

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

Date: Thursday, 11 May 2023
Time: 5.00pm
Venue: Ōrākei Local Board Office
25 St Johns Road
Meadowbank

Ōrākei Local Board OPEN AGENDA

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson S Milne will welcome those present with a karakia.

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.

4 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

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

File No.: CP2023/04577

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Ōrākei Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Ōrākei 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 they 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 Ōrākei Local Board's proposed priorities for 2023/2024 to be included in their 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 1975 submissions from the Ōrākei local board area. The vast majority of respondents wanted water quality and environmental enhancement and restoration to be prioritized. A large number of submitters wanted the Meadowbank Community Centre project to be put on hold.
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 tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Ōrākei 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 Ōrākei 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 Ōrākei Local Board Agreement sets out how the Council will reflect the priorities in the Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2023 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 41147 submissions in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
 - written feedback – 35,720 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
 - in person – 4488 pieces of feedback through Have Your Say events (one of which was held in the Ōrākei local board area)
 - other – 939 pieces of feedback through other means such as Auckland Council social media channels
16. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called "Submissions on the Annual Budget 2023/2024" and will be accessible from 26 April 2023 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/submissions-annual-budget-2023-2024>

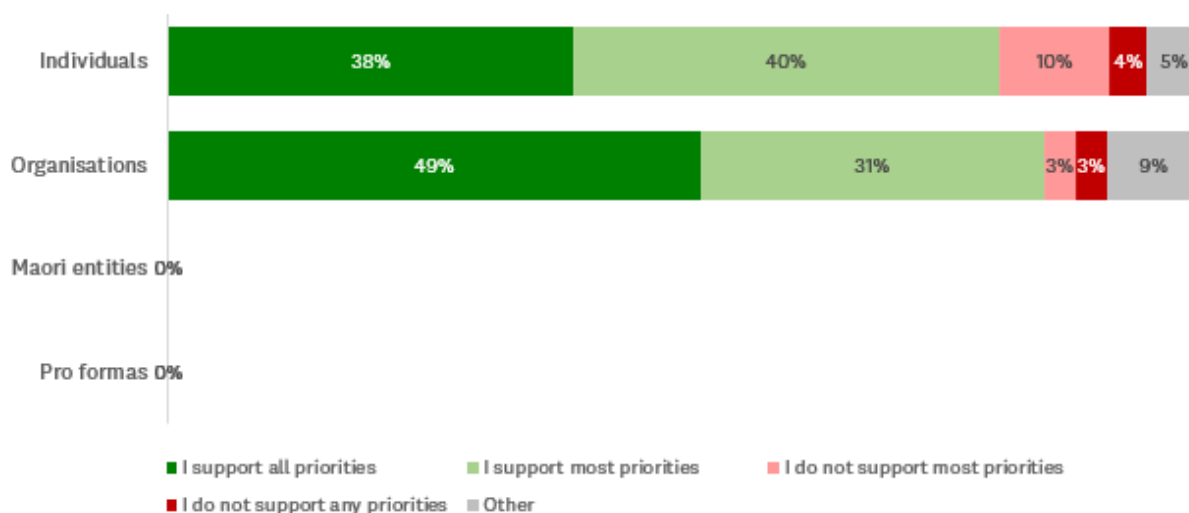
Feedback received for the Ōrākei Local Board for 2023/2024

Key priorities in Ōrākei Local Board Area in 2023/2024

17. The Ōrākei Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2023/2024:

- Priority 1: continue to improve water quality, including in Newmarket/Middleton stream, Hobson Bay and Ōrākei Basin
- Priority 2: continue to develop, maintain and enhance our parks and sports fields
- Priority 3: deliver the new Meadowbank Community Centre
- Priority 4: continue advocating for solutions to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour to support our local businesses and community and continue supporting community patrols
- Priority 5: investigate the potential for targeted rates and other sources of funding
- Priority 6: continue to work with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to progress local initiatives and community development
- Priority 7: continue work to enhance Pourewa Valley and efforts to purchase Kohimarama Forest
- Priority 8: continue to advocate for local transport improvements

18. 1638 submissions were received on Ōrākei Local Board’s priorities for 2023/2024. The majority of local respondents supported all or most of the board’s priorities.



