

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

Date: Thursday, 2 May 2024
Time: 1.30pm
Meeting Room: Howick Local Board Meeting Room
Venue: Pakuranga Library Complex
7 Aylesbury Street
Pakuranga

Howick Local Board OPEN AGENDA

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chair will open the meeting and welcome everyone present.

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.

Long-Term Plan 2024/2034: Local Board Consultation Feedback and Input

File No.: CP2024/04696

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Howick Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities, activities and advocacy initiatives for the Howick Local Board Agreement 2024/2025
 - regional topics for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
2. To recommend any local matters or advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body, that they will need to consider or make decisions on in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

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 2024/2025 will be included in the Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
5. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2024 to seek community views on the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034. This included consultation on the Howick Local Board's proposed priorities for 2024/2025 to be included in their local board agreement, and key priorities and advocacy initiatives for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
6. Auckland Council received 27,960 submissions in total across the region and 2,562 submissions from the Howick Local Board area. Submissions were generally supportive of the Board's priorities for both the 2024/2025 financial year and the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.
7. In the Long-term Plan process there are 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 Long-term Plan decision-making process in May/June 2024:
 - any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
 - any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
 - proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
 - release of local board specific reserve funds
 - any other local board advocacy initiatives.
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 Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Howick Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Howick Local Board priorities and activities for 2024/2025 and key advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034.
- b) receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 from people and organisations based in the Howick local board area.
- c) provide input on regional topics in the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body.

Horopaki Context

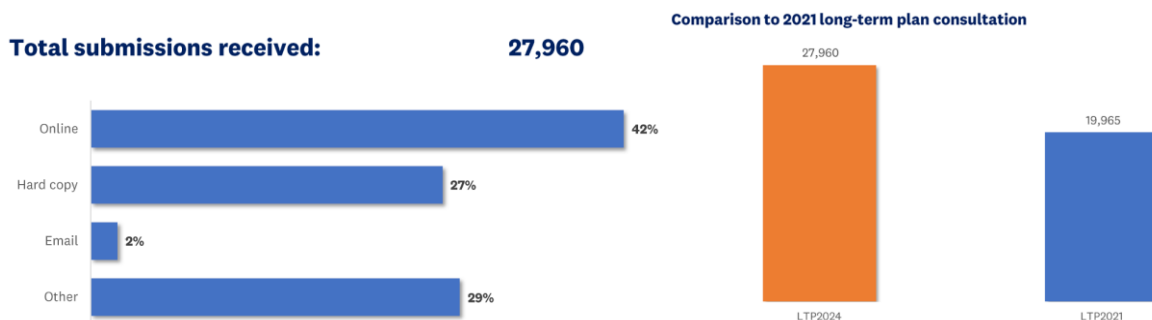
9. Each financial year Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the Howick Local Board) for each local board area. The local board agreement sets out how the Council will reflect priorities in the Howick Local Board Plan 2023 in respect of the local activities to be provided in the local board area, and also includes information relating to budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
10. The local board agreements 2024/2025 will form part of the Auckland Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
11. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2024 to seek community views on the proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034. The consultation content included information on regional proposals to be decided by the Governing Body, and information on the Howick Local Board's proposed priorities for 2024/2025 to be included in their local board agreement, and key local board priorities and advocacy initiatives for 2024-2034.
12. Auckland Council is facing key financial challenges including adapting to economic fluctuations, paying for growth, the rising cost of asset ownership, storm response and resilience and a limited funding system. To address this, strategic choices and direction must be made in the council's proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
13. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to identify and communicate the interests and preferences of people in their local board area in relation to the content of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

14. 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 Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

Consultation feedback overview

15. As part of the public consultation for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 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 27,960 people in the consultation period. 2,562 submissions were received from people in the Howick Local Board area.
17. This feedback was received through:
 - written feedback – 27,960 with 7,549 hard copy and 11,743 online forms, 559 emails and 8,108 others.



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

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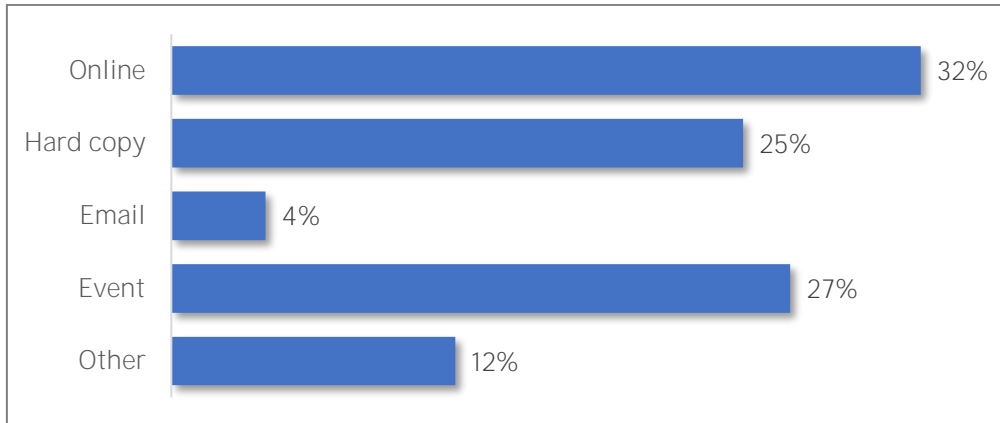
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Male	9,387	49%
Female	9,820	51%
Another gender	124	1%
Total	19,331	100%

AGE	Male	Female	Other	Total	%
< 15	345	318	3	676	4%
15 - 24	925	1,110	33	2,113	12%
25 - 34	1,288	1,223	39	2,604	14%
35 - 44	1,747	1,579	11	3,391	19%
45 - 54	1,478	1,549	6	3,073	17%
55 - 64	1,232	1,317	6	2,577	14%
65 - 74	1,243	1,361	4	2,618	14%
75 +	618	510	4	1,138	6%
Total				18,190	100%

