

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

Date: Tuesday, 29 April 2025
Time: 9:30am
Meeting Room: The Leslie Comrie Board Room
Venue: Level One Franklin: The Centre
12 Massey Ave
Pukekohe
and via Microsoft Teams videoconference

Franklin Local Board

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

The meeting will open with karakia and the Chair will 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.

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

That the Franklin Local Board:

whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 22 April 2025 as true and correct.

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 Franklin 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 three 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.”

Annual Plan 2025-2026: Franklin Local Board consultation feedback and input

File No.: CP2025/07292

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Franklin Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities, activities and advocacy initiatives for the Franklin Local Board Agreement 2025/2026
 - regional topics for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
2. To recommend any local matters or advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body for consideration or decision-making as part of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

4. Local board agreements outline annual funding priorities, activities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and initiatives for each local board area. The 2025/2026 local board agreements will be included in the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
5. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2025 to gather community feedback on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026. This included consultation on the Franklin Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key priorities and advocacy initiatives for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. Auckland Council received 13,016 submissions in total across the region and 667 submissions from the Franklin Local Board area.
7. Of the submitters from the Franklin Local Board area:
 - 59 percent support all or most of the Franklin Local Board priorities for 25/26
 - 61 percent support all or most of the overall plan
 - 55 percent support the bed night visitor levy proposal
 - 49 percent support the waste management proposal.
8. As part of the Annual Plan process, 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 matters during the Annual Plan decision-making process in May and June 2025, including:
 - any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
 - any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
 - the release of local board specific reserve funds
 - any other local board advocacy initiatives.
9. 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 Annual Plan 2025/2026.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Franklin Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Franklin Local Board priorities and activities for 2025/2026
- b) receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 from people and organisations based in the Franklin Local Board area
- c) provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 and key advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body, as summarised in Attachment A.

Horopaki Context

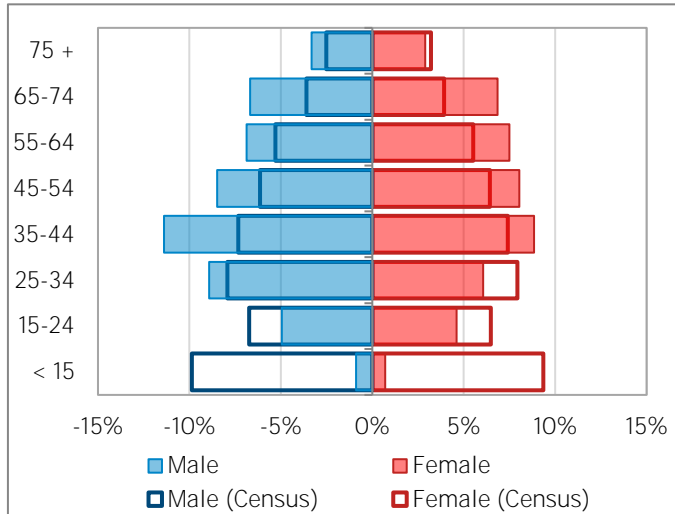
10. Each financial year Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the relevant local board) for each local board area. The local board agreement outlines how the Council will reflect priorities of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 in respect of the local activities to be provided in the local board area, and also includes information on budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
11. The Local Board Agreements 2025/2026 will form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
12. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2025 to seek community feedback on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026. The consultation content included information on regional proposals to be decided by the Governing Body, and information on the Franklin Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key local board priorities and advocacy initiatives for 2025/2026.
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 Annual Plan 2025/2026.

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 Annual Plan 2025/2026.

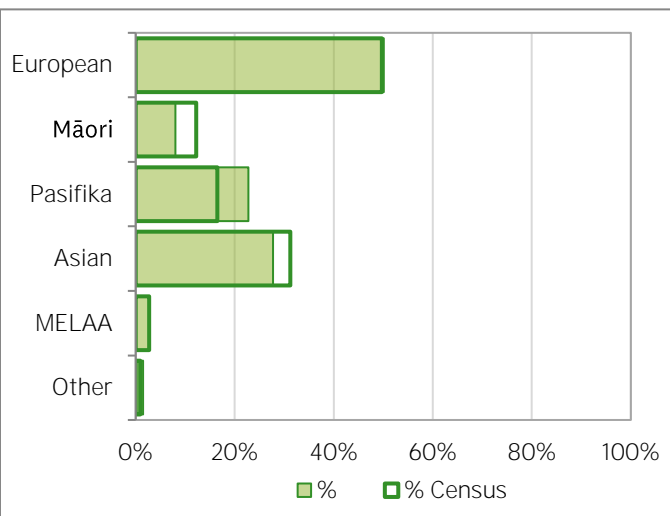
Consultation feedback overview

15. As part of the public consultation for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 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 13,016 individuals and organisations in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
 - written feedback – 10,011 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
 - in person – 3,001 pieces of feedback through 89 Have Your Say events (four which were held in the Franklin Local Board area), and 4 online audio only feedback forms.
17. The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic categories people across Auckland identified in comparison with census data. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.