19. 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

20. 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 Ōrākei Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$650,000.
21. 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.
22. The table below shows that respondents were quite evenly split when asked if they supported the savings proposed across the local activities and services if board funding was reduced. 604 respondents were not in support of the proposed cuts and reductions while 507 were in support.

	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know	Total
Individuals	503	588	151	269	1511
Organisations	4	16	9	4	33
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage					Total
	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	33%	39%	10%	18%	100%
Organisations	12%	48%	27%	12%	100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

23. The table below gives an overview of Ōrākei Local board area responses when asked if board funding was reduced, which three of our services would the submitter not want funding reduced for.

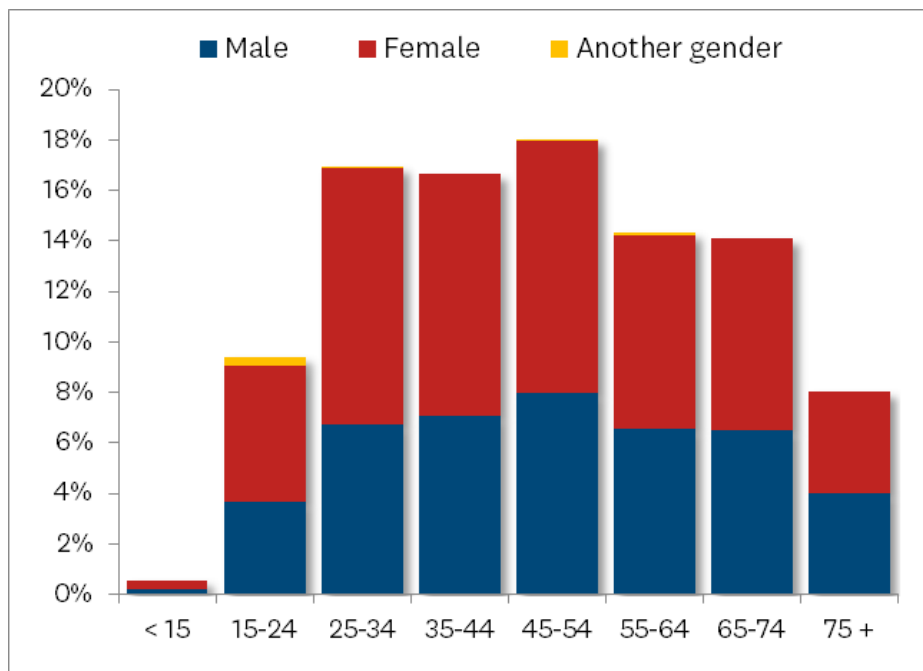
Themes	Individuals	Organisations	Maori entities	Pro forma
Local community grants	218	14	0	0
Local community events	243	9	0	0
Community programme delivery	149	5	0	0
Environmental programme volunteers	215	5	0	0
Arts and culture programmes	446	9	0	0
Active communities programme	107	1	0	0
Environmental education	181	2	0	0
Environmental restoration and pest control	779	11	0	0
Protection and restoration of local waterways	789	14	0	0
Library opening hours	461	5	0	0
Youth initiatives	236	6	0	0
Open space maintenance levels e.g. mowing	358	7	0	0
Community leasing charges	64	8	0	0
Local facility hours	72	1	0	0
Community and art centre service levels	174	3	0	0
Other	33	0	0	0
Total	4525	100	0	0

24. The top three services that submitters do not want to see funding reduced for are environmental restoration and pest control, protection and restoration of local waterways and library opening hours.