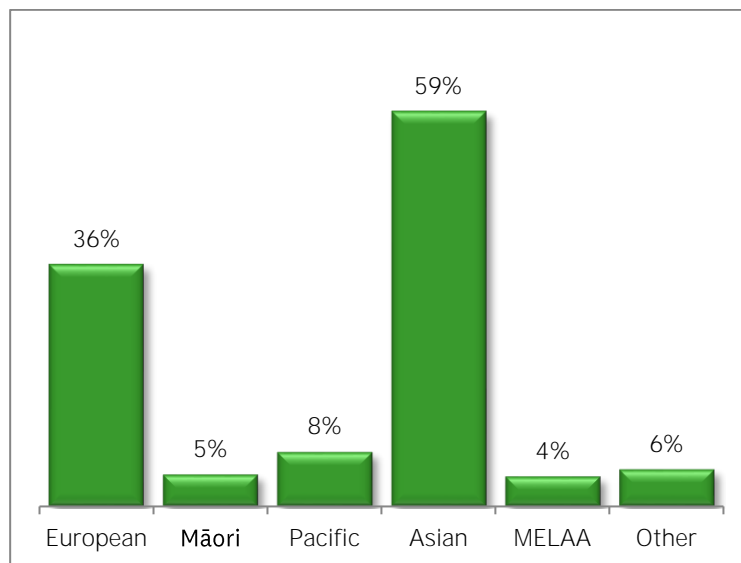
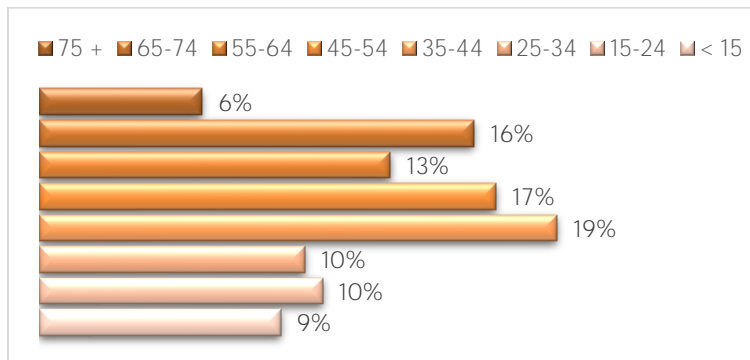
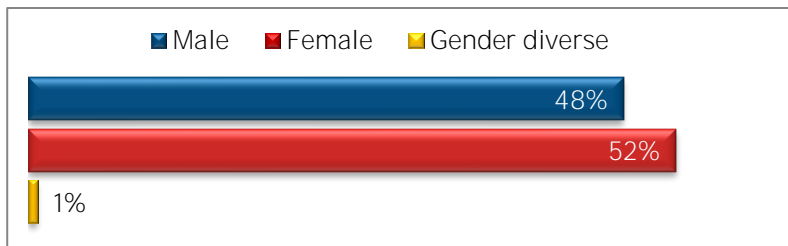
ETHNICITY	#	%
European	8,837	46%
Pākehā/NZ European	8,231	43%
Other European	606	3%
Māori	1,365	7%
Pasifika	3,362	18%
Samoan	2,171	11%
Cook Islands Māori	104	1%
Tongan	694	4%
Other Pasifika	393	2%
Asian	5,990	31%
Chinese	3,371	18%
Indian	1,352	7%
Southeast Asian	551	3%
Korean	582	3%
Other Asian	134	1%
Middle Eastern/Latin/African	356	2%
Other	741	4%
Total	19,105	NA*

18. The feedback from people in the Howick Local Board area was received through:
- written feedback – 828 online forms, 632 hard copy submissions, and 104 emails.
 - in person – 684 pieces of feedback through the Have Your Say events which were held in the Howick Local Board area.
 - 314 others.

Channel	No.	%
Online	828	32%
Hard copy	632	25%
Email	104	4%
Event	684	27%
Other	314	12%
Total	2562	100%



19. For those submitters in the Howick Local Board area who provided demographic information, the graphs below give an overview of the demographic categories they identified with.

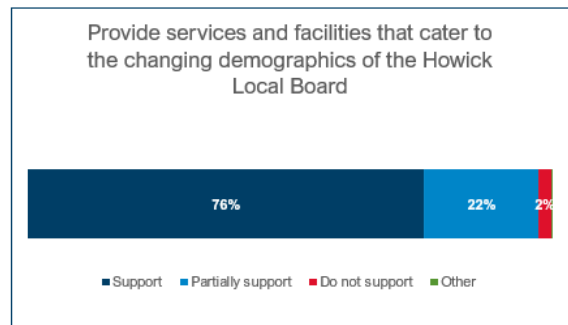
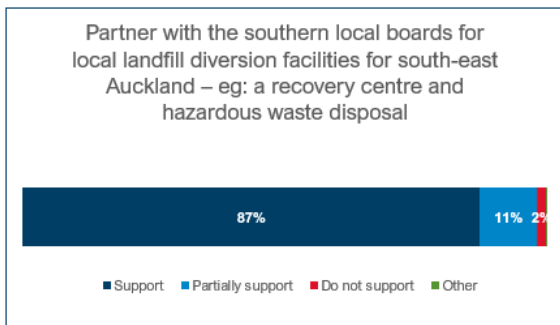
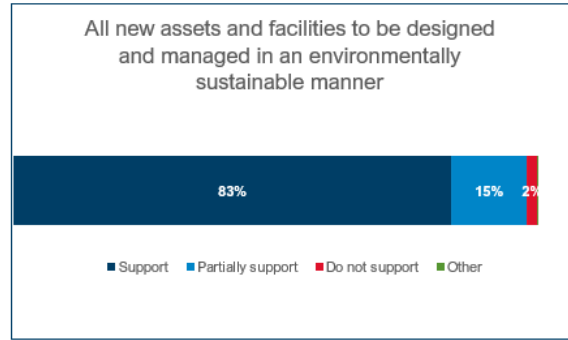
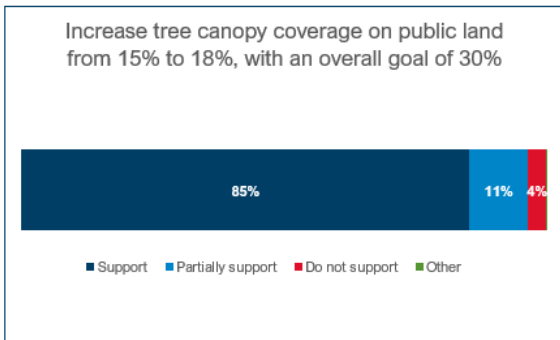
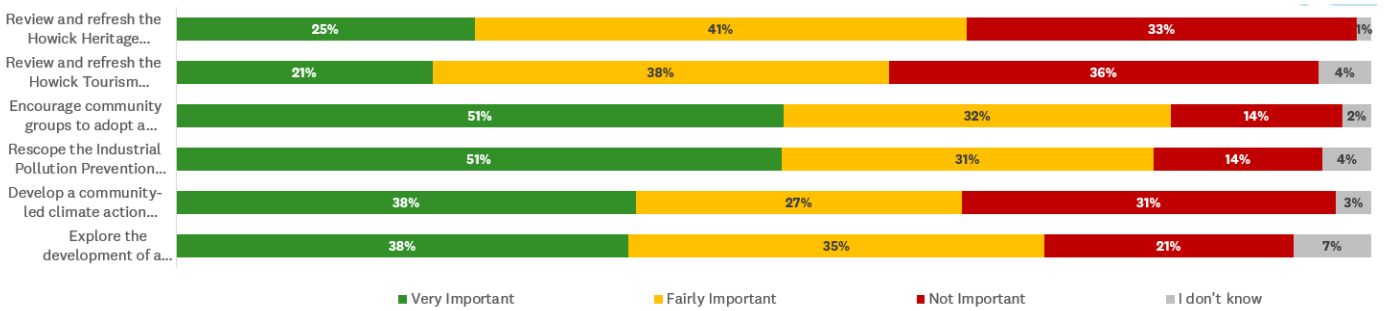
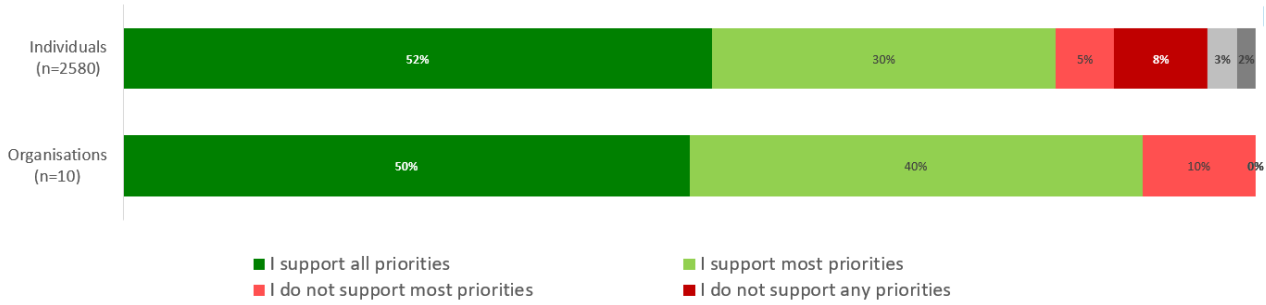