	Male	Female	Another gender	Total	% of feedback
Under 15	77	61	0	190	2%
15-24	432	402	15	873	10%
25-34	779	528	13	1355	16%
	994	772	4	1814	21%
	740	702	3	1468	17%
	600	654	1	1278	15%
65-74	583	597	1	1199	14%
75+	289	252	1	547	6%
Total	4494	3968	38	8724	100%

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18. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called

Ethnicity	#	%
European	4680	50%
Pākehā/NZ European	4355	47%
Other European	325	3%
	746	8%
	2127	23%
Samoan	919	10%
Cook Islands Māori	115	1%
Tongan	469	5%
Other Pasifika	624	7%
Asian	2588	28%
Chinese	1373	15%
Indian	688	7%
Southeast Asian	309	3%
Korean	108	1%
Other Asian	110	1%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin	255	3%
Other	140	1%
Total	9341	113%

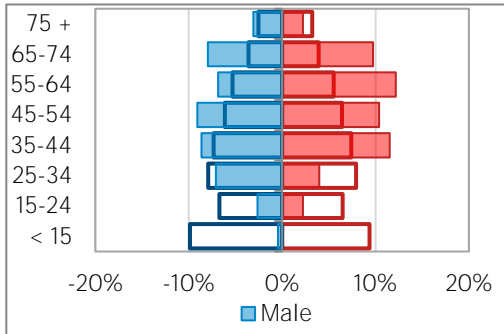
“Feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026” and will be accessible after 22 April 2025 through the following link:

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026/feedback-annual-plan-2025-2026>

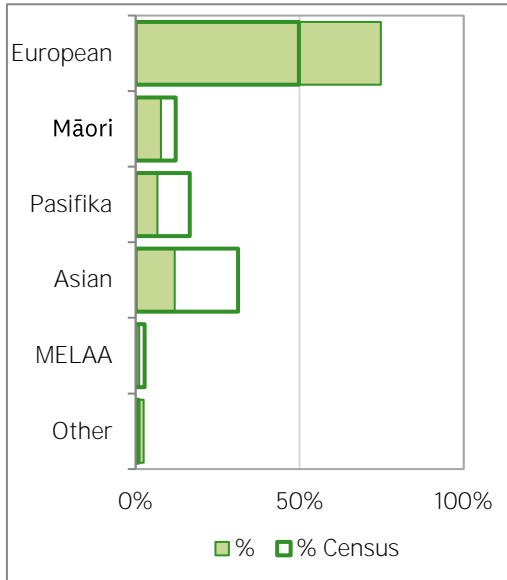
19. During the consultation period, the question “What do you think of our proposals for our local board area in 2025/2026?” was discovered to be missing from the online feedback form, affecting 155 submissions for Franklin Local Board (around 2,412 submissions in total across Auckland). The issue was later corrected, and affected submitters were contacted with a link to provide feedback on this question before the consultation closed on 28 March. Of the affected submissions, 78 submitters responded to the missing question (894 in total across Auckland). A review was conducted and identified human error as the cause, and steps have been taken to prevent similar issues in the future.

Feedback received on the Franklin Local Board’s priorities for 2025/2026 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026

20. A total of 667 submissions were received from individuals and organisations from the Franklin Local Board area.
21. A summary of demographic information provided by submitters who responded to the demographic questions, from within the Franklin Local Board area is given below:



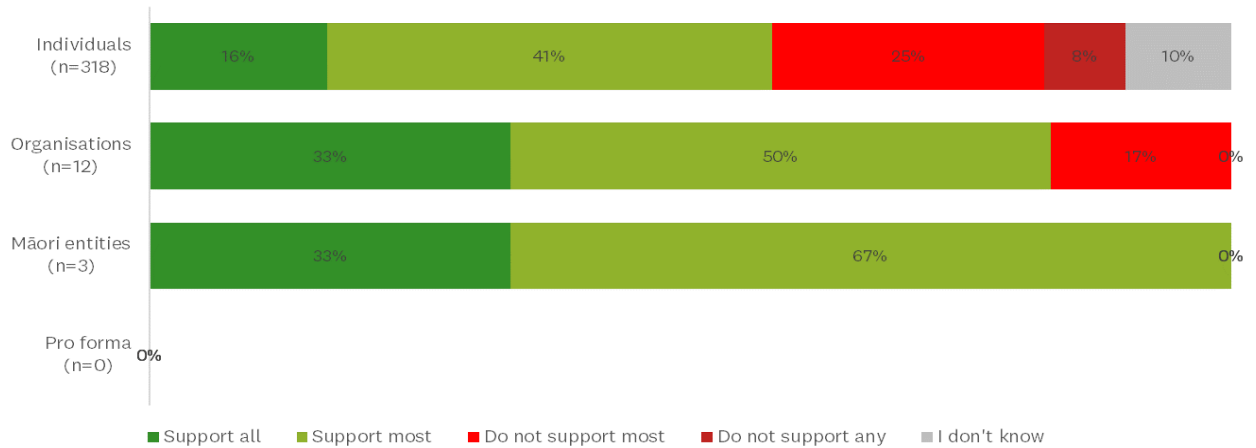
Age	Male	Female	Another gender	Total	% of feedback
Under 15	2	0	0	2	0%
15-24	12	10	1	25	6%
25-34	32	18	0	50	11%
35-44	39	52	1	93	21%
45-54	41	47	0	88	19%
55-64	31	55	0	88	19%
65-74	36	44	0	80	18%
75+	14	10	0	26	6%
Total	207	236	2	452	100%



Ethnicity	#	%
European	338	75%
Pākehā/NZ European	316	70%
Other European	22	5%
Samoan	35	8%
Cook Islands Māori	30	7%
Tongan	13	3%
Other Pasifika	0	0%
Asian	54	12%
Chinese	23	5%
Indian	21	5%
Southeast Asian	7	2%
Korean	0	0%
Other Asian	3	1%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin	5	1%
Other	11	2%
Total	452	105%

