

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

Date: Wednesday, 10 May 2023
Time: 5.00pm
Meeting Room: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Office
Venue: Shop 17B
93 Bader Drive
Māngere

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

OPEN AGENDA

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

a) accept the apology from Member Togiatoru Walter Togiama for absence.

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.: CP2023/05575

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Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 consulted from 28 February 2023 to 28 March 2023 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024, including the board's proposed priorities 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 1,389 submissions from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu local board area.
7. In the Annual Budget process, local boards are required to 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. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to provide input into regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and related policies from people and/organisations based in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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. Council consulted publicly from 28 February 2023 to 28 March 2023 to seek community views.
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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Agreement sets out how the council will reflect the priorities in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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. 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. A total of 1,389 submissions were received for Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local area, of which 1,355 were from individual and 34 from community organisations. A total of 684 submissions were received in hard copy, 640 online, 62 through events, 12 via email and 53 through other channels.
13. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board hosted three 'Have Your Say' events as part of its Annual Budget consultation. A community hui was held on the 16 March 2023, followed by a community partner led hui by Māngere East Community Services on 22 March 2023. A youth activation took place on 25 March 2023 at Māngere Town Centre, delivered by the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Interfaith Youth Group. Over 600 people participated in the above events. In addition, Community Leisure Management (CLM) Sports carried out engagement at the Māngere East Community Festival on 26 March 2023 to gather youth feedback.
14. Mana whenua engagement included a hui with southern local boards on 14 March 2023 through Ara Kōturi rōpū and was attended by three iwi representatives including Ngāti Paoa Trust Board, Ngāti Whatua and Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki-Makaurau.
15. Regionally, two mana whenua workshops were held on 28 February 2023 followed by one on 3 March 2023. 13 of the 19 mana whenua entities responded to Auckland Council's proposals for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 which included representatives from 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 Haumaru Housing on 22 March 2023 with around 60 seniors and a Pasifika Fono on 14 March 2023 at the Papatoetoe Town Hall. Local libraries were also used to submit feedback, both through paper copy forms and online.
 17. This Annual Budget saw the highest number of engagement from Pacific communities locally with 60 per cent of the submitters indicating ethnic identity as Pacific (of these 524 were Samoans, followed by 136 Tongans). Other ethnicities included 420 European submitters, followed by 144 who identified as Asians and 142 as Māori. The local board also received 34 submissions from community groups.
 18. There were 790 female submitters and 527 males, while 8 selected other. The highest number of participations was from 25-34 age group (23 per cent of submitters), followed by 15-24 years at 16 per cent and 45-54 years at 15 per cent. It's worth noting that the local board received 94 submissions from under 15-year-olds and 46 submissions from over 75-year-olds.
 19. Of the 1,389 submissions, 684 were made online, while 640 were submitted in hard copy while the remaining 65 came through email and events. The consultation shows that local communities are adopting online methods, but at the same time prefer paper copy feedback forms and consultation materials when compared to the region as a whole.
 20. All feedback is available on an Auckland Council webpage called "Submissions on the Annual Budget 2023/2024" 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board for 2023/2024

Key priorities in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Area in 2023/2024

21. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2023/2024:
 - Priority 1: Investing in initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change, including tree planting, education programmes and environmental volunteers
 - Priority 2: Continue to provide residents with better quality facilities, parks and open spaces
 - Priority 3: Promoting activities to showcase our local arts and culture talent into career pathways
 - Priority 4: Continue to identify procurement, quality employment and social enterprise opportunities for our residents
 - Priority 5: Improving the well-being of our locals by supporting our local economy to become more efficient, resilient, and sustainable through our reduced budget.
22. Of the 1,067 submitters who commented on the local board priorities, 789 either supported all or most of the proposed priorities of the local board.

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	452	301	109	83	62	14	1021
Organisations	19	17	2	0	7	0	45
Māori entities	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

23. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 20-22 June 2023.

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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$1.2 million.
25. 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 table below gives an overview of the responses from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area with top 7 themes outlines in the table.

Themes	Individuals	Organisations
Protection and restoration of local waterways	315	6
Youth programmes	286	11
Arts and culture programmes	249	11
Library opening hours and services	243	4
Community climate action and sustainability	236	5
Pest Free Urban South	217	9
Local grants e.g. Community Grants programme and contestable grants	188	20

Key themes

27. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- strong support from Māngere Taiao groups on environment and climate action initiatives, citing the recent weather events impact felt in the local area
 - support for community programmes, especially for youth, community led delivery opportunities and stronger collaboration with service providers
 - partnership and co-governance with mana whenua iwi
 - maintenance of facilities and recreational spaces for community use.