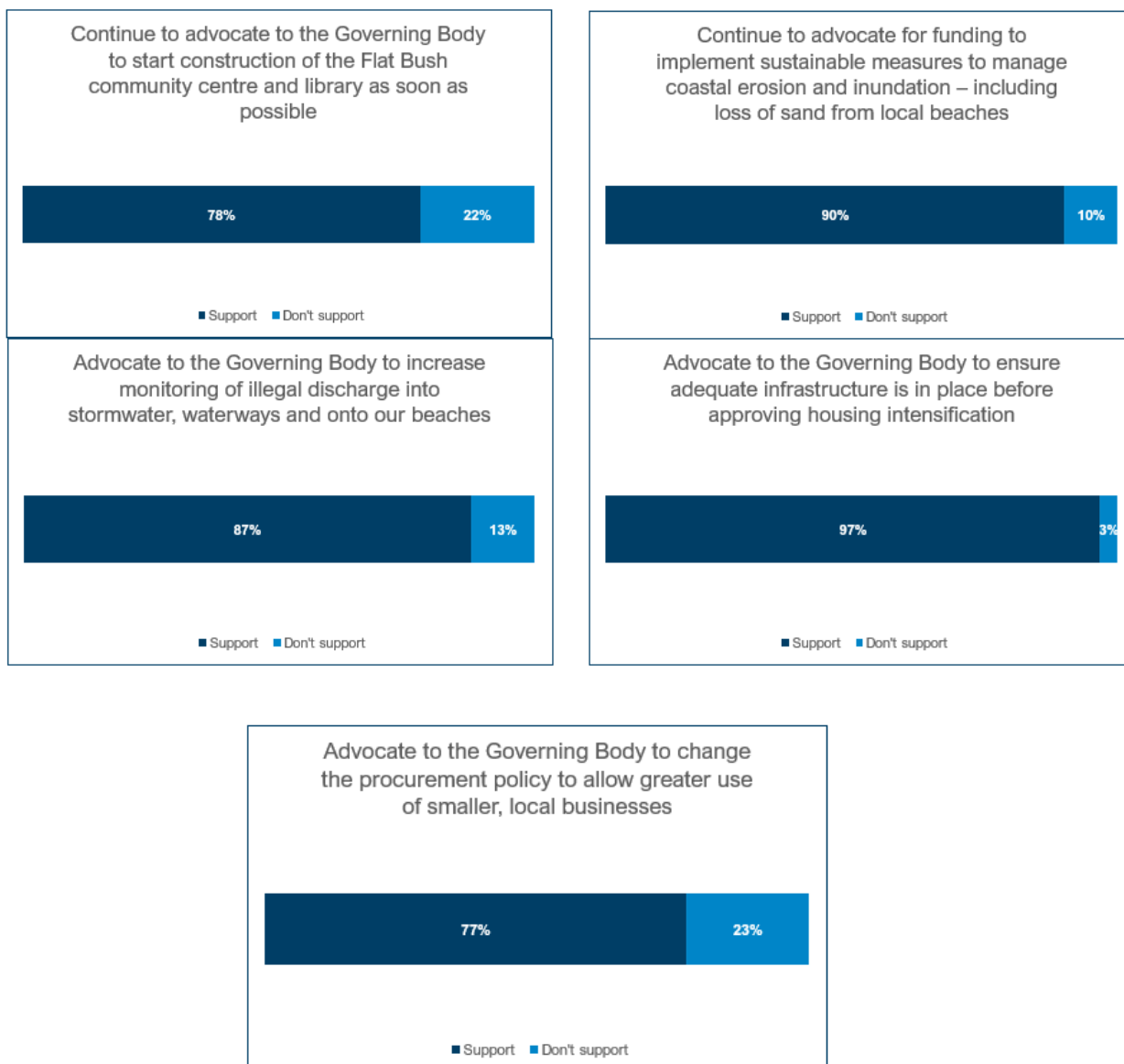
20. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Submissions on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034” and will be accessible after 24 April 2024 through the

following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/submissions-long-term-plan-2024-2034>

Feedback received on the Howick Local Board's priorities for 2024/2025 and the Long-term Plan 2024-2034

21. The Howick Local Board consulted on the following priorities for 2024/2025:
 - Priority 1: Review and refresh the Howick Heritage Plan.
 - Priority 2: Review and refresh the Howick Tourism Plan.
 - Priority 3: Encourage community groups to adopt a reserve, park, or waterway etc, and provide for restoration and maintenance activities with council support.
 - Priority 4: Rescope the Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme.
 - Priority 5: Develop a community-led climate action plan.
 - Priority 6: Explore the development of a Howick Ward 'business collective', or other group.
22. The Howick Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034:
 - Priority 1: Implement the Howick Urban Ngahere action Plan 2021 to increase tree canopy coverage on public land from 15% to 18%, with an overall goal of 30%
 - Priority 2: Partner with the southern local boards for local landfill diversion facilities for south-east Auckland – for example, a recovery centre and hazardous waste disposal.
 - Priority 3: All new assets and facilities to be designed and managed in an environmentally sustainable manner.
 - Priority 4: Provide services and facilities that cater to the changing demographics of the Howick Local Board
23. The Howick Local Board also consulted on the following key advocacy initiatives that sit outside local board decision-making:
 - Initiative 1: Continue to advocate to the governing body to start construction of the Flat Bush community centre and library as soon as possible.
 - Initiative 2: Continue to advocate for funding to implement sustainable measures to manage coastal erosion and inundation – including loss of sand from local beaches.
 - Initiative 3: Advocate to the governing body to increase monitoring of illegal discharge into stormwater, waterways and onto our beaches.
 - Initiative 4: Advocate to the governing body to ensure adequate infrastructure is in place before approving housing intensification.
 - Initiative 5: Advocate to the governing body to change the procurement policy to allow greater use of smaller, local businesses.
24. 1,359 submissions were received on Howick Local Board's priorities for and key advocacy initiatives. The majority of local respondents supported the board's priorities and advocacy initiatives. As shown in the graphs below:





25. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between on 13 June 2024. Local board key advocacy initiatives will be considered in the current report.