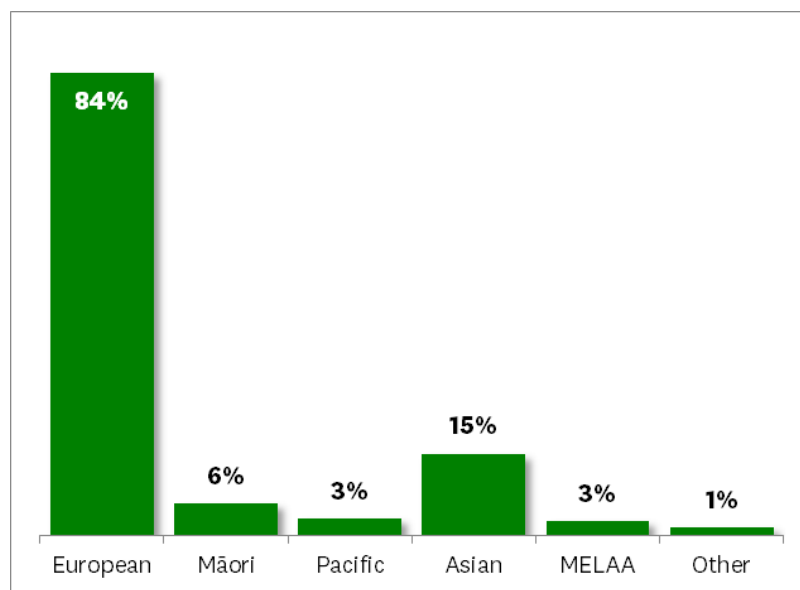
Information on submitters

25. The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.
26. There were slightly more female submitters (1005) than male (787) and the 45-54 age range made the most submissions, closely followed by 25-34 and then 35-44 year olds.

Age	Male	Female	Another gender	Total	% of feedback
Under 15	4	6	0	10	1%
15-24	67	100	6	183	10%
25-34	124	186	2	328	18%
35-44	130	176	0	308	17%
45-54	147	183	1	334	18%
55-64	121	141	2	267	15%
65-74	120	139	0	260	14%
75+	74	74	0	149	8%
Total	787	1005	11	1839	100%



27. The majority of submissions were from Europeans, with the next largest group being Asian which is reflective of the ethnicity demographic breakdown of the Ōrākei Local Board area.



Ethnicity		#	%
European		1535	84%
	Pākehā/NZ European	1332	73%
	Other European	203	11%
Māori		106	6%
Pasifika		55	3%
	Samoan	30	2%
	Cook Islands Māori	11	1%
	Tongan	10	1%
	Other Pasifika	4	0%
Asian		270	15%
	Chinese	154	8%
	Southeast Asian	41	2%
	Korean	14	1%
	Indian	45	2%
	Other Asian	16	1%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin		47	3%
Other		24	1%
Total		1822	112%

Key themes

28. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written, in-person and social media channels) included:
- Prioritising environmental initiatives such as restoration, pest control and water quality
 - Preference for an increase in rates rather than a cut to local board budgets
 - The benefit of arts and culture to a broad demographic and its reach across multiple sectors
 - The community value that volunteers bring
 - Deferring the Meadowbank Community Centre project
 - Stopping efforts to purchase Kohimarama Forest
 - The importance of open space maintenance

Feedback on other local topics

29. Themes across feedback received on other local topics included more support for vulnerable communities and references to retaining the hardstand at The Landing

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

30. 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 Ōrākei Local Board for 2023/2024' section above)
 6. changes to other rates, fees and charges