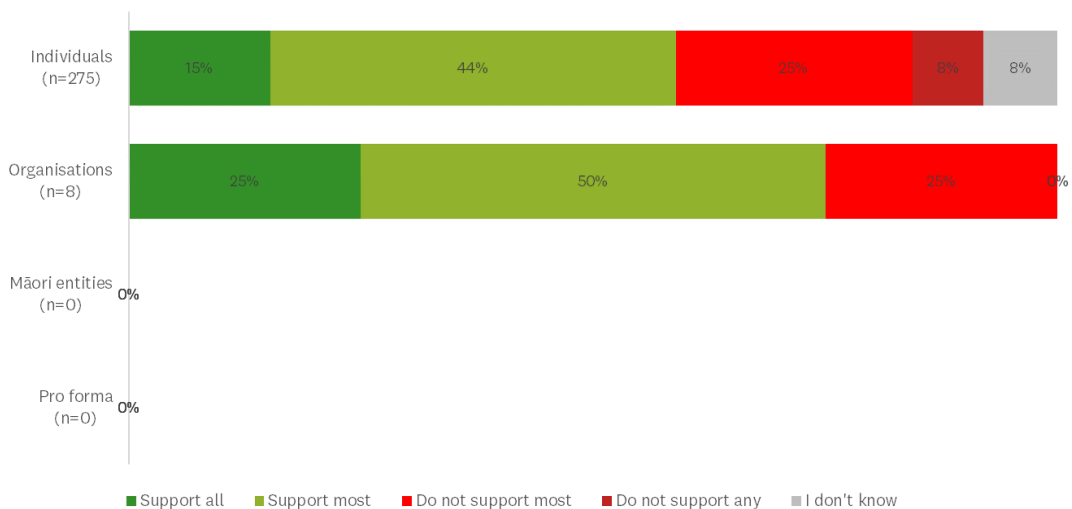
22. The Franklin Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:
- Priority 1: Delivery of Auckland Council Community Hub Services (library, arts, and customer services) in Beachlands and Clevedon
 - Priority 2: Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay
 - Priority 3: Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre
 - Priority 4: Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes
 - Priority 5: Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Plan
 - Priority 6: Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.
23. Overall 333 submissions were received on Franklin Local Board’s priorities, including from submitters from outside the local board area. The majority of respondents support all (16 percent) or most (41 percent) of the local priorities:

Overall (Franklin + Outside Local Board)	Count				
	Support all	Support most	Do not support most	Do not support any	I don't know
Individuals(n=318)	52	131	80	24	31
Organisations(n=12)	4	6	2	0	0
Māori entities(n=3)	1	2	0	0	0
Pro forma(n=0)	0	0	0	0	0



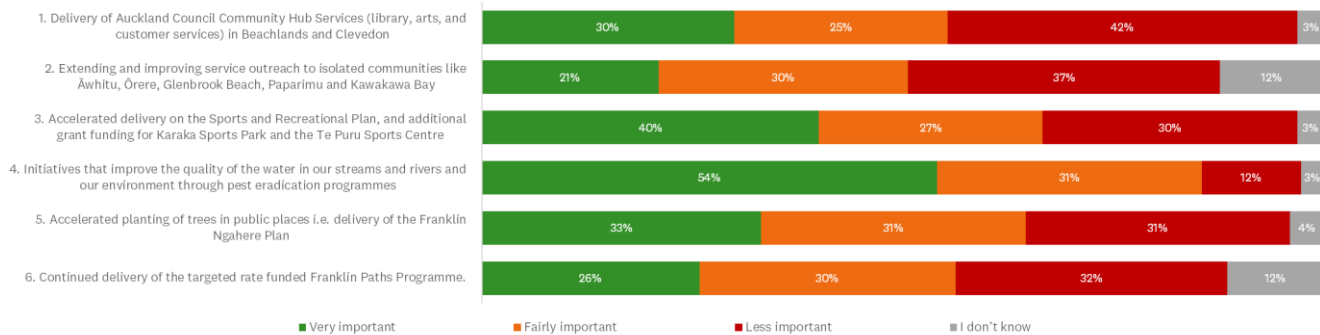
24. Overall 283 responses were received on the Franklin Local Board’s priorities from submitters from within Franklin. The majority of respondents support all (15 percent) or most (44 percent) of the local priorities:

Franklin	Count				
	Support all	Support most	Do not support most	Do not support any	I don't know
Individuals(n=275)	42	120	70	21	22
Organisations(n=8)	2	4	2	0	0
Māori entities(n=0)	0	0	0	0	0
Pro forma(n=0)	0	0	0	0	0



25. Submitters were asked to give feedback on the importance of each priority. 414 individual submitters from Franklin responded to this question. A summary of feedback is in the tables and graphs below:

Franklin						
Category	Count				TOTAL	
INDIVIDUALS (Franklin)	Very important	Fairly important	Less important	I don't know		
1. Delivery of Auckland Council Community Hub Services (library, arts, and customer services) in Beachlands and Clevedon	124	105	172	13	414	
2. Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay	85	120	150	50	405	
3. Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre	164	109	124	13	410	
4. Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes	220	128	48	11	407	
5. Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan	132	125	125	16	398	
6. Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.	101	119	126	45	391	



Key themes

26. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written and in-person channels) included:

- a high volume of comments on the proposal to establish Community Hub services in Beachlands and Clevedon (see the section below for summary of feedback relating to Beachlands)
- very limited feedback, with mixed support for outreach programmes in isolated areas
- support for funding for Te Puru Community Centre and Karaka Sport Park
- support for environmental focussed initiatives such water quality and pest management initiatives
- mixed support for the programme, with suggestions this should be community led, the need for more maintenance, issues with on street planting, species of trees, no requirement for acceleration, plant as funding allows.
- mixed feedback on the paths programme, including some suggestions for additional projects (detailed further below).