Information on submitters

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

Ethnicity		#	%
European		420	31%
	Pākehā/NZ European	368	28%
	Other European	52	4%
Māori		142	11%
Pasifika		802	60%
	Samoan	524	39%
	Cook Islands Māori	70	5%
	Tongan	136	10%
	Other Pasifika	72	5%
Asian		144	11%
	Chinese	48	4%
	Southeast Asian	37	3%
	Korean	4	0%
	Indian	43	3%
	Other Asian	12	1%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin		30	2%
Other		4	0%
Total		1338	115%

Age	Male	Female	Another gender	Total	% of feedback
Under 15	46	45	1	94	7%
15-24	88	117	2	210	16%
25-34	121	181	2	310	23%
35-44	90	161	1	258	19%
45-54	69	122	1	199	15%
55-64	55	80	0	136	10%
65-74	35	62	0	98	7%
75+	23	22	1	46	3%
Total	527	790	8	1351	100%

Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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. A total of 964 submitters responded to this question, 649 opted 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.
34. The table below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.

	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	Total
Individuals	132	284	365	95	53	929
Org	2	9	13	6	1	31
Māori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	4	0	0	0	4

Key themes

35. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- support for retention of local board funded activities
 - the low level of service around public transport services in the local area and the negative impact of maintaining the service reduction, especially for students and workers
 - 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 example funding for Citizens Advice Bureau with further support on reducing arts and culture programmes if needed
 - support for maintaining the current contestable grants especially around sports and recreational programmes
 - 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
 - overall support for council to increase borrowings.

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

36. 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.
37. 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.
38. Of the 936 submitters who responded to this question, 353 opted for don't change the policy, followed by 240 responses with enable a partial sale of our shares 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.
39. The table below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.

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	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	240	353	54	73	908
Organisations	3	2	16	4	3	28

Key themes

40. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- exploration of other assets for sale such as golf courses and aging facilities which doesn't meet communities needs
 - mana whenua identified the sale of AIAL shares as an opportunity for mana whenua entities to invest
 - increase borrowing and managing rates appropriately rather than selling shares.

Key Question 3: Managing rates and debt

41. 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.
42. 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.
43. Of the 1,278 responses on this question, 444 submitters opted for setting lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt with 251 respondents choosing 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.
44. The table below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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	Total
Individuals	251	95	166	444	82	133	74	1245
Organisations	6	0	1	7	0	13	2	29
Pro formas	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4

Key themes

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

- wider preference for Council to borrow more to meet the immediate infrastructure and social service needs
- higher rates increase could result in wider disparity in the local area through rise in rental housing
- 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, together with higher borrowing could be supported if essential services are retained such as community programmes, access to facilities, libraries and pools.

Key Question 4: Storm response

46. 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).
47. Of the 994 submitters who responded to this question, 558 said to proceed with the proposal with 258 not in favour. A total of 11 of the 13 iwi (85 per cent) responded to this proposal with 9 in supporting the proposal. The recent storm had extensive impact in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area, which was reflected in the community feedback. Services provider groups such as Māngere Taiao made joint submissions around better response to storm events locally.
48. The table below gives an overview of the responses to this question from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.

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	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	558	258	68	77	961
Organisations	21	3	3	2	29
Pro formas	4	0	0	0	4

Key themes

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

- maintenance of stormwater systems, drainages, and other assets
- review of recourse consenting process/use of flood plains
- flood prevention strategy for Māngere (multiagency approach)
- 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

50. The feedback received on this is outlined in the 'Feedback received for the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board for 2023/2024' section above.

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

51. 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.
52. Of the 3,589 responses on this question, 67 per cent 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.
53. The tables below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.

Individuals				
Waste Management Rates Change	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Cost changes in waste management	51%	33%	3%	12%
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	67%	25%	2%	6%
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year	60%	21%	4%	15%
Changes to other rates	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate	56%	31%	2%	10%
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	46%	30%	3%	21%

Organisations				
Waste Management Rates Change	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Cost changes in waste management	45%	31%	7%	17%
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	61%	25%	0%	14%
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year	56%	26%	0%	19%

Organisations				
Changes to other rates	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate	71%	21%	0%	7%
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	35%	46%	0%	19%

Other matters for feedback

54. 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.
55. 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 mana whenua have shared with all Aucklanders.
56. Aucklanders were also asked what else is important to them and if they had any feedback on any other issues.