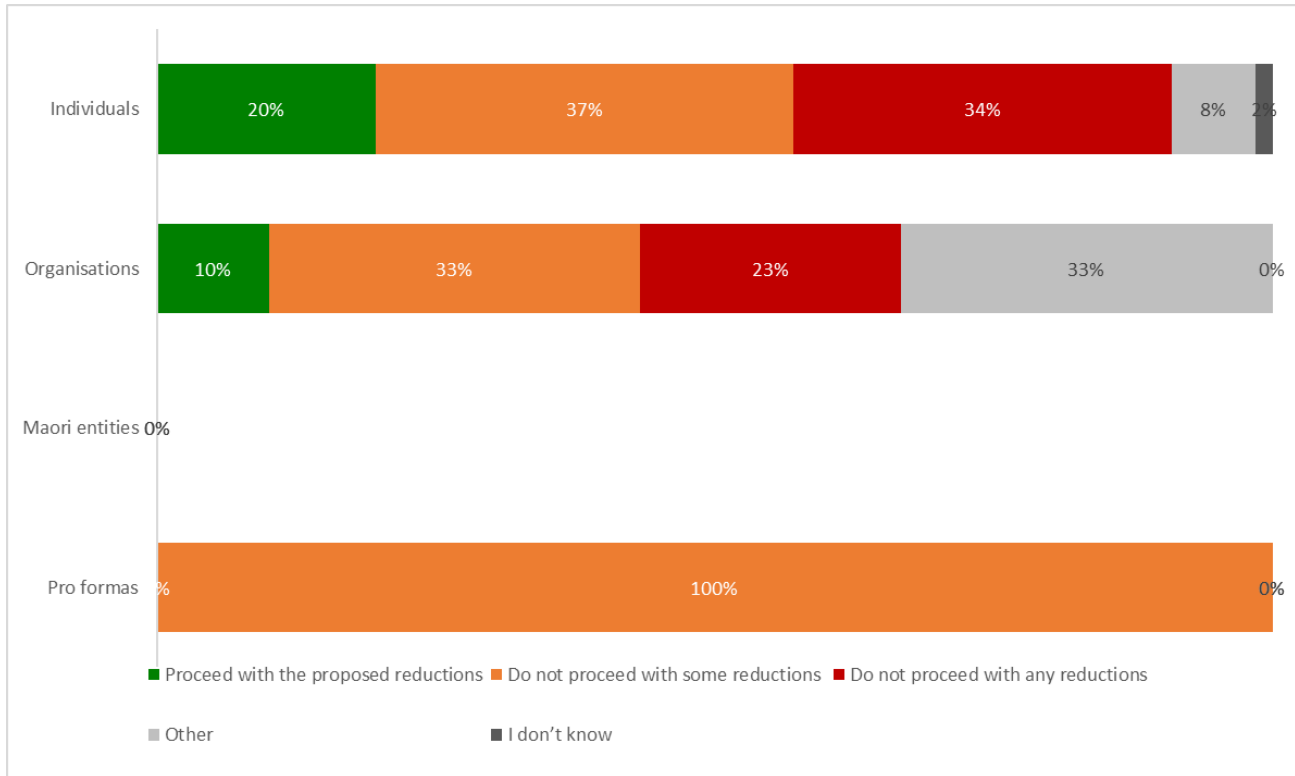
31. Submitters were also encouraged to give feedback on any of the other matters included in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation document.
32. The submissions received from the Ōrākei Local Board area on these key issues are summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

Key Question 1: operating spending reductions

33. 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 Ōrākei 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.
34. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Q1 Operating spending reductions						
Category	Count					Total
	Proceed wii	Do not proc	Do not proc	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	366	698	633	140	28	1865
Organisations	3	10	7	10	0	30
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	21	0	0	0	21
Category	Percentage					Total
	Proceed wii	Do not proc	Do not proc	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	20%	37%	34%	8%	2%	100%
Organisations	10%	33%	23%	33%	0%	100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%

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35. 729 submissions did not want to proceed with some of the reductions and 640 submissions did not want to proceed with any. 369 respondents were in favour of proceeding with all the proposed reductions.