Summary of themes relating to the Beachlands Community Hub proposal

27. Key themes from feedback regarding the proposal to establish a Community Hub at the Beachlands Memorial Hall in Beachlands include:
- in principle support for the idea of a community hub, but not the current proposal
 - concerns about the relocation of the Beachlands Rural Library
 - inadequacy of the Beachlands Memorial Hall as a location for a community hub
 - alternative suggestions for community space development
 - need for a dedicated arts space
 - suggestions for youth space
 - existing community groups are not displaced without viable alternatives
 - rethink the project and prioritise long term planning
 - dissatisfaction with community engagement and provision of information.
28. Submissions on the Beachlands Hall proposal were received from the following community organisations and businesses:
- Pohutukawa Coast Arts Club
 - The Community Lunch
 - Dance Dynamix Dance School
 - Fever Dance
 - Pohutukawa Coast Youth Council.

Mana whenua feedback on local priorities:

29. Mana whenua with interests in the Franklin Local Board gave the following feedback on the local priorities:

Ngati Tamaoho:

- partner with iwi to deliver a joint work programme to address the strategic priorities for the Manukau Harbour identified by the Manukau Harbour Forum
- increase the number and visibility of Matariki events, including opportunities to enable community groups that provide environmental restoration and youth activities to promote initiatives with Matariki-related outcomes
- maintain momentum of the Franklin Plan implementation
- partner with iwi to ensure iwi identify and history are visible in public spaces; and in the design and development of the Franklin Paths programme initiatives.

Ngati Tamaterā

- would like to see more resource put into Manukau Harbour Forum
- support for Matariki, and telling the stories of mana whenua
- priorities around procurement, economic development opportunities, digital tech and innovation and age friendly initiatives.

Ngāti Maru

- has a nursery that can supply plans for the ngāhere programme.
- importance of equity.

Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua

- support for basics is important e.g. swimming pools as a basis for learning water safety.

Ngaati Whanaunga

- local parks are an important place for people in their local communities
- importance of providing a healthy environment
- recommend investment in:
 - iwi capacity building
 - iwi-led ecological and cultural initiatives
 - kaupapa Māori health and well-being services.

Requests from local organisations for funding and/or initiatives:

30. Requests for local funding through the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation included:

- Patumahoe Junior Rugby Football Club (Inc) are seeking funding for short term upgrades of community facilities at Clive Howe Reserve, Patumahoe, including shower upgrades, shelter extensions, a portable building for meal preparation and additional toilet facilities
- combined Patumahoe/Mauku sports clubs are seeking funding for a feasibility study to identify and prioritise options for Patumahoe Domain and Clive Howe Reserve, to address the changing nature of participation in sport, and in particular the inadequate provision of facilities for the growing number of females playing sport; a shortage of storage space; and optimising assets for provide for multi-sport facilities
- Te Puru Charitable Trust confirmed Te Puru Community Centre needs urgent repairs and maintenance to the building
- Clarks Beach and Waiau Pa Community and Business Association requested development of a concept plan for Ki Uta-Stevenson Road Reserve, to enable the community-led development of a community garden an outdoor recreation/education space
- Pukekohe Business Association – requested investment into CCTV, safety and security.

31. Submissions were also received from the following organisations that operate in the Franklin Local Board area:

- Aktive – support accelerated delivery of the Franklin Sport and Recreation Plan, and grants for Te Puru Sports Centre and Karaka Sport Park, and support delivery of the Franklin Paths Programme
- Beautification Trust – support all local initiatives
- Ngā Tamariki Puāwai o Tāmaki Auckland Kindergarten Association – request continued support for community leases and that needs of young children and whanau be considered when making decisions
- CLM Community Sport – support enhancing sport and recreation facilities, including Te Puru Sports Centre and Karakas Sport Park, and the paths programme.

Other locally relevant specific requests and suggestions:

32. Other request and suggestions that are locally relevant include:

Local parks, facilities and maintenance

- upgrade to the Franklin Pool and Leisure centre so this facility can attract basketball and netball games. Suggestions included improvements to pool, sauna, change rooms, wheelchair access to the main court arena and more bathroom facilities for disabled people, updated change rooms for teams, more stadium seating, fixing air conditioning and better cleaning of the ceiling
- address capacity issues at Pukekohe's pools – community has outgrown the facilities, limited public access due to sports days and swim club
- swimming pool in Beachlands/Maraetai area, possibly Te Puru – as a place for teenagers to hang out, and to address community need
- funding for dog waste bins and signage for animal control on dog off and on leash areas
- for the playground at the new reserve in Glenbrook Beach to progress sooner
- budget for a new playground at the recently purchased Karaka Village neighbourhood park
- better maintenance of trees and shrubs in new subdivisions, particularly in Paerata Rise; and better guidelines to ensure planting is appropriate.
- shade sails for playgrounds
- gated dog park in Beachlands
- dog exercise area on the Whitford Reserve (opposite the church)
- dedicated fenced dog area at Leigh Auton Reserve, Beachlands (rather than dogs taking over whole park - make it more accessible for families)
- public toilet at Pohutukawa Park in Whitford
- investment in playgrounds in Pukekohe East (Anselmi Ridge, Stockman Living, Reynolds Green, Belgium Road area)
- drinking water at playgrounds on the Pohutukawa Coast
- funding for removal of woolly nightshade in public places and assistance for eradication on private properties
- roof on the Whiteside Pool in Waiuku to increase the usable time; and a sauna; and for the pool to open at 6am
- library activation fund – more activities in the Waiuku library building including indoor play for toddlers
- playground in Waiuku focussed on little kids (toddlers) where they can do things on their own, with low height equipment
- more shade over playgrounds in Waiuku and Pukekohe
- playground in Buckland for under five year olds (no playground in Buckland).