Key themes	Feedback
Regional community places and services (funding)	81
Environmental services (maintaining programmes)	63
General comments about the plan (poor design and complex use of language)	60
Regional arts, culture and events	45
General financial strategy	38
Transport (public transport)	37
Governance and support	33
Organisational support	23
Stormwater	22
Regional libraries	21
Local Board Funding policy	20

Annual Budget 2023/2024 related policies

The following proposals were consulted on alongside the Annual Budget:

Revenue and Financing Policy

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

59. 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 able to afford the increase and the impact of rates on residential ratepayers.
60. Responses from those who did not support the proposal included the view that business rates are too high.
61. 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.
62. 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

63. 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).
64. 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

65. 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.
66. Eight of the 40 responses were from individuals who identified as Māori, all of whom supported the proposal. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei also submitted in support of the proposal.

Local board advocacy

67. 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 2023.
68. 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

69. 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

70. 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.
71. 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

72. 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

73. The local board's decisions and feedback are being sought in this report.
74. Local board nominees have also attended Governing Body workshops on the Annual Budget.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

75. 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.
76. Local board plans, developed in 2020 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
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. 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 and corresponding work programmes in June 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.

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board feedback on regional topics

Topic	Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local Board Input
Operating spending reductions	Maintaining the currently reduced number of public transport services (as of December 2022) for 2023/2024 to save \$21 million	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced services doesn't serve our community Routes might be lost with the reduction Increase population in the local area, so need to reflect this in our service levels
	Reducing funding to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to save a further \$27.5 million,	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain Pasifika Festivals, Polyfest including Te Matatini; any local economic initiatives to gain a balance of equitable support in our under-served area by our CCOs.
	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSI - outcome in South has been high around social procurement, professional development of youths. We want to retain TSI based on co-governance and co-funding model with better reporting measures Support for CAB but require sustainable planning for its future Homelessness is essential to local area, however, there hasn't been any visible implementation in the local area. Support Youth Programmes/funding
	Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million	Do not support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More focus on equitable allocation of budgets-based deprivation and social risk factors
	Reducing regional contestable grants to save \$3 million	Do not Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are several ECE provision within the local network which meets our local needs
	Amending Auckland International Airport Limited Shareholding Policy	To sell Auckland Council's shares in AIAL	Do not support
Managing rates and debt	To increase rates by 4.66 percent	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	To increase debt by \$75 million	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can borrow more – up to max \$140m

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	To reduce Natural Environment and Water Quality Targeted Rates.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the reserve of \$ •
Storm response	To increase rates by an additional 1 per cent to fund a storm response fund	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other rates, fees and charges	To introduce a one-off fee for residents wishing to change bin sizes	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	To extend the food scraps targeted rate to new areas	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	To change which bus service are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	To increase fee for swimming pool/spa pool fencing compliance targeted rate	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	To amend the Community Occupancy Guidelines	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	To review fees for bookable spaces in council managed pool and leisure facilities.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Any other rates, fees and charges	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Other Issues	Any other issues, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024 	Support

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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	

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description
Increased Local Board decision making	<p>Example, Auckland Transport Projects. Some of the project delegation could be shared with Local Boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Climate Change • Water Quality <p>Equity lens in design and decision making on funding allocation. The board can identify and communicate local interests and preferences in relation to council strategies, policies, plans and bylaws.</p>
Equity	<p>Example, Climate Action Targeted Rate distribution. What input does the Local Boards have in decision making on funding allocation.</p>
Environment	<p>The board supports the proposed additional investment to respond to climate change challenges. The board wants to see increased regional funding for the restoration of local streams to address the impacts on the coastline due to climate change, sea level rise, and weather-related events.</p>
Community programmes	<p>The local board are better placed to understand the critical needs individual communities are facing therefore advocating for resources and policy decisions on issues relevant to our community.</p>
Infrastructure	<p>The board supports adopting a new approach for community services to enable it to reduce building and asset maintenance-related expenditure.</p>
Local community resilience and well-being	<p>Helping build community networks and relationships that strengthen community cohesion, preparedness for emergencies and participation.</p>

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