Information on submitters

Key themes

26. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written and in-person channels) included:
- A preference for tangible outcomes, rather than on vague strategies and plans.
 - A desire for fiscal responsibility and/or an opposition to rates increases.
 - Support for working with local business, including the establishment of a business collective.
 - No support for working with local business, including the establishment of a business collective.
 - Support for the protection of our natural environment – including the maintenance and preservation of green spaces and walking paths.

- Support for action on climate change.
- No support for environmental initiatives, in particular the community-led climate action plan.
- Support for improvements to infrastructure. This included discontent with current roadworks, particularly around Pakuranga Plaza.
- Support for improvements to public transport in east Auckland.
- An emphasis on sport and recreation, particularly for young people.
- Opposition to, or scepticism of, tourism initiatives in Howick.
- A desire to do more for Flat Bush - or, focus less exclusively on Howick-Pakuranga.
- Advocacy for reinstating a dump station, specifically at Half Moon Bay Marina.

Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Long-term Plan from the Howick Local Board area

27. The proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034 sets out Auckland Council's priorities and how to pay for them. Consultation on the proposed Long-term Plan asked submitters to respond to key questions on the following:
1. Overall direction for Long-term Plan
 2. Transport plan
 3. North Harbour Stadium
 4. Major Investments:
 - a. Creating an Auckland Future Fund using the Auckland International Airport shareholding
 - b. Options relating to the future of Port of Auckland (includes options c. and d.)
 5. Port Land
 6. Changes to other rates, fees and charges.
28. Submitters were also encouraged to give feedback on any of the other matters included in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 consultation document.
29. The submissions received from the Howick 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: Overall direction for Long-term Plan

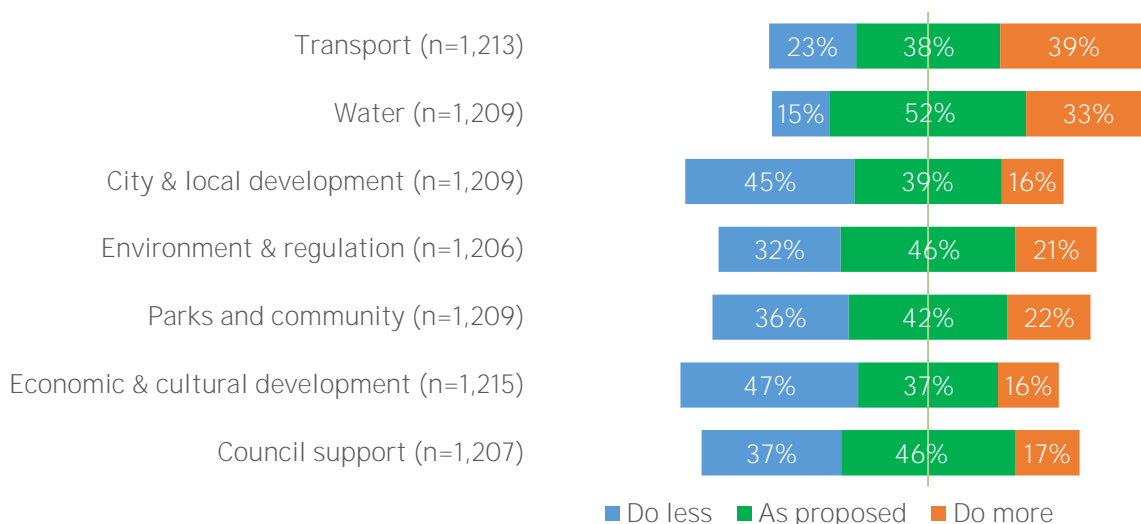
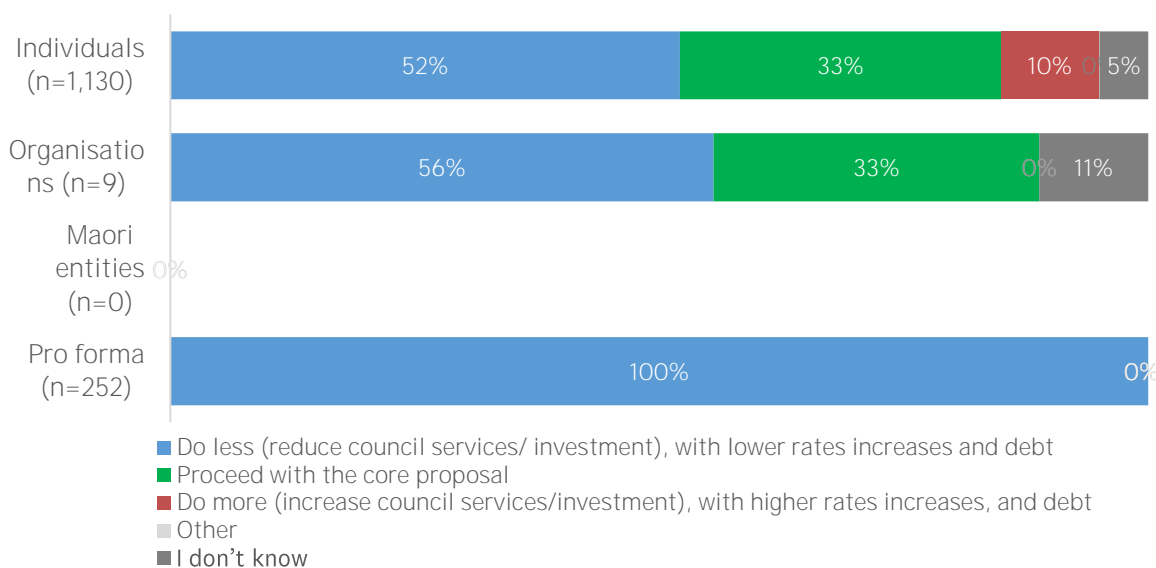
30. Aucklanders were asked about the overall proposed direction for council services and investment over the next ten years. This included the 'central proposal' alongside alternative options of 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less' in seven areas of council-funded service and activities. These seven areas are their associated options are described in detail in the consultation document available at [Auckland Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation Document](#) from pages 22-27 and included:
- **Transport** - Roads, public transport and safety improvements across the transport network
 - **Water** - Managing stormwater to minimise flooding and protect waterways
 - **City and local development** - Delivering urban regeneration and lead development of the city centre
 - **Environment and regulation** - Protecting and restoring the natural environment