Paths Programme

- Paths Targeted Rate to be used to address deficit of footpaths in Glenbrook Beach, including on the road downhill to access the beach, and to access the beach playground
- extensions to path network in Whitford
- concerns about the accuracy of costing of existing proposal, particularly the Blackbridge Road proposal
- opportunity for paths on the esplanade at Karaka Village.

Planning related

- for lifestyle properties in Gracechurch Drive area, Pukekohe, to be rezoned
- bring forward release of land west of Paerata Road for development earlier, from 2040 to 2030
- protecting rich soils in Pukekohe/Franklin for food production.

Transport related

- express bus service from Maraetai/Beachlands to either Manukau (for city and airport) or Panmure (for city) train stations – to provide an alternative to the ferry, and to allow residents to take advantage of the \$50 fare cap
- bus service from Pine Harbour to Papakura train station via North Road
- footpath from Tonkin Place, Buckland, to Buckland School to allow children to walk to school
- improvement to public transport from Waiuku to connect with the train in Pukekohe
- review of bus routes in Franklin in rural routes as buses go past houses but there are no bus stops so rural residents are unable to utilise services
- streetlighting along Glenbrook-Waiuku Road
- speed bumps to slow traffic and safer crossings in Whitford Village
- measures to address traffic safety on Lisle Farm Road, Anselmi Ridge
- maintenance of roadside drains
- fix the slip on Irwin Road, Kingseat at Puhitahi Creek
- lowering the speed limit on Whitford-Maraetai Rd between Beachlands and Maraetai to 50km/hr so families can safely access Te Puru
- guttering and footpath in Belgium St, Waiuku
- angle parking with disability parking at the Ki Uta Reserve in Clarks Beach.

Other

- improvements to the sewerage system in the Omana area
 - concern about reduced funding for iconic community activities and the impact on volunteers
 - more regular flushing of the lake in Waiuku.
33. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 10-12 June 2025.

Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Plan from the Franklin Local Board area

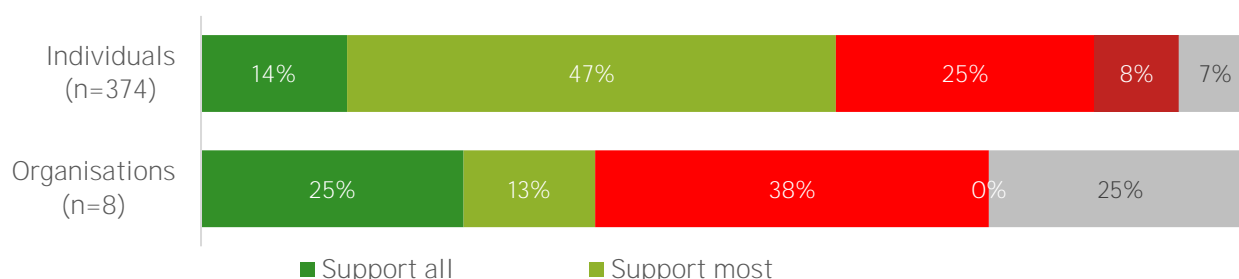
34. The proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 builds on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP), setting out Auckland Council's priorities and how services and investments are proposed to be funded. Consultation on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 asked submitters to respond to key questions related to:
- the overall plan
 - destination management and major events
 - changes to other rates, fees and charges
 - local board priorities.

35. Submitters were also encouraged to provide feedback on any of other matters included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation document.
36. The submissions received from the Franklin 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 Plan

37. Aucklanders were asked whether they support the overall plan including prioritising investment in:
 - transport
 - water; and
 - fairer funding for local communities.
38. The consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 also outlined the proposed funding approach which includes a 5.8 percent rates increase for the average value residential property, consistent with the LTP, and additional debt financing to fund \$4 billion in capital expenditure.
39. The proposed 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property for 2025/2026 includes the following proposed rates changes:
 - an average general rates increase of 6.40 percent for existing ratepayers
 - an average increase of 3.5 per cent to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) for existing ratepayers, as set out in the LTP
 - an average increase of \$2.12 in the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) to cover the operating and interest costs for the programme, as set out in the LTP
 - a 3.3 percent increase to the overall Waste Management Targeted Rate (WMTR) for the typical household.
40. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Franklin Local Board area.

Q1 What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?					
Category	Count				
	Support all	Support most	Do not support most	Do not support any	I don't know
Individuals(n=374)	52	174	92	30	26
Organisations(n=8)	2	1	3	0	2
Māori entities(n=0)	0	0	0	0	0
Pro forma(n=0)	0	0	0	0	0



41. Themes from submitters who do not support the overall proposal include:
 - prefer a focus on core services, infrastructure and maintenance
 - opposed to any rate increases, particularly within cost of living crisis
 - rural residents receive few Council services for the rates they pay
 - lack of confidence in council spending ratepayer funding wisely
 - funding in Franklin does not reflect rates and development contributions collected
 - concerns about maintenance and capacity of the road network.

42. Federated Farmers requested future consultation documents are improved to show information on the impact of total rates changes on rural properties, as it does for residential and business properties.

