

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

Date: Thursday, 11 May 2023
Time: 9:30am
Meeting Room: Upper Harbour Local Board Office and Via
Microsoft Teams
Venue: 30 Kell Drive, Albany, Auckland 0632

Upper Harbour Local Board OPEN AGENDA

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chairperson A Atkinson will open the meeting 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 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 27 April 2023, as a true and correct record.

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

At the close of the agenda no requests for acknowledgements had been received.

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

At the close of the agenda no requests to present petitions had been received.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

Standing Order 7.7 provides for deputations. Those applying for deputations are required to give seven working days notice of subject matter and applications are approved by the Chairperson of the Upper Harbour Local Board. This means that details relating to deputations can be included in the published agenda. Total speaking time per deputation is ten minutes or as resolved by the meeting.

At the close of the agenda no requests for deputations had been received.

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

A period of time (approximately 30 minutes) is set aside for members of the public to address the meeting on matters within its delegated authority. A maximum of 3 minutes per speaker is allowed, following which there may be questions from members.

At the close of the agenda no requests for public forum had been received.

10 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.”

Wastewater capacity upgrade at Hobsonville Point

File No.: CP2023/05104

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To approve the vesting of an additional 1000m² of land as a reserve on the south-eastern portion of the site to offset the land required for the wastewater pump station.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. Ongoing and future residential and commercial development in Hobsonville Point is putting pressure on existing wastewater network capacity in the area.
3. The existing wastewater pump station services a catchment area including Launch Bay, Catalina Bay and the Airfields Precinct. It was completed in 2017 and is expected to service the catchment. A capacity review study undertaken by Harrison Grierson consultants indicates that future demand will exceed the capacity of the existing wastewater pump station.
4. Land for a new wastewater pump station is required to support further planned residential and commercial development.
5. The responsibility for delivering wastewater services to enable development in the area sits with Eke Panuku and Kāinga Ora.
6. This responsibility is clearly set out in a 2010 Infrastructure Funding Agreement between Waitākere City Council (now Auckland Council) and Hobsonville Land Company Limited (now Kāinga Ora).
7. The Infrastructure Funding Agreement also requires Kāinga Ora to develop and vest certain land in the area to Auckland Council as reserve.
8. The most appropriate location for the new wastewater pump station has been identified as 1,000m² of yet to be vested reserve land at the corner of Bomb Point Drive and Glidepath Road, currently owned by Kāinga Ora.
9. To offset the land needed for the new wastewater pump station, an agreement has been reached between Eke Panuku, Auckland Council and Kāinga Ora to vest an additional 1,000m² of land as reserve with council, within land held by Kāinga Ora at Te Onekiritea Point.
10. A one-kilometre-long new underground connector pipe (rising main), to be installed along Glidepath Road and Hobsonville Point Road in the transport corridor, will join the new pump station to the wider wastewater reticulation network at the intersection of Hobsonville Point Road and Baffin Road.
11. Construction is expected to start in April 2023 and be completed late 2023 to early 2024.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

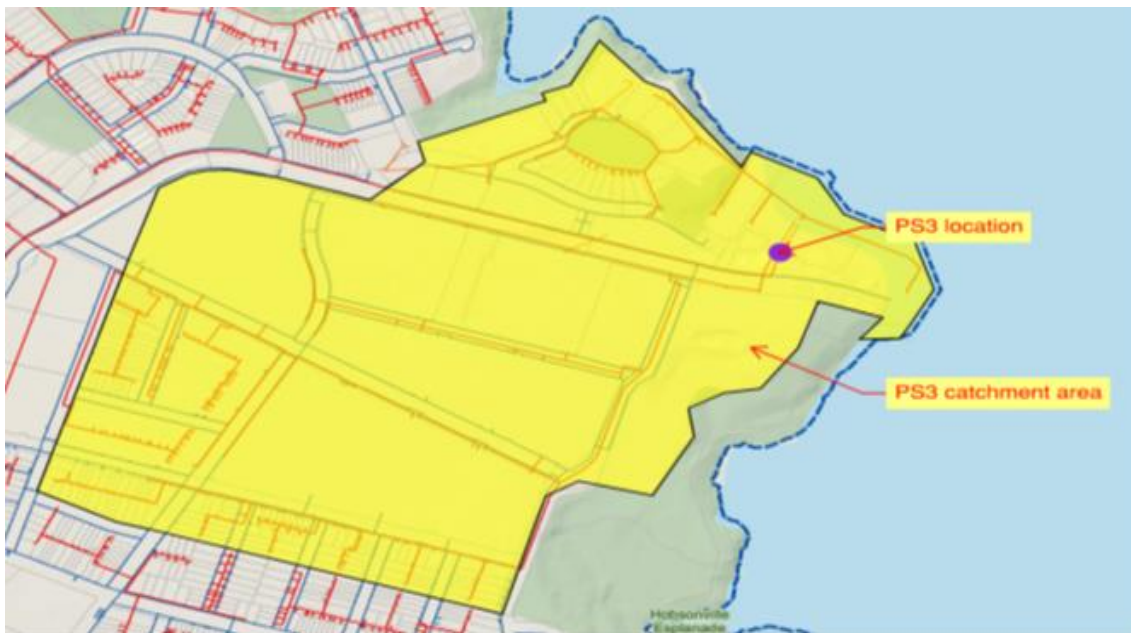
- a) whakaae / approve the vesting of an additional 1,000m² of land as a reserve on the south-eastern portion of the site to offset the land required for the wastewater pump station as set out in Map 2 of this agenda report.

Horopaki Context

12. The development of new homes in Hobsonville Point has been steadily occurring since the master planned community first broke ground.
13. In 2017, the existing wastewater pump station (PS3) was installed on Hudson Bay Road to accommodate the projected residential and commercial development of the surrounding land.
14. Revised development yield forecasts indicate that PS3's capacity is not sufficient to support the expected development in the catchment area.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

