total of 11 of the 13 iwi (85 per cent) responded to this proposal with 5 in support of the proposed increase.
43. The graph below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

| | 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 |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|-------|--------------|
| Individual | 191 | 87 | 138 | 342 | 42 | 114 | 99 |
| Org | 1 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 |

Key themes

44. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- impact of current cost of living, combined with inflation, and increase mortgage rates will add financial strain on rate payers
 - regardless of the position, all Māori entities raised concerns regarding people who do not have the means to service rates increase(s)
 - proposed increased rates could be supported if essential services are retained such as community programmes, access to facilities, libraries and pools.

Key Question 4: Storm response

45. 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).
46. Of the 767 submitters who responded to this question, 403 said to proceed with the proposal to increase our operating budget by around \$20 million each year with 238 not in favour. A total of 11 of the 13 iwi (85 per cent) responded to this proposal with 9 in supporting the proposal.
47. The graph below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

| | 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 | Total |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Individuals | 391 | 229 | 35 | 89 | 744 |
| Organisation | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 22 |

Key themes

48. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- support for the proposed rate to maintain and improve storm water infrastructure/network
 - retain the investment from this rate for areas affected by the recent weather events
 - work in partnership with mana whenua iwi to understand the flood plains and resource consent area for new builds
 - regardless of their stance, mana whenua encouraged Auckland Council to help Māori help themselves by providing resourcing for community led initiatives.

Key Question 5: local board priorities

49. 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 Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board for 2023/2024' section above.

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

50. 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

51. The proposal included
- 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

52. The proposal included
- 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
 - changes to animal management fees
 - changes to some building and resource consenting fees
 - changes to other regulatory fees such as food licensing registration, micro-mobility operator fees and swimming pool inspections
 - changes to cemetery fees
 - review of fees for bookable spaces in council managed pool and leisure facilities.
53. Of the 2,997 feedback on this question, 1,587 were in support of the proposed increase. Six out of 13 (46 per cent) mana whenua entities elected to respond to this question. For those who elected to respond, there is general support. Four entities elected either “Do Not Support,” “Other,” or “I don’t know” in response to the proposals.
54. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area.

| Individuals | | | | |
|--|---------|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Waste Management Rates Change | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |
| Cost changes in waste management | 267 | 244 | 9 | 65 |
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size | 380 | 160 | 6 | 39 |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year | 342 | 128 | 16 | 89 |
| Changes to other rates | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |

| Individuals | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate | 277 | 238 | 7 | 56 |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate | 255 | 188 | 11 | 112 |

| Organisations | | | | |
|---|---------|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Waste Management Rates Change | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |
| Cost changes in waste management | 12 | 8 | 0 | 3 |
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size | 19 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year | 12 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| Changes to other rates | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate | 13 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate | 10 | 6 | 1 | 5 |

Other matters for feedback

55. 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.
56. Four mana whenua entities gave feedback on the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan which included Te Ākitai Waiohū Settlement Trust, Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust, Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated and Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society. The response included that the Plan has been well consulted and provides a good example of co-governance in action as it comprises land subject to Crown redress that wana whenua have shared with all Aucklanders.
57. Aucklanders were also asked what else is important to them and if they had any feedback on any other issues.

Key themes

| Themes | No. of comments. | Other comments |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Regional community places and services | 42 | 1 |
| Governance and support | 30 | 0 |
| General comments about the plan | 30 | 3 |
| Regional arts, culture and events | 27 | 1 |

| Themes | No. of comments. | Other comments |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| General financial strategy | 22 | 1 |
| Regional parks, sport and rec | 20 | 1 |
| Environmental services | 17 | 0 |
| Regional libraries | 16 | 0 |
| Strategic assets | 13 | 0 |
| Transport (public transport) | 12 | 0 |

Annual Budget 2023/2024 related policies

The following proposals were consulted on alongside the Annual Budget:

Revenue and Financing Policy

58. The proposal to pause the Long-term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for one year would require an amendment to the Revenue and Financing Policy.
59. 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

60. 146 submissions were received on the proposal regionally. 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.
61. Responses from those who did not support the proposal included the view that business rates are too high.
62. 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.
63. 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

64. 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).
65. 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

66. There were 40 submissions from individuals received regionally. 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.
67. 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

68. 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.
69. 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

70. 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

71. 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.
72. 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 reporting requirements.

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

73. 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

74. The local board's decisions and feedback are being sought in this report.
75. 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

76. 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.
77. 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.
78. Analysis provided of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Budget includes submissions made by 13 of the 19 mana whenua entities in Auckland.
79. 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.
80. 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

81. 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.
82. 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

83. 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

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

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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| A  | Input on the proposed regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 to the Governing Body | 23 |

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board feedback on regional topics

| Topic | Proposal | Support / Do not support | Local Board Input |
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| Operating spending reductions | Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board support the move to maintain reduced number of public transport services, but only for 2023/2024 and would not want this to be a permanent reduction. |
| | Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million, | Partial support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for retention of funding of programmes and events through Tātaki Auckland work programme that are important for local economic development |
| | 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 | Do not Support | |
| | Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million | Do not Support | |
| | Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million | Do not Support | |
| | No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that early childhood education services are funded by central government, for that reason the board do not support direct services funded by local council. However the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board is also clear that caution must be taken to avoid any risk in a gap in service in a high deprivation areas. That is, any reduction of Kauri Kids service in the local board area should not result in increased costs on the community for early childhood education. A progressive reduction in the Kauri Kids service to is an option to minimise the impact of closure, locally. |

Item 4

Attachment A

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| Amending Auckland International Airport Limited Shareholding Policy | To sell Auckland Council's shares in AIAL | Do not Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the Governing Body goes ahead with the decision to amend the AAIL Shareholding policy, the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board would support partial sales |
| Managing rates and debt | To increase rates by 4.66 percent. | Support | |
| | To increase debt by \$75 million | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board favours greater use of this lever, that is higher debt. |
| | To reduce Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates. | Do not support/ Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>to be clear, avoid the contradiction in board feedback</i> |
| Storm response | To increase rates by an additional 1 per cent to fund a storm response fund | Support | |
| Other rates, fees and charges | To introduce a one-off fee for residents wishing to change bin sizes | Support | |
| | To extend the food scraps targeted rate to new areas | Support | |
| | To change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate | Support | |
| | To increase fee for swimming pool/spa pool fencing compliance targeted rate | Support | |
| | To amend the Community Occupancy Guidelines | Support | |
| | To review fees for bookable spaces in council managed pool and leisure facilities. | Support | |
| | Any other rates, fees and charges | Support | |
| Other Issues | Any other issues, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024 | No comment | |

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board feedback on related policies

| Policy | Proposal | Support / Do not support | Local Board Input |
|--|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue and Financing Policy | Pause the Long-Term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for one year. | Support | |
| Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy | Amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to provide a partial remission of rates to general title papakāinga, where that land is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> protected from being sold out of Māori ownership for the sole use of hapū/iwi (tribe). | Support | |

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board key advocacy initiatives

- Fair and **equitable** bulk funding to local boards
- Funding models that increase decision making for local boards and help boards to fix local issues; to ensure service delivery that matches the local needs that are variable from one board are to another.
 - Investment planning to implement Manukau Sports Bowl master plan
 - A community hub in Old Papatoetoe – improve service provision and delivery
 - Prioritise Ōtara town centre and wider for a precinct plan
- Local boards to gain influence on capital expenditure to meet service needs, manage assets equitably and influence on control on levels of service
- Make AT accountable to community through local board governance decisions. Engagement with local boards translating to more accountability. LB influence decisions on transport.