43. Key themes from mana whenua with interests in the Franklin Local Board area included:
 - support for review of the Māori Outcomes Fund and calls for mana whenua to be involved in the decision-making over this fund
 - requests for partnership by involving mana whenua at co-governance at all levels of decision-making
 - for equity to be embedded in all decision-making to address historical inequities
 - need for clear structures for Māori engagement at the local board level to ensure mana whenua priorities are considered in all decision-making and to ensure fairer funding targets investment in iwi-led social, cultural, economic and environmental initiatives
 - enhance economic opportunities for Māori businesses and communities through targeted procurement policies
 - concern about the impact of fast-track development on te taiao, and the health and wellbeing of whanau.

44. Specific requests from mana whenua included:
 - funding to deliver on Council's strategic direction for the Manukau Harbour through a joint work programme, and to partner with Ngāti Tamaoho in delivery
 - increase the number and visibility of Matariki events
 - increase investment for Māori outcomes, particularly through the Marae Infrastructure Programme, and for the programmes priorities to address climate change issue such as addressing sea level rise (impacting Whātāpaka Marae in Karaka)
 - need to prioritise public transport for under-served rural and mana whenua communities
 - funding for the protection of water, and the integration of matauranga Māori.

Key Question 2: Destination management and major events

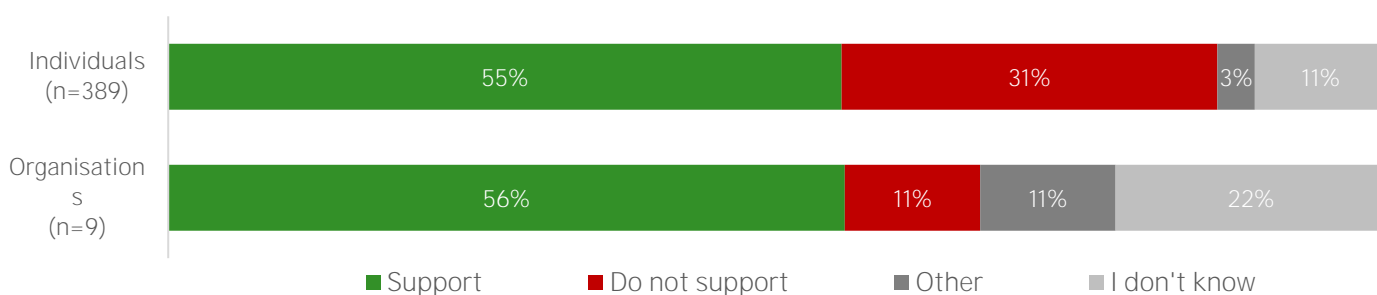
45. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events. Without such a levy, a \$7 million budget shortfall for the 2025/2026 financial year could impact the funding for major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon, and Auckland Writers Festival.

46. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation would raise around \$27 million annually to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland. However, this requires central government legislative change. Auckland Council continues to work with central government on this, with public feedback helping to inform this work.

47. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Franklin Local Board area.

Q2 Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?

Category	Count			
	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Individuals(n=389)	215	120	12	42
Organisations(n=9)	5	1	1	2
Māori entities(n=0)	0	0	0	0
Pro forma(n=0)	0	0	0	0



48. Themes from submitters who do not support the bed night levy include:
- levy may discourage tourism
 - preference to charge overseas visitors but not Aucklanders
 - concerns about the cost of implementation
 - concern about equity issues when accommodation providers outside central Auckland are being asked to collect a levy for events primarily delivered in central Auckland
 - opposed to any additional taxation/rating
 - events should be financially self-sustaining rather than relying on external funding
49. The following mana whenua iwi with interests in the Franklin Local Board area support the proposed bed night levy: Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngāti Tamaterā, Ngāti Maru, Ngaati Whanaunga.
50. Themes from mana whenua submissions included that destination marketing funding should support cultural tourism, including smaller mana whenua-led cultural initiatives and events.

Key Question 3: changes to other rates, fees and charges

51. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on proposed changes to certain targeted rates and some fees and charges as outlined below.

Waste management rates changes

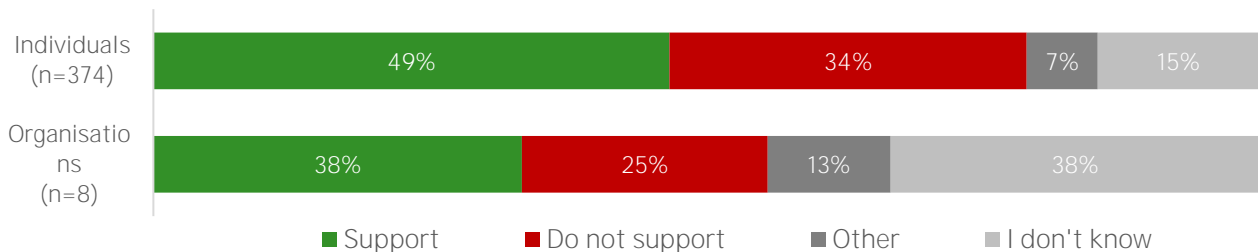
52. Aucklanders were asked whether they support applying the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to fund the council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.
53. Starting in 2025/2026, residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney will be charged a refuse targeted rate for the first time. Franklin's rate will cover a full year of service, while Rodney's will be about 83% of the full charge due to its scheduled September 2025 start date. Additionally, from July 2025, waste management services and targeted

rates will be introduced in Manukau's commercial areas where the service isn't presently available.

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- 54. There were 374 submissions from the Franklin Local Board area which referenced these fees.
- 55. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Franklin Local Board area.