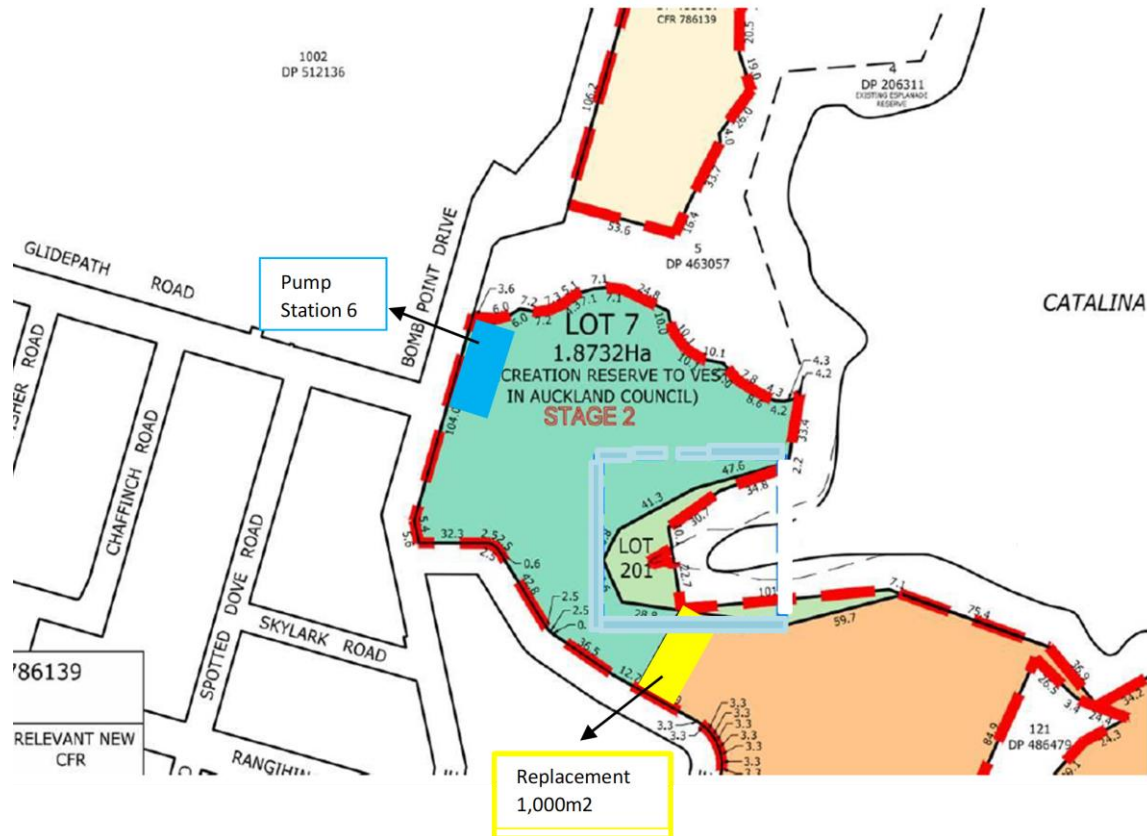
15. With the current wastewater pump infrastructure provided by PS3 at Hobsonville Point projected to be at capacity by late 2023 or early 2024, Watercare is expected to refuse consent to any new development that exceeds existing wastewater network capacity. If this were to occur, it would halt any further land development in the PS3 catchment area outlined in map 1 below.



Map 1: PS3 catchment area

16. A new wastewater pump station (PS6) is thus required to supplement PS3. When it comes online, PS6 will add extra capacity of 32 litres per second at peak wet weather flow. PS3 currently provides 52 litres per second peak wet weather flow. The new combined capacity will be 84 litres per second.
17. Watercare have given approval in principle for this wastewater capacity upgrade. Design is currently underway to gain Watercare's Engineering Plan Approval before works can begin.
18. The location of PS6 is dictated by the need to gravity feed existing underground wastewater pipes that already connect PS3 and will further feed into PS6.
19. The only suitable site for PS6 is near the junction of Bomb Point Drive and Glidepath Road, on land currently owned by Kāinga Ora. This land is proposed to be vested as reserve with Auckland Council under the Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA). The full site to be vested, known as Lot 7, is 1.8732 hectares in size.

20. PS6 will require 1,000m² of land to accommodate an access driveway, pumping equipment and a large underground storage tank. Fencing will prevent unauthorised access to the plant and equipment.
21. PS6 will thus reduce Auckland Council's future reserve land here by 1,000m², as shown in blue below in map 2 below.
22. It is proposed to 'replace' the required 1,000m² of land, shown in blue, by adding an additional 1,000m² to the south-eastern portion of Lot 7, shown in yellow in map 2 below.

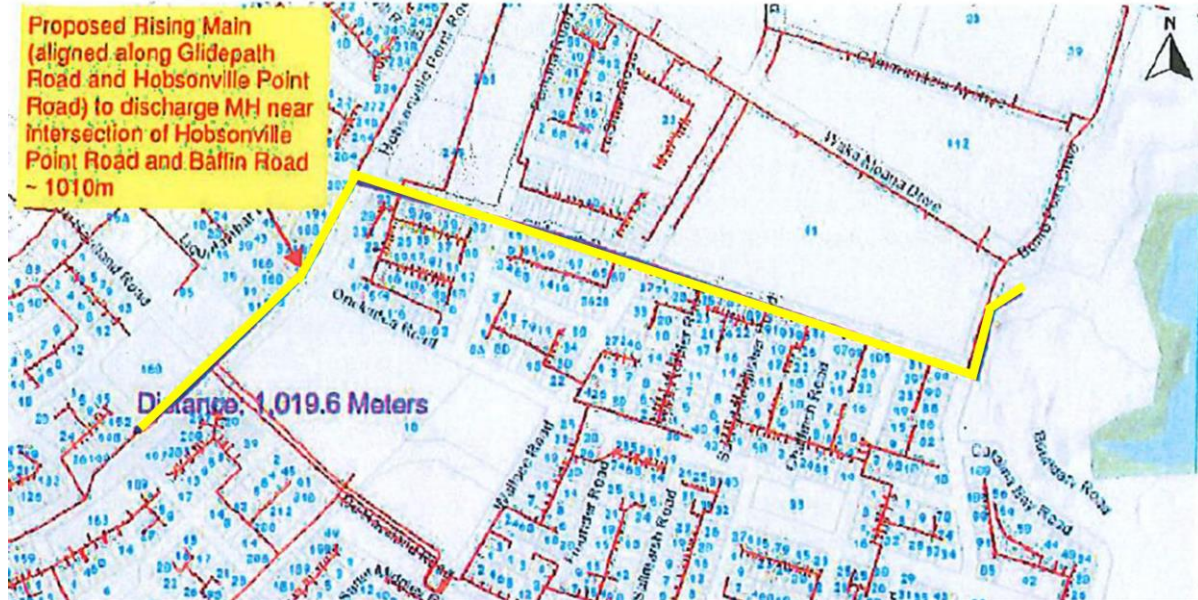


Map 2: Lot 7 Plan showing proposed site for PS6 and identified location for 'replacement' reserve land

23. The construction of PS6 requires removing a small portion of trees and brush. The same area will be fenced and landscaped on completion, reusing the same onsite plantings where feasible, or replacing with native planting. The site will also be landscaped.
24. The pump station equipment is largely underground and will be vented, with only a cabinet and small associated equipment visible above ground. An example of a similar facility is located at 31 Bomb Point Drive. The site is also below the road level, meaning it will be generally obscured from view. It will be more than 20 metres from any residential site or residence, which meets Watercare's requirements for odour mitigation.
25. The design includes an emergency storage tank, which can accommodate 8 hours of wastewater storage during which time any failure can be remedied.
26. Wastewater will be gravity fed into PS6 and pumped via a new one-kilometre-long rising main connector pipe as shown in map 3 below. The new pipe will run beneath Glidpath Road and Hobsonville Point Road, connecting to the wastewater reticulation network near Baffin Road.
27. Disruption from construction is expected to be minimal, however the new rising main installation may temporarily disrupt the road and footpath network as installation moves along the corridor. This disruption will be minimised by 'thrusting' the pipes underground in

sections, which will appear to the public as a series of dug potholes, avoiding having to dig up ground along the whole route.

- 28. The staging and methodology are being worked through and the full details will be shared once confirmed.
- 29. A proactive communications and engagement approach with stakeholders and the local community will be taken once project details are confirmed.



Map 3: PS6 Proposed rising main connector pipe, as a yellow line

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

- 30. The proposed PS6 site has a 6-metre elevation above sea level. Any potential coastal inundation from predicted sea level rise will not affect this site. Its provision and capacity have also been determined with the analysis of peak wet weather flows.
- 31. PS6 will enable the construction of more well designed, medium density housing in Hobsonville Point, with great amenities (public transport, schools, shops, open and green space) easily accessible within walking distance. This empowers Aucklanders to live low-carbon lifestyles.
- 32. Hobsonville Point residents already use 25 per cent less electricity and 32 per cent less water than the Auckland average, with modern, dry and warm homes better insulated and more sustainable compared to older housing.