- **Parks and community** - A wide range of arts, sports, recreation, library and community services including a fair level of funding for local boards (see section on fairer funding for local boards below)
 - **Economic and cultural development** - Major events funding and economic development
 - **Council support** - Supporting the delivery of services, enabling effective governance, emergency management and grants to regional amenities.
31. The central proposal would see annual rates increases for the average value residential property set at 7.5 per cent in year one, 3.5 per cent in year two, 8.0 per cent in year three and no more than 3.5 per cent for the years after that. Over the 10-year period 2024-2034, the central proposal would provide for a capital investment programme of \$39.3 billion and \$72.0 billion of operational spending.
32. The central proposal, and alternative options of 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less' scenarios are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - The central proposal and the 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less' scenarios

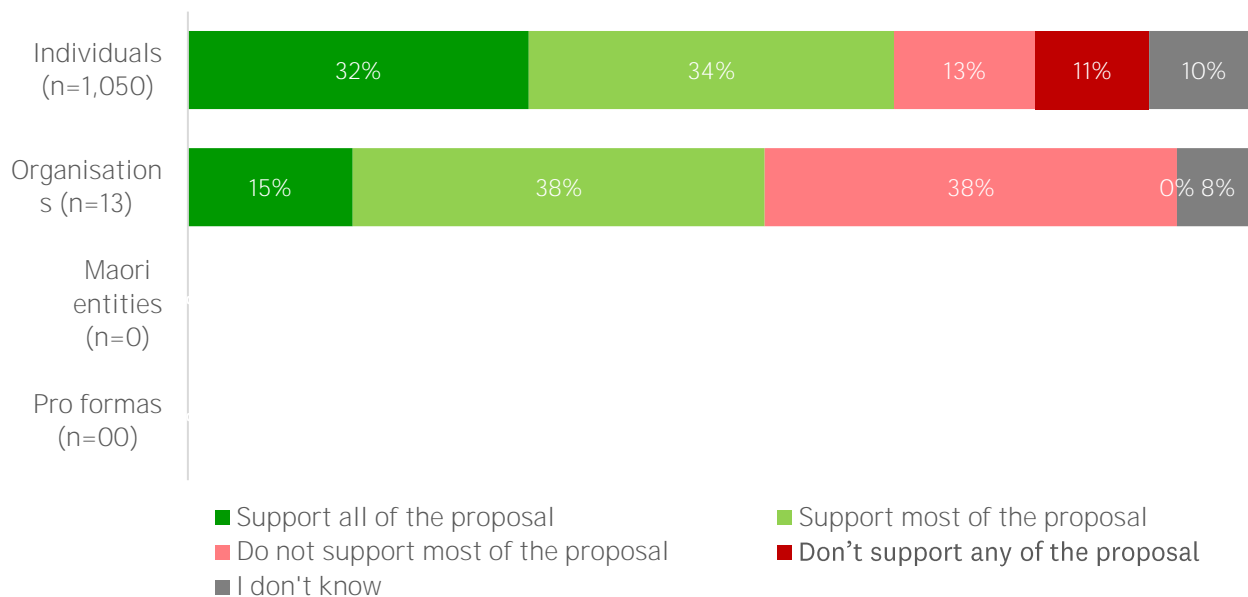
Annual rates increase for average value resident property	Pay less and get less	Central proposal	Pay more and get more
Year 1	5.5 per cent	7.5 per cent	14 per cent
Year 2	3.5 per cent	3.5 per cent	10 per cent
Year 3	3.5 per cent	8.0 per cent	10 per cent
Later years	No more than 1 per cent above CPI inflation thereafter	No more than 3.5 per cent for the years after that	5 per cent for the years after that
CAPEX	\$33.5b	\$39.3b	\$52.0b
OPEX	\$69.2b	\$72.0b	\$76.5b

33. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



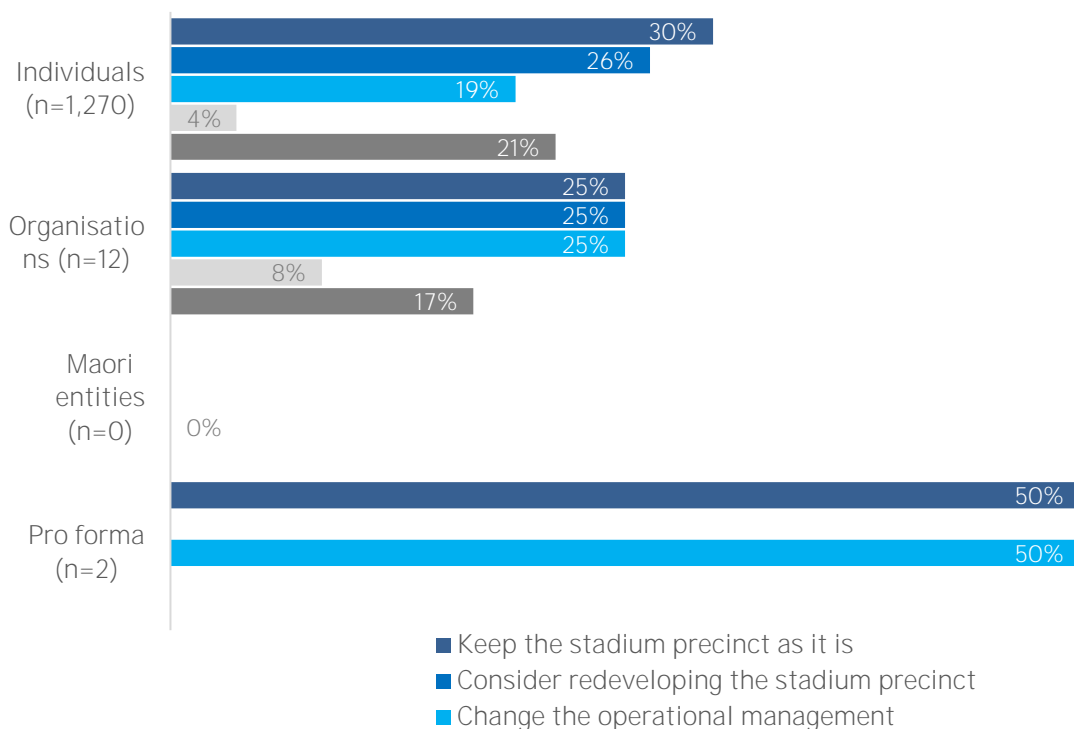
Key Question 2: Transport Plan

34. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on a proposal to work with government to make progress toward an integrated transport plan for Auckland with a proposed total capital spend of \$13.4 billion for Auckland Transport over 10 years.
35. This would include:
 - making public transport faster, more reliable and easier to use by investing in rapid transit network actions, such as making it easier to pay, including introducing capped weekly public transport passes
 - network optimisation, reducing temporary traffic management requirements and introducing dynamic lanes
 - stopping some initiatives previously planned such as some raised pedestrian crossings and cycleways.
36. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