Q3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?				
Category	Count			
	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Individuals(n=374)	182	126	25	57
Organisations(n=8)	3	2	1	3
Māori entities(n=0)	0	0	0	0
Pro forma(n=0)	0	0	0	0



- 56. A summary of themes from those who support this are:
 - single system for the whole Auckland makes sense
 - support weekly rubbish collections to be ongoing
 - preference for wheelie bin over bags
- 57. A summary of themes from those who do not support the proposal are:
 - wheelie bins are a disincentive to reducing waste
 - additional rate penalises those who currently produce a small amount of waste
 - preference for user pays 'pay as you throw'
 - inconvenience of bins for rural properties with long driveways
 - oppose the targeted rate as rubbish is a core council activity and cost should be met within general rates
- 58. The following mana whenua iwi with interests in the Franklin Local Board area support the proposed waste management proposal for Franklin: Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngaati Whanaunga.
- 59. Ngaati Whanaunga suggested that there needs to be a focus on waste minimisation and community-led activities, a flexible approach for rural properties, and recommended hardship provisions for vulnerable households.

Changes to fees and charges

60. Other proposed changes to fees and charges included in the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 include:
- changes to some animal management fees including an increase in the dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450 and an increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150
 - fees for some cemetery and cremation services
 - realigning bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity, and location
 - aligning staff charge-out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks
61. There was minimal feedback from the Franklin Local Board area which referenced these fees.

Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026

62. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority (TMA) Operational Plan 2025/2026 which sets out a framework in which the council must carry out the routine management of 14 Tūpuna Maunga, under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.
63. There were sixteen submissions from the Franklin Local Board area which referenced the TMA plan.

Priorities for mana whenua with interests in the Franklin Local Board area

64. Mana whenua provided submissions outlining their priorities. A summary of key priorities from submissions that are relevant for the Franklin Local Board are detailed below:

Te Akitai Waiohua

- equity needs to be a driving force in decision-making
- partnership under Te Tiriti requires mana whenua to be actively involved in governance structures with clear mechanisms to ensure mana whenua influence over local board funding decisions and investments in Māori outcomes
- strengthen mana whenua partnerships by formalising co-governance at all levels.

Ngāti Maru

- commitment to partnership at all levels
- targeted investment in rangatahi – youth employment, leadership programmes, educational scholarships
- increased investment in environmental restoration projects, particularly with mana whenua leadership and engagement

Ngati Tamatera

- collaboration with local boards to ensure that iwi values are embedded in local projects and that funding is allocated to support Māori cultural and environmental aspirations, such as:
 - collaboration with iwi on local environmental projects
 - iwi co-design in placemaking projects
 - aligning iwi priorities with local funding and work programmes
 - collaborate with local boards to secure funding for Māori programmes, Matariki celebrations and other Māori-focussed events.

Te Patukirikiri

- enhance mana whenua involvement at every level of decision-making, expand co-governance to additional whenua and water resources
- mandatory cultural competency training for staff and elected members covering Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori
- encourage a focus on pest control and water quality improvements, including co-designed iwi-led restoration initiatives
- additional investment to accelerate Te Kete Rukuruku
- economic empowerment for Māori through supplier diversity.

Ngaati Whanaunga

- co-governance and partnership
- improved transparency and accountability in funding and decision-making
- greater investment in iwi-led housing, tourism, environmental and cultural initiatives.

Waikato-Tainui

- increased Māori representation in all decision-making processes, including funding to ensure meaningful iwi participation
- sustainable economic development that respects cultural values, promotes local businesses, and creates opportunities for meaningful employment and entrepreneurship, especially for Māori and other underrepresented groups
- initiatives to mitigate climate change, protect biodiversity, and promote eco-friendly infrastructure development.

Feedback from mataawaka and Māori organisations

65. Other feedback from Māori organisations that is relevant for the local board is:

Te Kotahi a Tāmaki

- fairer funding for local boards allows local boards to invest in marae-based initiatives, cultural events and Māori-led projects and programmes.
- economic opportunities for Marae and Māori businesses
- equitable funding for Marae, and investment in local marae infrastructure
- sustainable funding for Māori events
- partnering with marae on rangatahi development.

Tonui Maori Management Consultancy

- request for local boards to embed Māori outcomes in their strategies, policies and plans
- enable localised programmes that uplift Māori business, support Māori-led programmes and cultural initiatives, and that help local communities learn and embrace Māori
- help Māori business to thrive through Council procurement
- support for rangatahi Māori, including investment in hauora/well-being.

Te Roopu Waiora

- inclusive design that creates Māori relevant accessible communications
- improved public and community facilities.

Recommendations on local matters

66. This report provides for the local board to recommend local matters to the Governing Body for consideration as part of the Annual Plan process, in May 2025. This includes:
- any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
 - any new/amended business improvement district targeted rates
 - 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 local targeted rate proposals or business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals in their local board area. These proposals must have been consulted on before they can be implemented. The local boards then recommend these proposals to the Governing Body for approval of the targeted rate.
68. This does not apply to the Franklin Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Local board specific reserve funds

69. Local boards are allocated funding for the delivery of local services, projects and programmes that are important to their communities. Local boards have decision making over the allocation of these 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.
70. This does not apply to the Franklin Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Local board advocacy

71. 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 Annual Plan 2025/2026 in May.
72. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will then be included as an appendix to the 2025/2026 Local Board Agreement.