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

- 33. Eke Panuku, Auckland Council's Parks and Community Facilities team, Watercare and Kāinga Ora have been working closely on the project to ensure it aligns with the relevant council and central government strategic obligations and priorities for the area.
- 34. Eke Panuku will work with Auckland Transport to mitigate any disruption to roads or footpaths as a result of construction work.

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

- 35. Eke Panuku engaged with the Upper Harbour Local Board at a workshop dated 10 March 2023 to discuss the project.

36. The Upper Harbour Local Board raised its concerns about Kāinga Ora's obligations to vest the remainder of land for reserve purposes. This obligation is set out in the Infrastructure Funding Agreement between Kāinga Ora and Auckland Council. Some 4ha of land is yet to be vested in council's ownership by Kāinga Ora, in addition to the 1000m² required to offset the land in which PS6 will be located. The vesting of reserve land is being led by the Parks and Community Facilities division. Parks and Community Facilities is aware of the additional 1000m², and this land requirement will be accounted for in the final area of land to be vested.
37. The local board queried storage tank capacity, power failure and venting considerations. PS6 will have 2 separate pumps. If one fails there is another in reserve. Should a power failure occur, PS6 is alarmed and monitored. The system is provided with the means to easily connect to an emergency generator. In the event of a pump failure, the single underground storage tank with PS6 is 2.5 metres in diameter and 29 metres long, with a capacity of 156,000 litres. Doubling the storage tank capacity is unnecessary and impractical due to the sloping nature of the site, which will include retaining elements at the top and bottom. The 8 hours of storage capacity is in full accordance with Watercare standards and is considered more than satisfactory.
38. The local board queried impacts on the existing walkway. There will be no impact on any existing walkway. The site of PS6 will be fully fenced and planted so as to be aesthetically pleasing and unobtrusive.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

39. Eke Panuku engaged with mana whenua to invite their feedback on tree removal. No feedback was received.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

40. The estimated cost of the project is \$7.9m, which will be shared by Eke Panuku and Kāinga Ora, as per the variation to the IFA.
41. As indicated earlier, there is an IFA that obligates Auckland Council (via Eke Panuku) and Kāinga Ora to deliver the infrastructure necessary for enabling development in the Hobsonville Point area.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

| Risk description | Mitigation measure |
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| Delays on project due to contractor availability and necessary materials | Early engagement with contractor to ensure availability of resources |
| Unrealistic stakeholder and community input/response to the proposal | Eke Panuku will attempt to understand concerns and address them as appropriate, provide information and set realistic expectations. |
| Visual impacts during construction of new wastewater pump station PS6 | Regular project updates to stakeholders as part of communications and engagement approach. |

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| Duration of resident and traffic disruption while installing new one-kilometre-long rising main connector pipe | Regular project updates to stakeholders as part of communications and engagement approach and proactive communication if any changes occur |
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Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

42. Subject to local board approval, Eke Panuku will progress with the planning, design and delivery of PS6, in coordination with Auckland Council, Kāinga Ora, Watercare and Auckland Transport.
43. Construction of PS6 is expected to start in April 2023 and be completed late 2023 to early 2024.
44. Eke Panuku will continue to engage with the Upper Harbour Local Board as this project progresses, including to communicate timing, construction staging and any associated disruption.
45. Eke Panuku will communicate with the local community, including neighbouring residents once the project is confirmed and more details are known.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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

File No.: CP2023/05397

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Upper Harbour Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Upper Harbour 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 2023 to 28 March 2023 to seek community views on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024. This included consultation on the Upper Harbour 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 1,340 submissions from the Upper Harbour local board area. A summary of key feedback for the Upper Harbour area is as follows:
 - 78% of submissions by individuals supported all or most local board key priorities and 76% of submissions by organisations supported all or most key priorities
 - submissions on proposed Auckland Council operating spending reductions showed mixed views:
 - 27% of individuals selected proceed with the proposed reductions
 - 32% of individuals and 50% of organisations selecting do not proceed with some reductions
 - 29% of individuals and 50% of organisations selected do not proceed with any reductions
 - submissions on Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy showed mixed views with:
 - 32% of individuals and 30% of organisations selecting proceed with the proposal
 - 30% of individuals and 40% of organisations selecting enable a partial sale

- 26% of individuals and 15% of organisations selecting don't change the policy.
 - submissions on managing rates and debt showed:
 - 28% of submissions from individuals selected to proceed with the proposed increases to rates and debt
 - 20% of submissions from individuals selected make greater use of debt
 - 29% of submissions from organisations selected proceed with the proposed increases to rates and debt
 - 29% of submissions selected set a higher general rates increase
 - submissions on the proposed storm response showed majority support for this proposal with:
 - 66% of individuals and 67% of organisation selecting proceed with the proposal.
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 Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Upper Harbour 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 Upper Harbour 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 Upper Harbour Local Board Agreement sets out how the Council will reflect the priorities in the Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2020 in respect to the local activities to be provided in the local board area. It includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
10. The local board agreements 2023/2024 will form part of Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2023/2024.

11. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February 2023 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 and seeks input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024.
14. All feedback is 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>

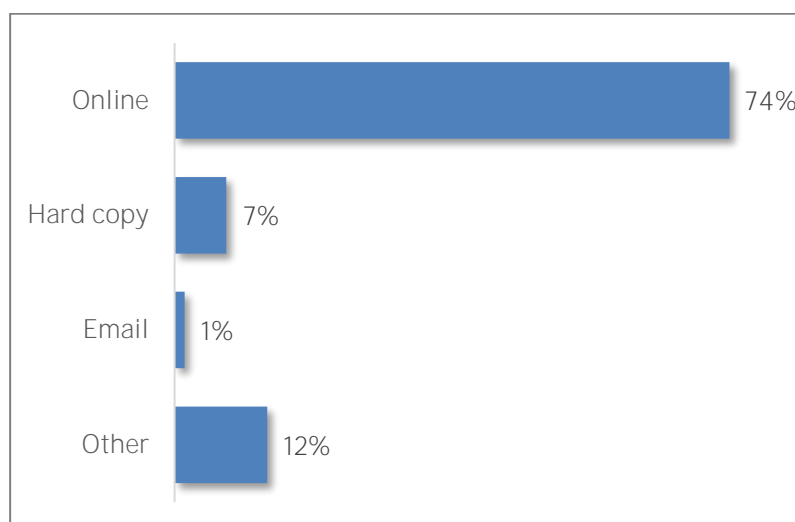
Consultation feedback overview

15. 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.
16. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 41,147 people in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
 - written feedback – 35,720 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
 - in person – 4,488 pieces of feedback through Have Your Say events (one of which was held in the Upper Harbour local board area).
 - social media – 939 pieces of feedback through Auckland Council social media channels.