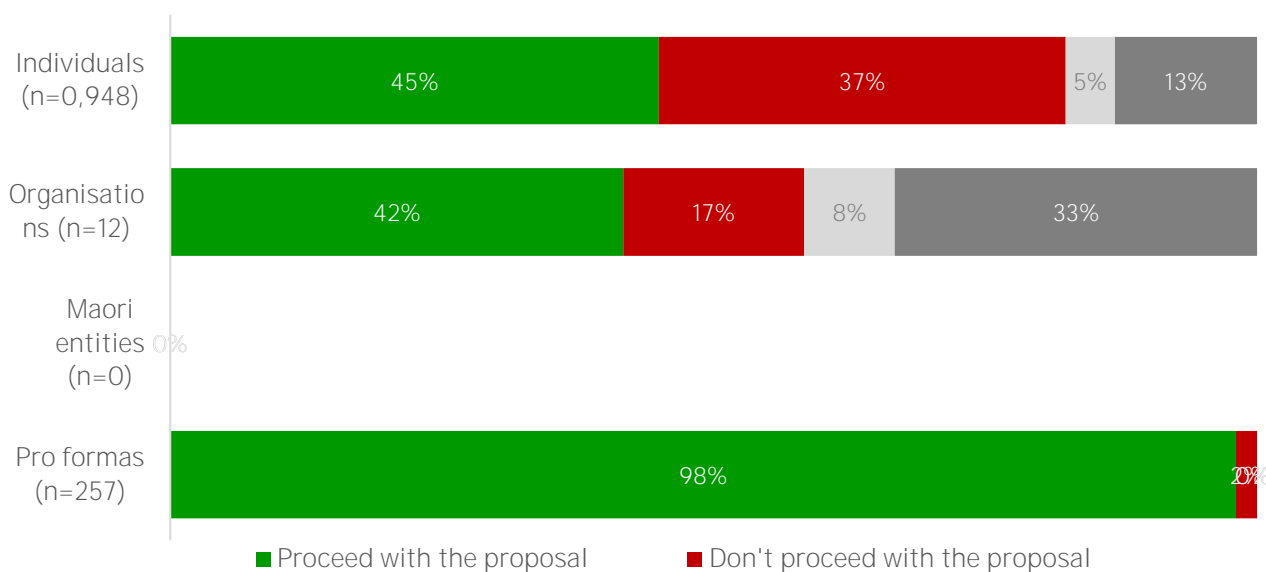
Key Question 3: North Harbour Stadium

37. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on options for the future of North Harbour Stadium precinct. The options set out were:
1. to keep the stadium precinct as it is now, and maintain it at a cost of \$33 million over 10 years
 2. redevelop the stadium precinct funded through reallocation of this \$33 million, the sale of some stadium precinct land while retaining the existing community playing fields and any other external funding available
 3. change the operational management of the stadium to ensure greater use by the community (noting that this option could be considered in addition to either option 1 or 2).
38. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



Key Question 4a: Major Investments: Auckland Future Fund and Auckland International Airport Limited shares

- 39. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on a proposal to establish a diversified investment fund for Auckland (the Auckland Future Fund) in order to spread the risk of council’s investments over a range of different assets in different locations. The proposal includes the transfer of council’s shareholding of just over 11 per cent in Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) to the fund to enable the subsequent sale of any or all the shares by the fund manager.
- 40. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



Key Question 4b: Major Investments: Port of Auckland

- 41. Aucklanders were also asked for their feedback on options for the future of Port of Auckland. The two options identified were:

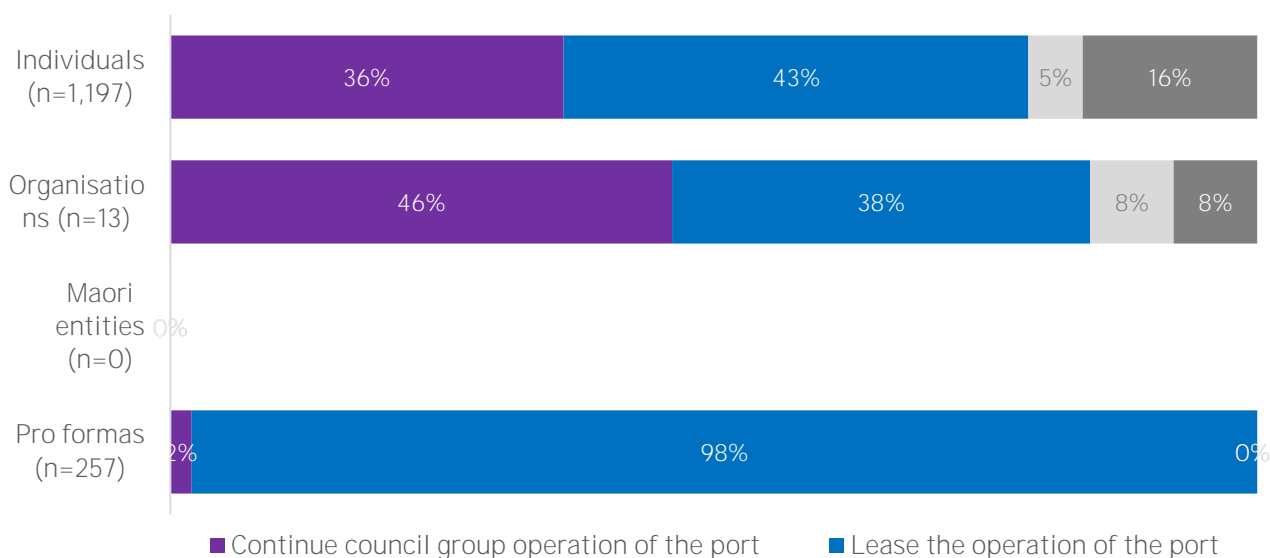
1. retain underlying ownership of the port land and wharves, and lease the operation of the port for a period of about 35 years with the upfront payment from the lease invested in the proposed Auckland Future Fund.
2. retain underlying ownership of the port land and wharves with the Port of Auckland Limited continuing to operate the port and implement their plan to deliver improved profitability and dividends.

Key Question 4c: Major Investments: Port of Auckland

42. It was noted that if the council group continues to operate the port through Port of Auckland Limited, it could continue to use the profits and dividends from the port to fund council services, or it could invest the profits and dividends in the proposed Auckland Future Fund.