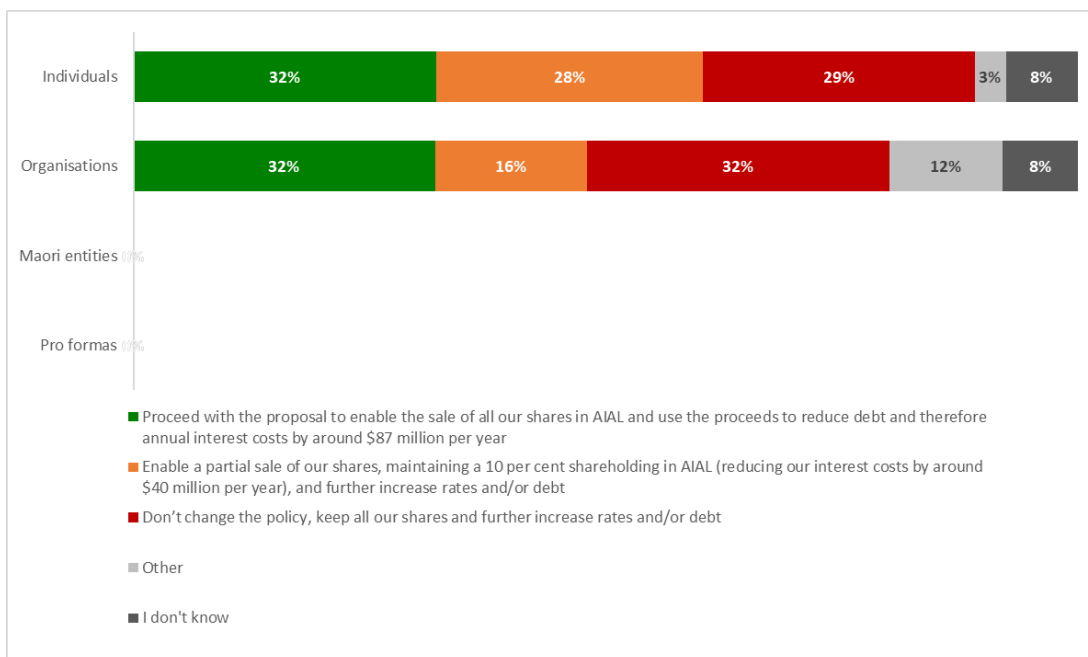
Key themes

36. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- Regional services listed in the consultation are essential to the wellbeing of the community.
 - Public transport services need more funding and investment.
 - The impact of these cuts will be felt most in Auckland’s deprived communities.
 - Auckland Zoo and Auckland Art Gallery are important amenities and need to be accessible to all.

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

37. 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% 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.
38. 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.
39. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Q2 AIAL Shareholding Policy						
Category	Count					Total
	Proceed with	Enable a partial	Don't change	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	583	513	524	59	139	1818
Organisations	8	4	8	3	2	25
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage						
Category	Percentage					Total
	Proceed with	Enable a partial	Don't change	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	32%	28%	29%	3%	8%	100%
Organisations	32%	16%	32%	12%	8%	100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Key themes

40. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- 32% of submitters are in favour of a full sale of the airport shares – comments within this generally supported the proposal as it would mean no rates rise or help address immediate debt and many stated that owning airport shares is not core council business.
 - 29% of individuals and 32% of organisations do not support changing the policy – feedback stated that shareholding and dividends provide a sustainable income source and many see the sale of assets as a short-term solution.
 - 28% of submitters support a partial sale – comments support maintaining control and influence and selling shares to central government to retain New Zealand ownership.