Information on submitters from the Upper Harbour local board area

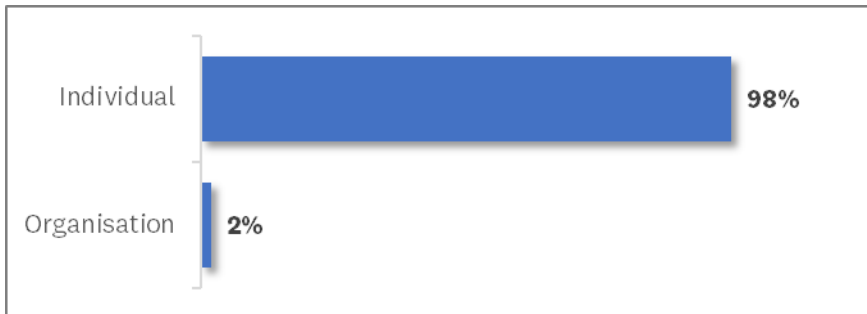
17. 1,340 pieces of feedback were received from people living in the Upper Harbour local board area.
18. The information in Graph 1 below shows the distribution of submissions from individuals and organisations in the Upper Harbour Local Board area by feedback method:

Graph on 1: Number of submitters from the Upper Harbour local board area by feedback method



19. The information in Graph 2 below shows the number of submissions from individuals and organisations in the Upper Harbour Local Board area:

Graph 2: Number of submissions from individuals and organisations

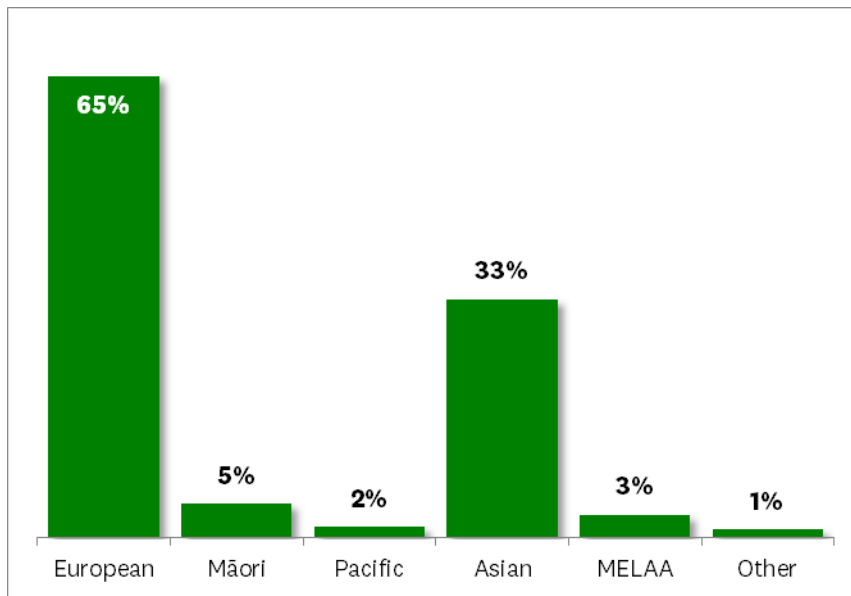


20. The 27 organisations that identified Upper Harbour as their local board area are:

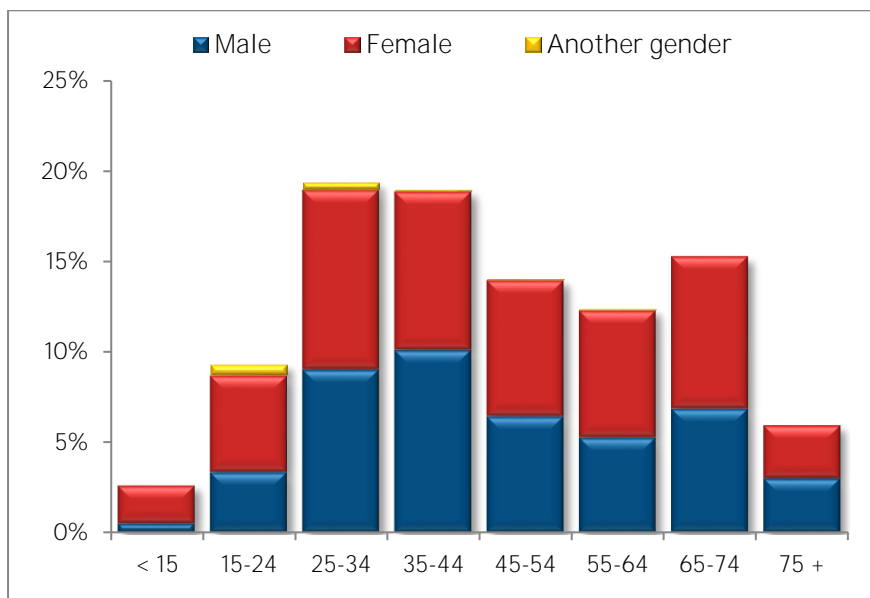
- Albany Community Hub
- Auckland Curling Club
- AUT Millennium
- Business North Harbour Inc
- Centre for Urban and Transport Studies
- Discoverers informal Methodist church
- East Coast Bays Association Football Club
- FromThePit - annual music photography exhibition
- Greenhithe Community Trust
- Greenhithe Community Trust
- Greenhithe Community Trust
- Greenhithe Ecology Network
- GrindHouse Theatre Company
- Harbour Hockey Charitable Trust
- Hobsonville bridge club
- Hobsonville Community Trust
- Hobsonville Migrants Group (totaling 80 members from wide range of ethnic groups)
- Hobsonville Support Group for Parents of Neurodiverse Kids
- Meadowood Community Centre
- Monarch Dance Studios
- New Zealand Events Association
- New Zealand & China Xh Holding Group LTD
- Shore Grace Church
- Shore Rovers Netball Club
- Upper Waitemata Ecology Network

- Whenuapai Ratepayers and Residents association
 - YES Disability Resource Centre
21. Three of the 27 submissions on behalf of an organisation are from three different individuals who submitted on behalf of the Greenhithe Community Trust.
22. There are 19 organisations that provided feedback on the Upper Harbour Local Board priorities as follows and identified a different local board as their area:
- Auckland Bands' Association Inc
 - Auckland North Community and Development Incorporated
 - Asian Family Services
 - Digital Seniors
 - Harbour Sport Trust
 - Harbour Volleyball Association
 - Offgrid Studios
 - Okapi Alliance of New Zealand - Congolese Community
 - Mind Over Manner
 - Netball North Harbour
 - North Harbour Budgeting Services Incorporated
 - North Harbour Sports Council
 - North Harbour Sports Council
 - North Shore Budget Service
 - Save Our Venues
 - Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Architecture Association
 - The Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust, (Whānau Āwhina Plunket)
 - Women In Urbanism Aotearoa
 - Young Workers Resource Centre
23. Two of the 19 submissions on behalf of an organisation are from two different individuals who submitted on behalf of the North Harbour Sports Council.
24. Graphs 3 and 4 below provide an overview of demographic categories individuals identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information:

Graph 3: Ethnicity



Graph 4: Age and Gender



Feedback received for the Upper Harbour Local Board for 2023/2024

Key priorities in the Upper Harbour Local Board Area in 2023/2024

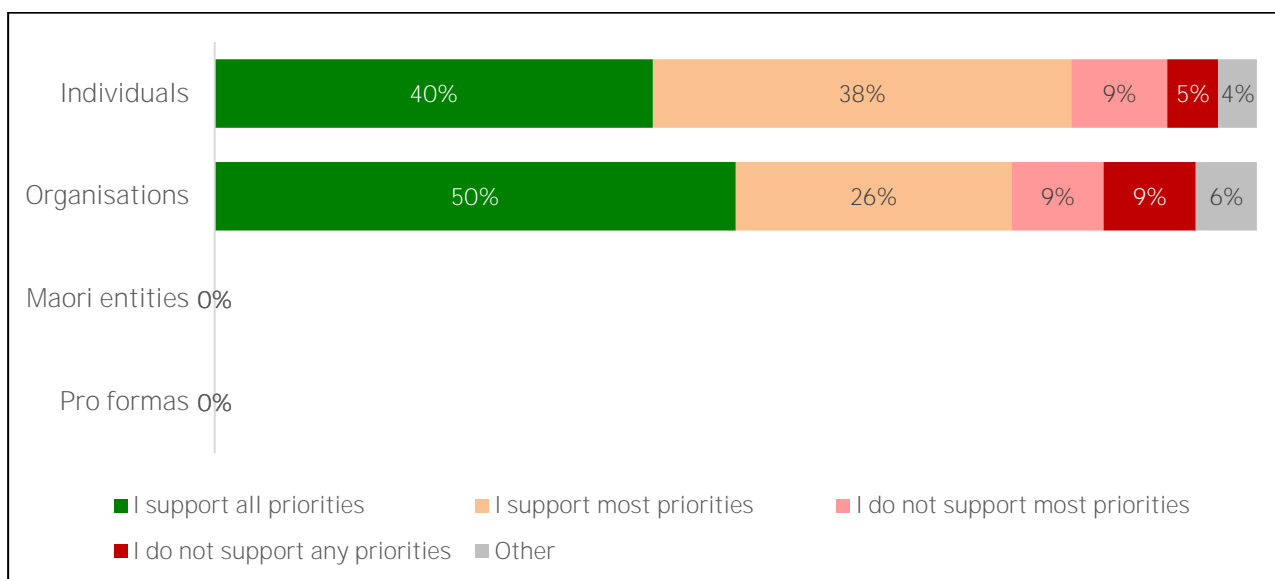
25. The Upper Harbour Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2023/2024:

- Priority 1: Invest in projects that improve the environment and address climate change including planting trees as outlined in the Upper Harbour Urban Ngahere Strategy, continuing to fund volunteer environmental work, development and implementation of a pest free strategy
- Priority 2: Support library and local community organisations to continue to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents
- Priority 3: Continue to deliver on stage 1A of Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park and Caribbean Drive sports field upgrade and toilet facility

- Priority 4: Investigate opportunities to implement actions from the Water Access Assessment to improve access to the Waitemata Harbour
- Priority 5: Progress delivery of the track upgrades at Sanders Reserve to provide for better tracks for walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders
- Priority 6: Invest in projects that allow communities to continue to enjoy open spaces such as renewal of playgrounds including Bushlands Reserve and Starlight Park, updating the Upper Harbour Walking guide and renewal and upgrades of walkways and paths.

26. 1,195 submissions were received on the Upper Harbour Local Board’s priorities for 2023/2024. 1,031 submissions on the Upper Harbour Local Board priorities were from within the Upper Harbour local board area and 164 submissions were from outside of the local board area and provided feedback on the Upper Harbour Local Board priorities.
27. 1,161 submissions from the local board area are from individuals and 34 are from organisations.
28. 78% of submissions by individuals supported all or most local board key priorities and 76% of submissions by organisations supported all or most key priorities.
29. The below graph provides an overview of how people responded to the Upper Harbour Local Board key priorities.

Graph 5: Upper Harbour submissions on local board priorities



30. Key themes identified from comments provided by submitters on the local board key priorities are detailed in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Local board key priorities – Key themes

| Key themes on local board priorities | |
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| Support all priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • views that local board funded activities are invaluable for local communities and a preference for local board funding to not be reduced • views that local boards are the level of government closest to communities and understand community needs |
| Support most priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a concern that the proposed priorities cannot be completed if local board funding is reduced |

Item 12

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a preference to prioritise initiatives that benefit the most people in the local board area rather than select groups |
| Do not support most priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that some priorities are more important than others a preference to prioritise improvements to public transport systems and road infrastructure |
| Do not support any priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that most of the proposed priorities are non-urgent and can wait until financially better times views that the proposed priorities are “nice to have” and are considered luxury activities views that the proposed priorities should be cut in place of other priorities such as roads, transport and other important infrastructure |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interest expressed in optimisation of assets including unused facilities and unused land |
| Priority 1: Invest in projects that improve the environment and address climate change | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that climate action is the communities biggest challenge and climate action should be the biggest priority views that a reduction in climate action will cause greater harm in the long term views that climate action is even more important now following recent weather events |
| Priority 2: Support library and local community organisations to continue to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views expressing the importance of community initiatives and the role they play in community resilience and social cohesion – particularly in times of crisis recognition of the role community initiatives play in supporting community interaction and participation - with particular focus on seniors and youth. significant support for community houses views expressing the value of libraries as a community space and connection to activities and resources – particularly for mothers, migrants and isolated people |
| Priority 3: Continue to deliver on stage 1A of Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park and Caribbean Drive sports field upgrade and toilet facility | <p>In support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Point Sustainable Sports park is important for the local community views that sport facilities are essential for engagement and connectivity, especially for youth <p>Do not support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that these are two major projects which are not important enough to prioritise views that the two projects do not impact enough people views that there are already enough sports facilities and resources are best utilised else where |

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| <p>Priority 4: Investigate opportunities to implement actions from the Water Access Assessment to improve access to the Waitemata Harbour</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that this is not a priority right now |
| <p>Priority 5: Progress delivery of the track upgrades at Sanders Reserve to provide for better tracks for walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that Sanders Reserve is great as it is views that although this priority is worthwhile in the long term, considering the current financial context it should not be a priority right now views that current priorities should focus on initiatives that impact a wider group of people |
| <p>Priority 6: Invest in projects that allow communities to continue to enjoy open spaces such as renewal of playgrounds</p> | <p>In Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views expressing the value of open space as a meeting place and recreational space views expressing the importance of public, open spaces for general mental and physical wellbeing views expressing the significance of playgrounds for children <p>Do not support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that walking tracks and playgrounds are not a priority when faced with financial challenges a preference to focus only on maintenance of existing assets rather than embarking on new projects |

31. 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

32. 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 Upper Harbour Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$534,000.
33. 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.
34. The table below gives an overview of the responses from the 1,255 submitters that selected one to three of the below options as their top three priority services in the Upper Harbour local board area – submission data from both individuals and organisations have been combined and represented in the figures provided:

Table 2: Top three priorities by service from most important to least important

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| Rank | Priority (service level) | Key Themes | Number of submitters (approx. %) |
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| 1 | Environmental restoration and pest control e.g. ecology initiatives assistance programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reducing animal and plant pests is high priority restoration and pest control initiatives benefit the long term/future of Upper Harbour initiatives that deliver environmental action should be prioritised over environmental education projects | 37.5% |
| 2 | Protection and restoration of local waterways e.g. Īnanga spawning sites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that protecting and restoring local waterways is important to: support the natural ecosystem to restore water quality to help minimise flooding in future events to support species protection | 31% |
| 3 | Library opening hours and services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> library service support a wide range of people including migrants, women, children, seniors libraires are a free public space accessible to all people which is important for community wellbeing libraires are an important source of free information, activities and the internet | 28% |
| 4 | Parks maintenance level of service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> parks maintenance is especially important considering future intensification well maintained parks make Auckland an attractive place to live and are important for tourism reduced park maintenance increases health and safety concerns parks are a core business and as such should be prioritised | 26% |
| 5 | Local grants e.g. community grants programme and rate remission grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community organisations are important assets who provide invaluable support for the community such as cultural and artistic initiatives that are crucial for the city | 16% |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community organisations often rely on grants | |
| 6 | Community programme delivery, e.g. connected community programmes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community programmes support a variety of groups such as seniors, youth and migrants community programmes are key to healthy, vibrant and functioning communities community funding supports local communities to be strong and resilient community resilience is important when facing challenges such as Covid-19, climate change and economic difficulties | 15.5% |
| 7 | Environmental education e.g. our local streams programme (Sustainable Schools) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> environmental education plays a vital role in environmental restoration change is gradual, educating the next generation will have long term impacts environmental education plays an important role in community engagement and connectedness environmental education supports young people to understand their agency in their own futures environmental education should be delivered by schools | 15% |
| 8 | Local events e.g. Movies in Parks and event partnership fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access to free events is important as access to paid events can be difficult for some local events support peoples connection and engagement with community at a local level local events support the development of community culture and cohesion local events boosts moral and spread positive feeling | 12.5% |
| 9 | Waste minimisation and sediment education e.g. construction waste education and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> waste minimisation is important for the protection and sustainability of our land waste minimisation is important but should not be delivered by local boards | 11.5% |

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| | leadership programme | | |
| 10 | Environmental programme volunteers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> volunteers help support the short-term and long-term health of environment volunteer organisations rely on council coordination and support and without it previous hard work will be compromised volunteer support is vital and highly cost effective | 8% |
| 11 | Open space low / no mow areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> views that maintaining New Zealand's clean and green image is important views that the cost savings would be too minimal and not worth the implications | 5.5% |
| 12 | Community lease charges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community groups are already struggling with increased costs increased lease fees for community buildings will put many community groups at risk which will impact community wellbeing affordable prices must be maintained to enable community access and participation | 4% |

35. Key themes of note across all the feedback received included:

- frustration with the question as it was difficult to choose just three priorities with a lot of people feeling it was unfair to ask
- an indication that people wished to support other initiatives but felt environmental outcomes had to be top priority
- an overall sense that people (communities) and the land (environment) are most important to the community
- lots of support for initiatives that future proof against future weather events.

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

36. 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:

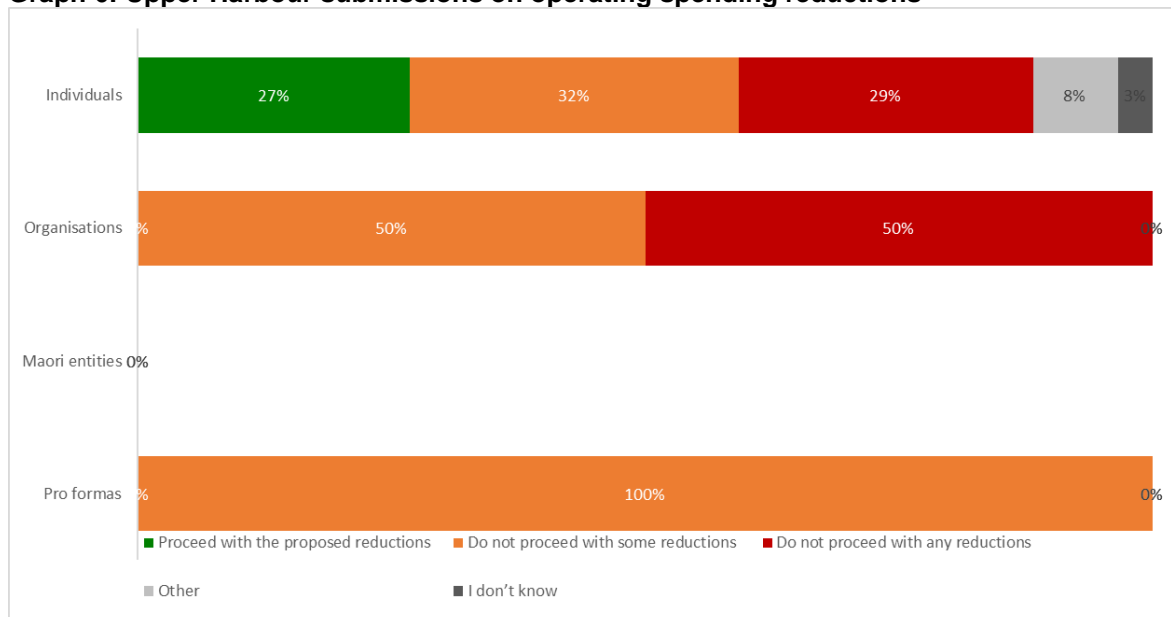
- operating spending reductions
- amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy
- managing rates and debt
- storm response

5. local board priorities (covered in 'Feedback received on the Upper Harbour Local Board for 2023/2024' section above)
 6. changes to other rates, fees and charges
37. Submitters were also encouraged to give feedback on any of the other matters included in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation document.
38. The submissions received from the Upper Harbour 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

39. 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 Upper Harbour 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.
40. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.

Graph 6: Upper Harbour submissions on operating spending reductions



41. Submissions on proposed operating spending reductions showed mixed views:

- 27% of individuals selecting proceed with the proposed reductions
- 32% of individuals and 50% of organisations selecting do not proceed with some reductions
- 29% of individuals and 50% of organisations selected do not proceed with any reductions.

Key themes

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

Proceed with the proposed reductions

- views supported service reductions but not rates increase
- views didn't support all reductions but recognised the need for reductions
- views expressed a need to focus on core/essential services only
- despite agreeing with the proposal conflicting comments indicated a preference not to proceed with some reductions with a strong emphasis on not supporting the proposal to maintain current reduced levels of public transport services
- views support reductions to staff and contractor budgets and other operating costs

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

- views that the proposal will increase inequality
- views council services make Auckland a better place to live
- Individual support for preferred services shown:
 - regional service are key to the cities culture
 - education is a core service
 - Tataki Auckland Unlimited reduction will impact the cities economy
 - less public transport negatively impacts climate goals and increases traffic congestion
 - regional grants support communities at need
 - services which local boards provide are vital for local communities

Do not proceed with any reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

- a preference to invest in public transport as it is essential infrastructure
- views that the proposal lacks strategic vision and doesn't consider community well being
- views that the proposed cuts are essential services
- views that the council needs to be accountable
- some support for no service reductions and no rates increases
- views that those who can afford to pay for more should pay more