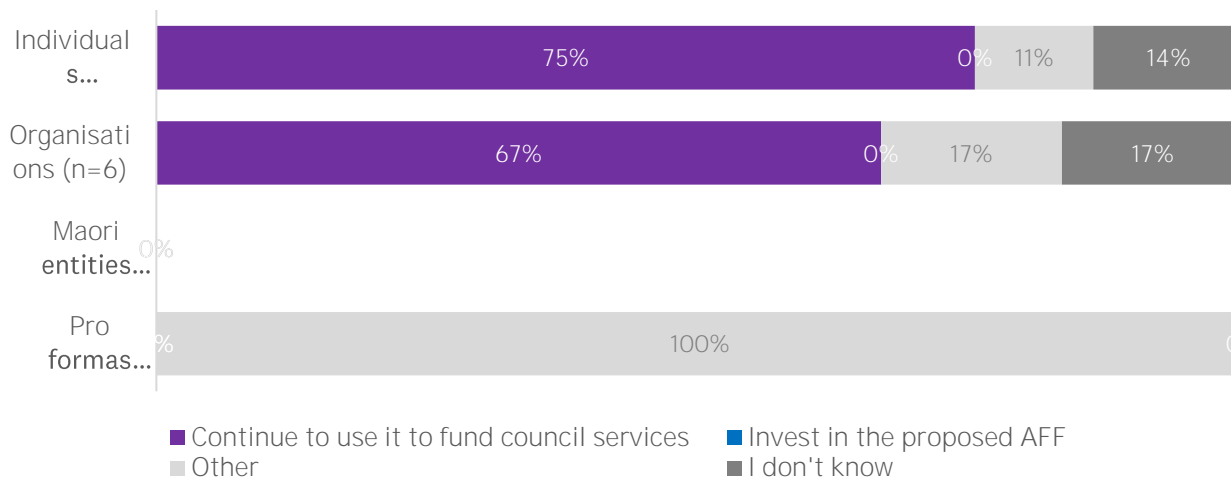
Key Question 4d: Major Investments: Port of Auckland

43. People were also encouraged to give feedback on other aspects of the proposal, including in relation to self-insurance, and implementation options for the proposed Auckland Future Fund and possible changes to the council’s shareholding in Port of Auckland Limited and to the ownership of the Port Land.
44. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



Key Question 5: Port Land

45. Aucklanders were asked for their feedback on a proposal whereby some land and wharves currently used for port operations could be transferred to Auckland Council and used for something else that provides public benefit. This could include the creation of some new public spaces and/or new waterfront residential or commercial developments.
46. Captain Cook and Marsden wharves could be transferred to council within 2-5 years provided that resource consent can be obtained for work at the Bledisloe Terminal. These works are required to allow some port operations to be moved and would cost around \$110 million, but otherwise there would be no significant impact on the operations or value of the port.
47. The Bledisloe Terminal site could be freed up and transferred to council for use in another way within 15 years. However, this would significantly reduce the scale of port operations in Auckland with many shipments needing to be transported into the Auckland by truck or rail. It would also lower the value of the proposed port lease by an estimated \$300m or reduce the future profits and dividends the council earns from the port.
48. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



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

49. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on proposed changes to business rates, targeted rates and charges as set out below.

Waste management rates changes

50. Auckland Council is proposing to continue the planned roll out of rates funded refuse collections to the North Shore, Waitākere and Papakura in 2024/2025, and Franklin and Rodney in 2025/2026 replacing the current pay as you throw service, and consequent rates change. During the rollout it is proposed the refuse targeted rate will be applied to properties in these areas based on the approximate number of months the rates funded service is available to them.

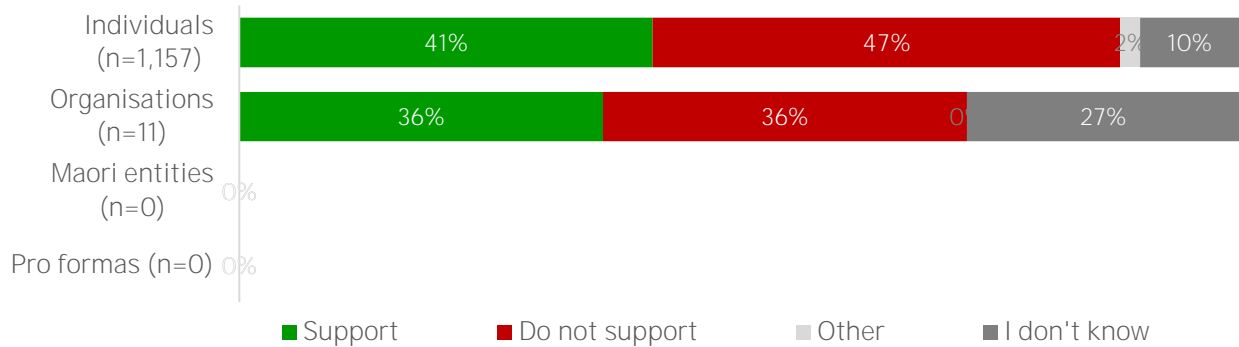
51. It is also proposed to adjust the Waste Management Targeted Rates in 2024/2025 to maintain cost recovery levels and to re-introduce recycling charges for schools.

Changes to other rates, fees and charges

52. Other proposed changes to rates and fees and charges included in the consultation document for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 include:

- Resuming the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and extend it to 2034/2035 to continue to invest in the protection of native ecosystems and species
- Resuming the full Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) and extend it to 2034/2035 at a level that only covers the annual programme operating and interest costs. This ensures water quality improvements in harbours and streams across the region can be funded but at a lower amount for next year than previously planned
- Broadening the description of bus services funded by the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) to reduce the need to consult each year for minor changes to the bus programme
- Discontinue the Long-Term Differential Strategy which gradually lowers the share of general rates paid by businesses and raises the share paid by other ratepayers, and raise the share of the NETR, WQTR and CATTR paid by businesses to align to the share of general rates paid by businesses
- Changing the Rodney Drainage Districts Targeted Rate to reflect public feedback and updated analysis of the benefits to properties and boundaries
- Increasing the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Targeted Rate from \$296.75 to \$336.80 (per year) for the 2024/2025, 2025/2026, and 2026/2027 years to maintain cost recovery in the three-year contract cycle, and avoid an annual subsidy of around \$117,000 from general rates.

53. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



54. In addition to most other fees and charges which will be adjusted in line with inflation, there are also specific changes to the fees outlined below.:
- new fees to recover the cost of processing new requirements under the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022
 - increased deposit levels for a number of consenting fees
 - an increase to film-permitting fees to adjust for cumulative inflation since 2015. It is also proposed that this fee is adjusted for inflation yearly
 - adjusted fees for all services provided from pool and leisure centres to ensure an appropriate level of cost recovery
 - baseline fees across similar venue hire and bookable spaces so that they are charged appropriately. This includes community halls, community centres, art centres and bookable library spaces.

Other matters for feedback

55. The following proposals were also included in the consultation in the Long-term Plan:

Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2024/2025

56. Aucklanders were asked to feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2024/2025 which sets out a framework in which the council must carry out the routine management of 14 Tūpuna Maunga.