Key Question 3: Managing rates and debt

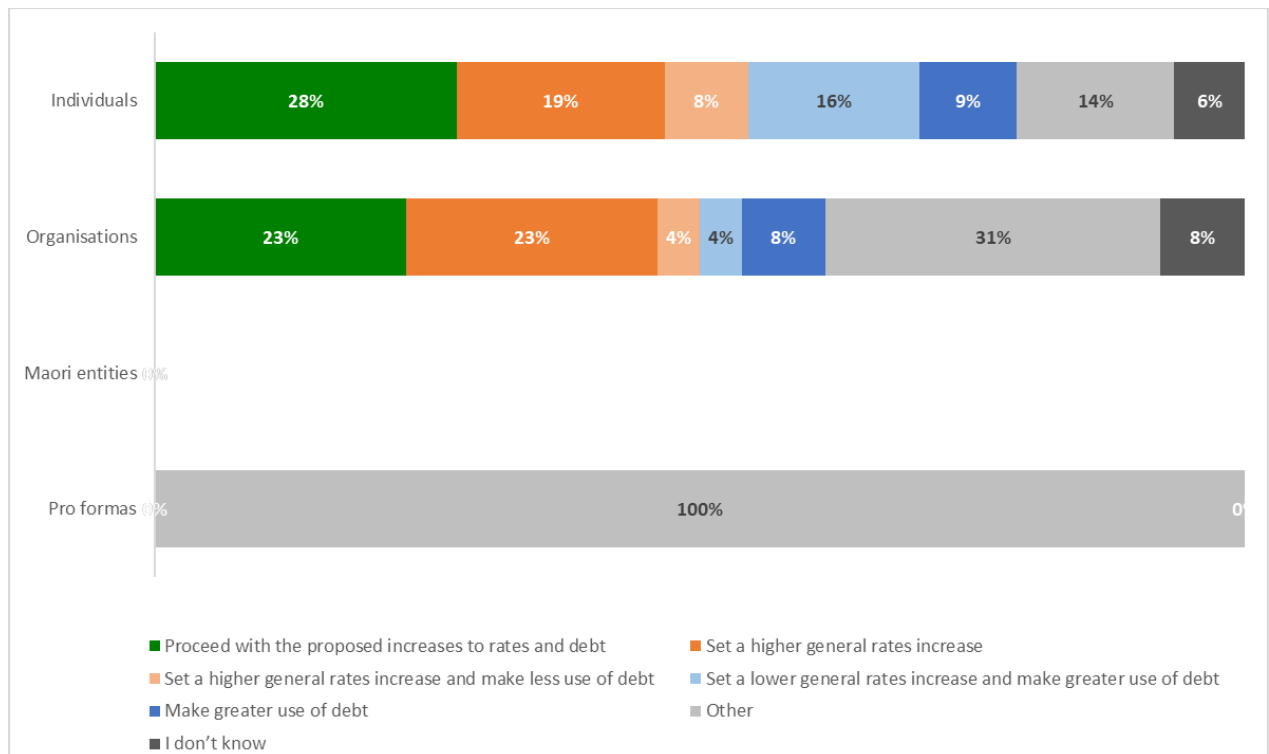
41. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on a proposal of a total rates increase for the average value residential property of around 4.66 per cent or \$154 per year. This would be achieved through:
- an average increase in general rates of 7 per cent across all existing properties, including non-residential
 - 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. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Q3 Managing rates and debt							
Category	Count						
	Proceed with	Set a higher	Make greater	Set a lower	Set a higher	Other	I don't know
Individuals	500	345	162	284	139	261	116
Organisations	6	6	2	1	1	8	2
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	0	0	0	0	0	21	0
Percentage							
Category	Proceed with	Set a higher	Make greater	Set a lower	Set a higher	Other	I don't know
Individuals	28%	19%	9%	16%	8%	14%	6%
Organisations	23%	23%	8%	4%	4%	31%	8%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%



Key themes

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

- 28% of individual respondents are in favour of proceeding with the proposed increases to rates and debt – many comments stating the proposal is a balanced and reasonable option.
- 19% of individuals, and 23% of organisations would like to see a higher general rates increase with a further 8% and 4% respectively of organisations wanting a higher rate

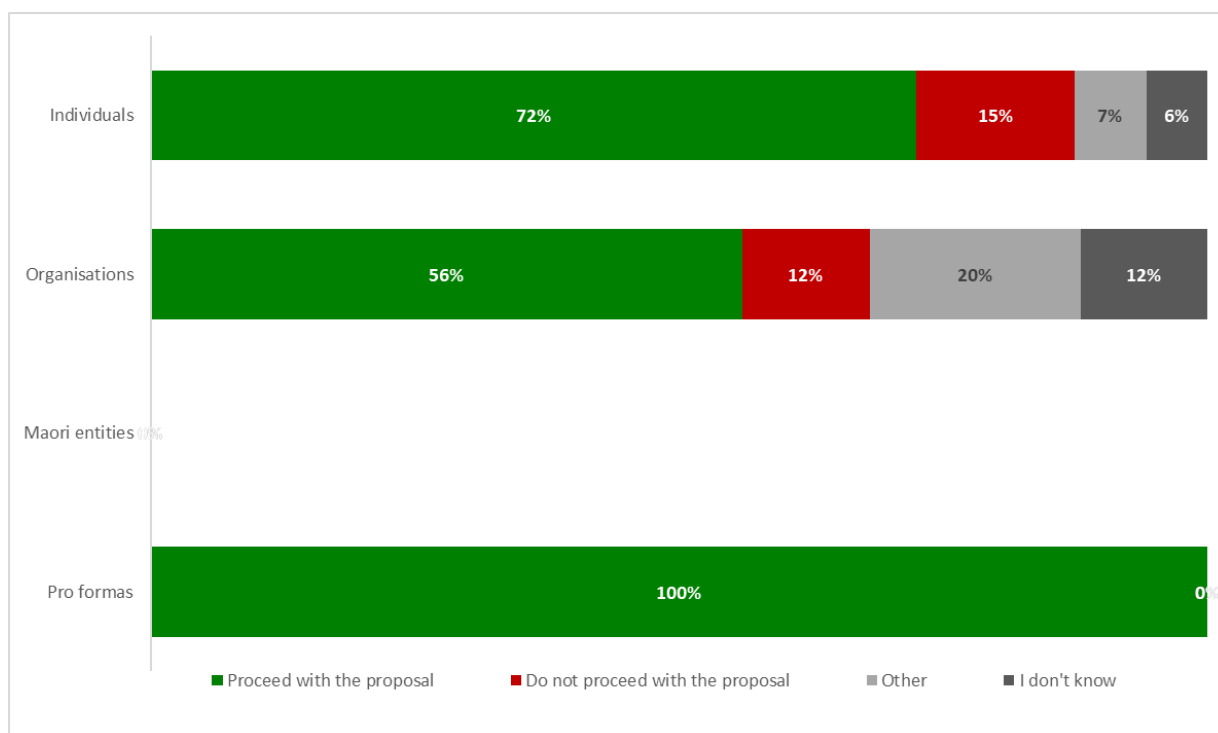
with less use of debt - comments include rates needing meet the current rate of inflation, an increase is needed to maintain our existing assets and continue to invest in new infrastructure and rates are not as high as other cities.