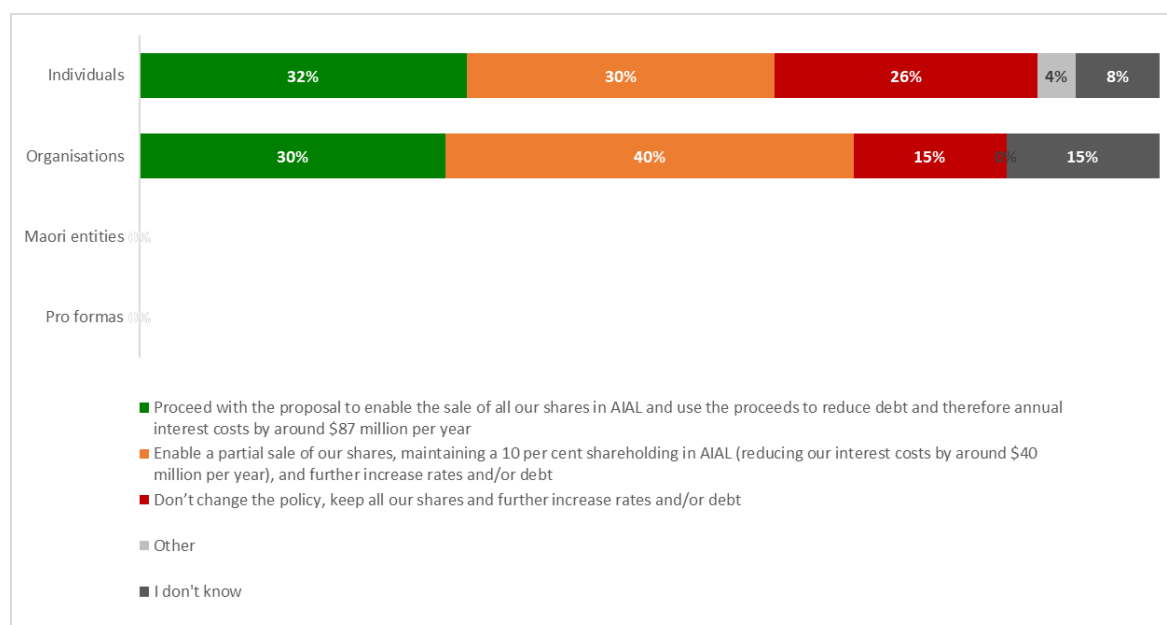
Other

- a preference for council to stop unnecessary spending
- preference to cut non-essential
- a preference to investigate other options.

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

43. 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.
44. 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.
45. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Upper Harbour Local Board area:

Graph 7: Upper Harbour submissions on Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy



46. Submissions on Amending Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) Shareholding Policy showed mixed views with:
 - 32% of individuals and 30% of organisations selecting proceed with the proposal
 - 30% of individuals and 40% of organisations selecting enable a partial sale
 - 26% of individuals and 15% of organisations selecting don't change the policy.

Key themes

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

Proceed with proposal to enable the sale

- views that reducing debt is a priority
- views that council should not own shares in private business
- views that the airport is not a good financial investment
- views that owning the airport shares does not hold strategic value

Enable partial sale

- views that it is important to keep at least 10% of shares:
 - to maintain some influence in the airport
 - to ensure future financial benefit
 - to prevent total private ownership.

Don't change the policy

- views that expressed concerns of future risks are:
 - relinquishing public control/ ownership of a major piece of city infrastructure to private interests
 - this is short term solution with long term consequences which will impact future generations
- views that now is not the right time to sell due to the economic context
- views that the airport is a valuable asset to the city economically and strategically

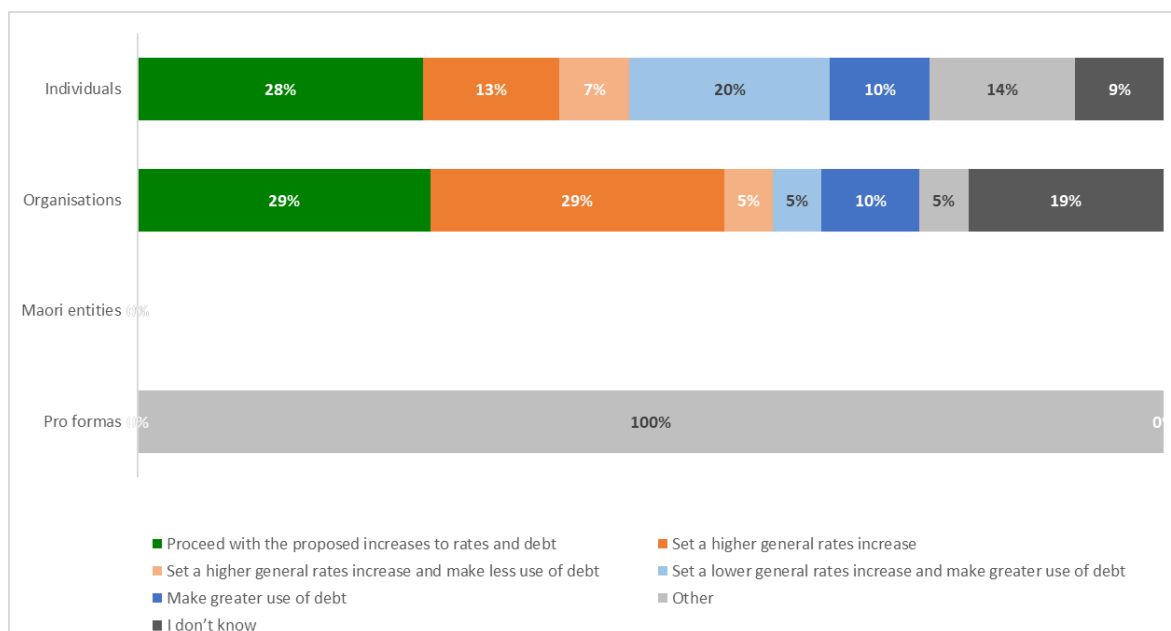
Other

- a preference to sell other assets such as golf courses
- a preference not to increase debt or rates
- views that airport shares are the cities safety net.

Key Question 3: Managing rates and debt

48. 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.
49. 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.
50. The graphs below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Upper Harbour Local Board area:

Graph 8: Upper Harbour submissions on managing rates and debt



- Submissions on managing rates and debt showed:
 - 28% of submissions from individuals selected to proceed with the proposed increases to rates and debt
 - 20% of submissions from individuals selected make greater use of debt
 - 29% of submissions from organisations selected proceed with the proposed increases to rates and debt
 - 29% of submissions selected set a higher general rate increase
 - 15 submissions were identified as pro formas and 100% of them selected other.

Key themes

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

Proceed with the proposed increases to rates and debt

- views that the proposal seems reasonable
- views that rates need to keep up with inflation
- views that council needs to generate more income
- Concerns include:
 - making rate fees fairer (e.g., scaled rates)
 - a preference for the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) to remain the same

Set a higher general rates increase

- views that a rates increase is preferable to service reductions
- views that a rates increase is fairer than reducing services
- views that rates have historically been too low and should be increased
- views opposing reductions to NETR and WQTR
- some support for a scaled approach to rates

Set a higher general rates increase and make less use of debt

- views that a rates increase will be a short term difficulty but better in long run
- concerns around long term impact of debt on future generations

Set lower general rates increase and make greater use of debt

- views that rates are already too high and show little return
- views that during the current cost of living crisis is not the right time to increase rates
- views that rates increases disproportionately impact low income earners
- views that rates should be assessed by affordability

Make greater use of debt

- an opposition to rates increases as:
 - the cost of living is already too high
 - further increase will cause difficulties for rate payers
- debt can be spread across future generations
- debt should be used in difficult times