Fairer funding for Local Boards (Local Board Funding Policy)

57. Auckland Council is proposing to shift to a fairer funding model, where some local boards will receive additional funding to deliver for their communities. Other local boards, where there is a disparity of funding, would need to make changes in their priorities to manage within a reduced budget. The proposal is to address local board funding equity through the first three years of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
58. The central proposal is to achieve this through a 50/50 combination approach, i.e., reallocating some existing funding between local boards and providing some new funding (\$20 million opex and \$30 million capex) over the first three years of the LTP 2024-2034.
59. As the extent of funding disparity between local boards is significant, and the council's capacity for new funding is limited, the proposal is for 18 local boards to be within 5 per cent of their equitable funding levels (opex and capex) by year three of the LTP 2024-2034. Of the 21 local boards, three local boards will remain funded above their equitable levels but to a lesser degree than current levels.
60. A fixed funding allocation is proposed for Aotea/Great Barrier and Waiheke Island Local Boards, who will be allocated 1 per cent and 2 per cent of the available funding respectively, given their smaller population sizes.

61. These changes would require an amendment to the Local Board Funding Policy.
62. In addition to the central proposal being put forward, there are also scenarios to 'pay more, get more' and 'pay less, get less'. Under the 'pay more, get more' scenario no reallocation among local boards would be required. A funding uplift would be provided to get all local boards to their equitable funding levels. To achieve full equity under this option, close to \$900 million would be required in additional operating funding and about \$1 billion in capital funding over 10-years.
63. To achieve local board funding equity under the 'pay less, get less' scenario, where no additional funding would be available, a significant reallocation would be required from local boards that are currently funded above their equitable level of funding to boards who receive lesser funding. Local boards that could lose funding may not be able to deliver projects previously agreed, asset renewals or services without increasing fees, imposing local targeted rates or rationalising assets.
64. There were 2 submissions from the Howick Local Board area which referenced fairer funding. Opinion was divided, with one submitter supporting the newer funding model – citing past funding inequities. The other response supported retaining the current funding model.

Any other feedback

65. Aucklanders were asked if they had any other comments. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:
 - A desire for fiscal responsibility and/or an opposition to rates increases.
 - Support for improvements to infrastructure. This included discontent with current roadworks, particularly around Pakuranga Plaza. Specific ideas that came up included a second Waitemata Harbour crossing, and a ferry service from Half Moon Bay to St Heliers.
 - A belief that Council needs to be scaled back to only its “core” functions.
 - Opposition to housing intensification.
 - Opposition to bin removals.
 - A desire to do more for Flat Bush - in particular, support for the Flat Bush Library and Community Centre.
 - Support for reverting to the pre-2010 legacy Councils – so, doing away with the Super City.

Recommendations on local matters

66. This report allows the local board to recommend local matters to the Governing Body for consideration as part of the Long-term Plan process, in May 2024. This includes:
 - any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
 - any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
 - proposed locally driven initiative capital projects outside local boards' decision-making responsibility
 - release of local board specific reserve funds
 - local advocacy initiatives.

Local targeted rate and business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals

67. Local boards are required to endorse any new or amended locally targeted rate proposals or business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals in their local board area. Note

that these proposals must have been consulted on before they can be implemented. This does not apply to the Howick Local Board for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Funding for Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI)

68. Local boards are allocated funding for local driven initiatives (LDI) annually, to spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities. Local boards have decision-making over the LDI funds but need approval from the Governing Body where:
- the release of local board specific reserve funds is requested, which are being held by the council for a specific purpose
 - a LDI capital project exceeds \$1 million.

These conditions do not apply to the Howick Local Board for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Local board advocacy

69. Local boards can also agree advocacy initiatives which considers the consultation feedback above. This allows the Governing Body to consider these advocacy items when making decisions on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 in May.
70. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will then be included as an appendix to the 2024/2025 Local Board Agreement

Local board input on regional topics in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034

71. 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 council's proposed Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
72. Local board plans reflect community priorities and preferences and are key documents that guide the development of local board agreements (LBAs), local board annual work programmes, and local board input into regional plans such as the Long-term Plan.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

73. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next 10 years.
74. Projects allocated funding through this Long-term Plan 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 council's rigorous reporting requirements.

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

75. The Long-term Plan 2024-2034 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

76. 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.

77. Local boards play an important role in the development of the council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034. Local board agreements form part of the Long-term Plan. Local board chairs have also attended Budget Committee workshops on the Long-term Plan.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

78. Many local board decisions are of importance to and impact Māori. Local board agreements and the Long-term Plan are important tools that enable and can demonstrate the council's responsiveness to Māori Outcomes.
79. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
80. There is a need to continue to build relationships between local boards and iwi, and the wider Māori community. Ongoing conversations enable local boards and Māori to understand each other's priorities and areas of mutual interest. Ongoing relationships influence and encourage Māori participation in council's decision-making processes.
81. Some projects approved for funding could have discernible impacts on Māori. For any project or programme progressed by Auckland Council, the potential impacts on Māori, will be assessed as part of relevant reporting requirements.
82. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Long-term Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, mataawaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
83. Ngā Mātārae led the council-wide approach to engagement with Māori entities. This included:
- Two information sessions for mana whenua
 - One information session for mataawaka organisations
 - Two submission workshops (to provide help with developing submissions)
 - A hearing style event for mana whenua, Māori organisations and community groups.
84. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Long-term Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, mataawaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
85. This information will be completed in the last tranche of the regional analysis and made publicly available with the remaining feedback on the Auckland Council webpage called "Submissions on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034" and will be accessible after 24 April 2024 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2024-2034-consultation-feedback>
86. The Howick Local Board engaged locally with Māori.
- Ahead of the consultation period, council facilitated pre-consultation engagements at Waitangi Day events at Manukau and Hoani Waititi Marae to raise awareness of the Long-Term Plan and facilitate Māori engagement on the document.
 - Before and during the consultation period, a series of online workshops were held with mana whenua and mataawaka groups to support their engagement and submission.
 - A specific 'Have your say' event was held at Auckland Council Chambers for mana whenua and mataawaka to present in person or online on 21 March 2024. There were 12 presentations from mana whenua and mataawaka groups at the event.
87. Māori comprise 5.7% of the population in the Howick Local Board area. 94 submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Howick Local Board area. This represents 5% of total submissions.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

88. The local board provides input to regional plans and proposals. There is information in the council's consultation material for each plan or proposal with the financial implications of each option outlined for consideration.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

89. The council must adopt its Long-term Plan, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2024. The local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Long-term Plan by mid May 2024, to enable and support the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the Long-term Plan on 16 May 2024.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

90. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the relevant Governing Body committee for consideration as part of decision-making for the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
91. The local board will approve its local content for inclusion in the final Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (including its local board agreement) and corresponding work programmes in June 2024.
92. The final Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 27 June 2024.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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Howick Local Board direction on Early Childhood Education (ECE) service (Covering report)

File No.: CP2024/05087

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To request urgent direction from the Howick Local Board following completion of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the board's ECE centre.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. This is a late covering report for the above item. The comprehensive agenda report was not available when the agenda went to print and will be provided prior to the 02 May 2024 Howick Local Board meeting.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendation/s

The recommendations will be provided in the comprehensive agenda report.