- 16% of individuals want to see a lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt – comments include the cost of living crisis already putting pressure on households and the use of debt is a more equitable solution, Auckland Council has a good credit rating so why not use it.

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. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Q4 Storm response					
Category	Count				Total
	Proceed with	Do not proceed	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	1320	273	123	106	1822
Organisations	14	3	5	3	25
Maori entities	0	0	0	0	0
Pro formas	21	0	0	0	21
Percentage					
	Proceed with	Do not proceed	Other	I don't know	
Individuals	72%	15%	7%	6%	100%
Organisations	56%	12%	20%	12%	100%
Maori entities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro formas	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%



Key themes

47. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- 72% of individual respondents are in support of increasing storm response funding – comments include infrastructure is core council business so money must be spent on future proofing and with climate change the frequency of storm events will only increase.
 - 15% of submitters do not want to proceed with the proposed increase – respondents think money should be found elsewhere and that a reprioritisation of projects can cover this cost. Many believe central government should be funding storm response.
 - A number of submissions want more specificity on how this money would actually be spent before they make a decision, or if the amount of \$20 million is even enough.

Key Question 5: local board priorities

48. 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 Ōrākei Local Board for 2023/2024' section above.

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

49. 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.
50. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Ōrākei Local Board area.

INDIVIDUALS				
Waste Management Rates Change	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Cost changes in waste management	1050	420	39	219
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	1288	304	25	123
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year?	1047	390	38	244
Changes to other rates	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate	1210	381	22	140
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	902	451	32	358
ORGANISATIONS				
Waste Management Rates Change	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Cost changes in waste management	10	8	2	4
Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size	15	3	2	3
Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year?	11	6	2	3
Changes to other rates	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate	12	5	2	5
Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate	9	9	2	4

Key themes

51. Key themes of note across the feedback received included:
- There is majority support for the waste management rates changes and the changes to other rates proposals from both individual and organisation submissions.
 - Respondents indicated that larger bin sizes could lead to increased waste, not less and that there should be no charge for opting to 'downgrade' to a smaller bin for those who already produce minimal waste.
 - Respondents felt that those who own swimming pools can afford to pay an increased targeted rate.

Other matters for feedback

52. 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.
53. Aucklanders were also asked what else is important to them and if they had any feedback on any other issues.

Key themes

54. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:
- Few submitters commented on the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024, but some respondents were concerned about mature trees and exotics being removed from Maunga.
 - Respondents overall expressed concern that reductions in local board budgets, regional contestable grants, regional arts programming, and community services would have a negative impact on Auckland's long-term wellbeing and the liveability of the city.
 - A number of submitters wanted more scrutiny on running costs of council owned golf courses or to sell them off completely.
 - The budget cuts need to be looked at with an equity lens to ensure there are not sectors of the community disproportionately affected.

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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