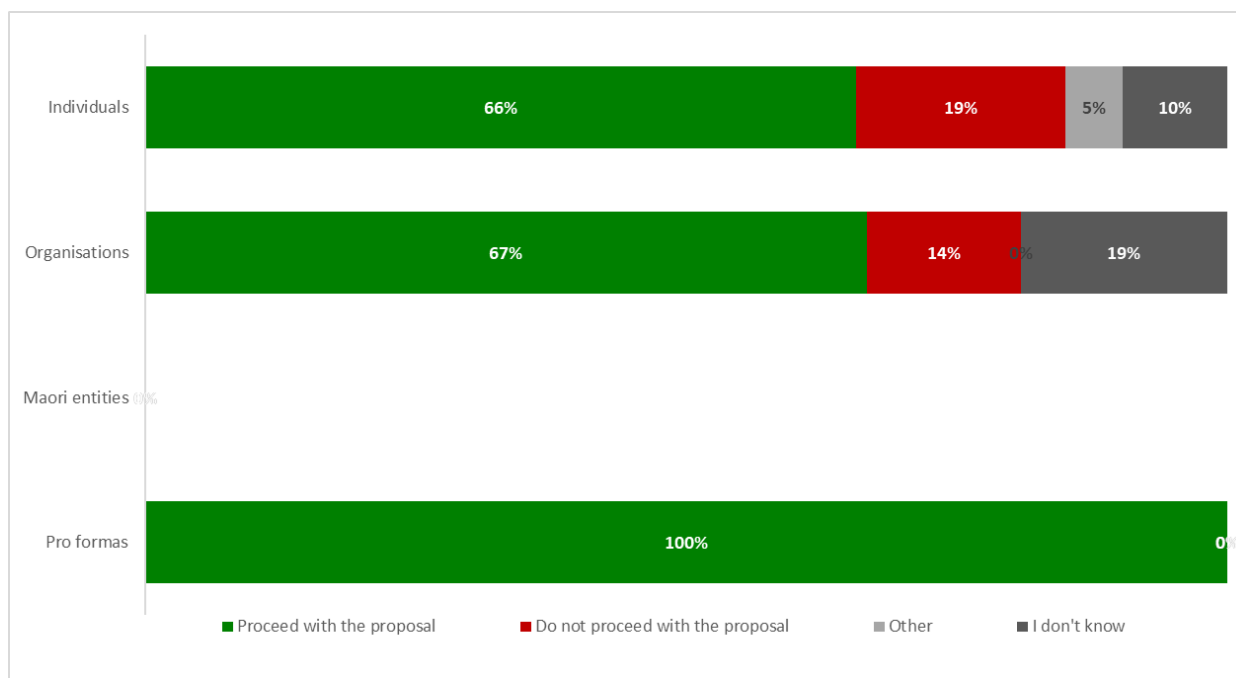
Other

- support for both a rates increase and a greater use of debt
- a preference to reduce councils operation costs by reducing staff and service budgets
- a preference to explore other options
- mixed views on NETR and WQTR.

Key Question 4: Storm response

52. 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).
53. Graph 9 below give an overview of the responses to this question from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.

Graph 9: Upper Harbour submissions on storm response



54. Submissions on the proposed storm response showed majority support for this proposal with:

- 66% of individuals and 67% of organisation selecting proceed with the proposal
- 15 submissions were identified as pro formas and 100% selected proceed with the proposal.

Key themes

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

Proceed with proposal

- the proposed rates increase is reasonable
- further weather/climate incidents are highly likely, and Auckland must be prepared by:
 - having a long-term plan
 - increasing operating budgets
 - improving current infrastructure
 - reevaluate further development i.e. intensification/building on flood plains

Do not Proceed with proposal

- views that better planning is required
- an opposition to rates increase
- views that the proposal is too vague
- views that extreme weather events are rare
- views that the proposal is a waste of money

I don't know

- the proposal doesn't have enough information for some people to answer the question.

Key Question 5: local board priorities

56. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on the local impacts of the Annual Budget 2023/2024, feedback received on this is outlined in the ‘Feedback received for the Upper Harbour Local Board for 2023/2024’ section above.

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

57. 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.

58. Table 3 below gives an overview of the responses to this question by individuals from the Upper Harbour Local Board area:

Table 3: Overview of changes to other rates, fees and charges by individuals

| Proposed changes | Individuals | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|--------------|
| | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |
| Waste Management Rates Change | | | | |
| Cost changes in waste management | 559 | 349 | 27 | 152 |

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|---|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size | 714 | 245 | 27 | 104 |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year | 613 | 276 | 20 | 175 |
| Changes to other rates | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate | 692 | 268 | 30 | 110 |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate | 500 | 325 | 30 | 239 |

59. Table 4 below gives an overview of the responses to this question by organisations from the Upper Harbour Local Board area:

Table 4: Overview of changes to other rates, fees and charges by organisations

| Proposed changes | Organisations | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |
| Waste Management Rates Change | | | | |
| Cost changes in waste management | 10 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Introduce a one-off fee of \$40 for those residents wishing to change their bin size | 11 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Extend the food scraps targeted rate to the new areas that will receive the service this year | 12 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Changes to other rates | Support | Do not support | Other | I don't know |
| Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate | 11 | 3 | 0 | 5 |

Key themes

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

Waste Management: Cost Change

- views that bin charges should be the same all over the city:
 - it would be fairer
 - it would be less confusing when people move

Waste Management: One-off fee for bin change

- views that it's reasonable for people increasing bin size
- views that it's unreasonable for people decreasing bins size
 - concerns one-off fee for decreasing bin size would disincentivise people

Waste Management: Extend Food scraps targeted rate

- wish to see food scrap services extended all over city
- views express opinions that it is unfair to expect people to pay for this service when they don't want to use it – particularly if they are already composting

Other Rate Change: Swimming Pool/Spa Pool Fencing Compliance Targeted Rate

- views that pool owners should take financial responsibility for the safety around their own pools
- views that fees are already unreasonable and should not be increased
- views that pool inspections should not happen at all or only when the pool is built or when the house is sold

Other Rate Change: Change which bus services are funded by the Climate Action Targeted Rate

- opposition towards climate action targeted rates:
 - waste of money
 - does not help climate change
- opposition against redirecting targeted rates to other priorities:
 - its already been agreed upon
 - should be used to improve and increase services.

Other matters for feedback

61. 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. There were a small amount of submissions from the Upper Harbour local board area in support of this topic.
62. Aucklanders were also asked what else is important to them and if they had any feedback on any other issues.

Key themes

63. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:
 - strong preference to sell golf courses
 - strong preference for the council organisation to be run more efficiently (staff/contractor reductions)
 - strong emphasis on the need for better roads and public transport
 - strong emphasis on the importance of arts and culture in the city

- expression of frustration relating to drainage systems and speed bumps

Annual Budget 2023/2024 related policies

The following proposals were consulted on alongside the Annual Budget:

Revenue and Financing Policy

64. The proposal to pause the Long-Term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for one year would require an amendment to the Revenue and Financing Policy.
65. 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

66. 146 submissions were received on the proposal across the Auckland Region. Of these, 99 supported the proposal and 41 did not support the proposal. A further six were either other or did not know. Comments from those in support included views that businesses are in a position to afford the increase and the impact of rates on residential ratepayers.
67. Responses from those who did not support the proposal included the view that business rates are too high.
68. The Property Council did not support the proposal citing concern for increased costs on businesses and business rates being too high.
69. Business North Harbour do not support the proposal to pause the long-term differential strategy as the intention of the long-term differential strategy is for the share of general rates paid by business properties to be made fairer.

Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

70. 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).
71. 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

72. There were 40 submissions from individuals across the Auckland Region. 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.
73. 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

74. 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.

75. 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

76. 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

77. 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.
78. 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

79. 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

80. 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.
81. 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

82. 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.
83. 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.
84. Analysis provided of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/2024 includes submissions made by mana whenua and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
85. 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.

86. 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.
87. 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

88. 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.
89. 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

90. 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 2023/2024 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

91. The local board will approve its local board agreement in June 2023 and corresponding work programmes in July 2023.
92. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the Governing Body for consideration in its decision-making.
93. 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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