Local board input on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026

73. 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 Annual Plan 2025/2026.
74. Local board plans reflect community priorities and preferences and are key documents that guide the development of local board agreements, local board annual work programmes, and local board input into regional plans such as the long-term plan and annual plan.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

75. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next year.
76. Projects allocated funding through this Annual 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

77. The Annual Plan 2025/2026 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

78. 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.
79. Local boards play an important role in the development of the council's Annual Plan 2025/2026. Local board agreements form part of the Annual Plan. Local board chairs have been invited to attend Budget Committee workshops. Local board members were provided recordings or briefings of the Budget Committee workshops for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

80. Many local board decisions are of importance to and impact Māori. Local board agreements and the Annual Plan are important tools that enable and can demonstrate the council's responsiveness to Māori Outcomes.
81. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
82. 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.
83. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, marae, mataawaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
84. Of the population in the Franklin Local Board area, 16/6% identify as Māori. Thirty-five (35) submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Franklin Local Board area. This represents 8% of total Franklin submissions.
85. Nineteen mana whenua entities have interests in the Auckland Council rohe. Fourteen of the nineteen (68%) provided verbal or written submissions on the Auckland Council's proposals for the Annual Plan 2025/2026. Eight of these mana whenua have interests in the Franklin Local Board area: Ngāti Maru, Ngati Tamaterā, Te Akitai Waiohua, Te Patukirikiri, Ngati Tamaoho, Ngati Paoa, Ngaati Whanaunga and Waikato-Tainui.
86. The Governance team led the council-wide approach with support from Ngā Mātārae on engagement with Māori entities. This included:
- three information sessions for mana whenua on submissions and the process for submissions
 - five information sessions for mataawaka on submissions and the process for submissions
 - one hearing style event for mana whenua and mataawaka groups.
87. There were six oral submissions from mana whenua and six oral submissions from mataawaka at the Have your Say Event.

88. Three mataawaka organisations and marae made submissions that are relevant for the local board area, including one from Te Kotahi a Tāmaki. Two marae in Franklin Local Board area (Rereteewhiori at Karioitahi, and Whaataapaka in Karaka) are represented by this roopu.
89. Franklin Local Board engaged with mana whenua through Ara Kōtui hui in December 2024 and March 2025. These hui were attended by representatives from Ngāti Tamaterā, Ngāti Maru, Ngaati Whanaunga and Ngaati Te Ata.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

90. 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

91. The council must adopt its Annual Plan, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2025. The local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Annual Plan by mid May 2025, to enable and support the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the Annual Plan on 28 May 2025.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

92. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the Budget Committee for consideration as part of decision-making for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
93. The local board will approve its local content for inclusion in the final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including its local board agreement) and corresponding work programmes in June 2025.
94. The final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 25 June 2025.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	Franklin Local Board - Annual Plan input 2025/2026	27

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Franklin Local Board feedback on Annual Plan 2025-2026 regional topics

Overall direction

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
<p>The overall plan This includes prioritising investment in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport • water; and • fairer funding for local communities. <p>An average 5.8 per cent rates increase</p>	Support	
<p>Destination management and major events Introducing a bed night visitor levy on short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events</p>	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about equity issues when accommodation providers outside central Auckland are being asked to collect a levy for events primarily delivered in central Auckland - Only event in Franklin is SPLORE Music & Arts Festival - Would like to see a focus using this funding to deliver events located in South Auckland, and events that showcase Te Ao Māori. - Would like to see event out-reach eg funding for Diwali should also include funding for smaller local Diwali events outside the city centre eg a Diwali event in Pukekohe

Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
3% increase to the overall waste management targeted rate for a typical household	Support	
Introduction of the refuse targeted rate to the former districts of Rodney and Franklin.	Support	
Animal management fees: increase dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450	Do not support	Concern about high cost as a barrier to adoption
Animal management fees: increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150.	Support	
Changes to some cemetery fees	Support	

Realign bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity and location	Support	
Align staff charge out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks	Support	

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Other matters

Proposal	Support/Do not support	Local board input

Franklin Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Attachment A

Initiative	Description
<p>Our main priority is for growth funding to be allocated in a timely manner – at the time that pieces of land are acquired, rather than 10 years later. We would like all new local parks in greenfield developments to be developed within 3 years of acquisition.</p>	
Development of Papahua (new local (sports) park in Belmont, Pukekohe)	Increase allocation of growth funding beyond the \$5million currently allocated, and bring forward, bulk of funding currently sitting in 2027/2028+
Poohutukawa, Glenbrook Beach	Bring forward growth funding to develop a new playground at Poohutukawa, 77 Tahuna Minhinnick Drive in Glenbrook Beach. LB approved acquisition in 2016.
Clevedon Village Heart Concept Plan	Allocation of growth funding to deliver aspects of the concept plan
Clevedon Showgrounds Concept Plan	Allocation of growth funding to deliver aspects of the concept plan
Karaka Sports Park/Community Hub	Inclusion in the growth funding programme
Compliance enforcement budget	Enforcement and compliance not equitable delivered across the region despite additional 16 positions in LTP – freedom camping, dogs etc – not based on need, deprivation of service based on need.
Drury Sports Park concept plan (Papakura LB area)	Growth funding
Opaheke Sports Park concept plan (Papakura LB area)	Growth funding
27 Trevor McMiken Drive, Patumahoe	Subdivision in 2106, land acquired for a neighbourhood park, growth funding sitting in 2027/2028+
Ray Fausset Reserve, Pukekohe	Bring forward funding for stage 2 – bulk of funding currently sitting in 2026/2027 and 2027/2028+
How council operates request:	

<p>Review of Community Facilities Network Plan</p>	<p><u>Meaning engagement</u> with local boards. This plan is critical for local boards, particularly for Franklin with its greenfield growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy item in Local Board Plan 2023:• Increased local board decision-making• Planning for and provision of community facilities reflect <u>local context</u> and addresses <u>local need</u>• Guidelines for provision of youth space, local emergency hub locations (rural halls, marae)• Marae recognised within the 'network' of community facilities• Provision guidelines acknowledge access via public transport (or lack of), and climate change (travel distances)
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