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## Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

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## Annual Plan 2025-2026: local board consultation feedback and input

File No.: CP2025/07962

### Te take mō te pūrongo

**Purpose of the report** To receive consultation feedback from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area on:

- proposed priorities and activities for the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 to the Governing Body.

### 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key priorities and initiatives for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. Auckland Council received 13,016 submissions in total across the region and 786 submissions were for the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area. Of the 786 submissions, 616 including seven organisations, indicated they were from the local board area. This report will focus on the overall total of 786 to ensure all views interested in our local board area are captured in this report.
7. Summaries of the three regional "Have Your Say" questions (1-3), question 4 on local priorities and services, and question 5 on additional community feedback to the local board are as follows:

Question 1: Our overall plan?

Strong support (81% of individuals, all organizations) backs the Annual Plan, though 16% oppose it over rate hikes, spending concerns, and infrastructure gaps. While most endorse the direction, financial pressures and service needs remain key worries. Limited Māori input suggests engagement opportunities exist to strengthen the plan's community alignment before finalisation.

Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area gave some feedback as follows:

- Support transport but would rather get lite rail back than spend money on all these stupid bicycle lanes. Such a waste of money.
- Support the key initiatives outlined in the Annual Plan 2025/2026, particularly the investment in transport, water, and fairer funding for local communities. These priorities align with the need to build resilience and equity across Tāmaki Makaurau. However, it is essential that these investments uphold mana whenua relationships, reflect mātauranga Māori, and support kaitiakitanga in decision-making.

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Question 2: Destination management and major events?

A clear majority (63% of individuals, 67% of organizations) support implementing a visitor levy to fund major events and tourism, seeing it as fair and common overseas. However, 20% oppose it over affordability concerns for accommodations and distrust in council spending. Key themes include needing tourism funding (supporters) versus protecting local businesses (opponents).

Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area gave some feedback as follows:

- This ensures more user pays funding to support tourism-related events and infrastructure.
- There's no way to differentiate between international, inter regional or local citizens. Those staying within the same city they live in but close enough for events to attend is outrageous to penalise them.
- It ensures visitors contribute to the economy, rather than relying solely on local ratepayers to fund major events and infrastructure.
- Auckland would be aligning with other major global destinations in using sustainable funding mechanisms for tourism and events.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges?

The proposed shift to targeted waste rates in Franklin and Rodney saw mixed reactions, with 40% of local residents (125/314 submissions) supporting the change for its simplicity, while 12% (38) opposed it over cost concerns. Key issues included fairness for low-waste households (21% of opponents) and distrust in council spending (16%). Māori input was minimal (3 submissions), with one supporter citing waste reduction benefits. Organizations were split (1 support, 1 unsure). Undecided respondents (13%) highlighted confusion about implementation, suggesting need for clearer communication on service impacts and cost distribution.

Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area gave some feedback as follows:

- We would prefer to see fixed flat rates increases each year rather than lower increases this year but much higher increases over 1-2 years' time (especially if there's potential for a 1-2% increase above what was planned for but a possible 10% increase between what we pay today vs what we will be paying in 2-3 years' time). This makes it easier for property owners to budget for now rather than being hit harder later.

Question 4: Local board priorities?

The submitters when asked to comment on this question highlighted three topics, they wanted the local board to focus on: supporting youth initiatives, more arts and culture activities, and environment action. The local board's five priorities were also well supported by the community. Further details can be found in paragraph's 21 – 23 of this report.

Question 5: Other feedback?

There was opposition to rate hikes ("We can't afford more taxes" - 27%), infrastructure demands ("Fix our roads first" - 22%), and Tūpuna Maunga issues ("Stop cutting native trees" - 12%). Māori submissions (18 total) strongly emphasized cultural funding ("Support our marae" - 50%). The remaining 421 responses were brief rejections ("No") or support. This reveals clear tensions between fiscal spending and community service expectations. Local matters also included the result of the future of the Māngere East Village BID.

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8. These results will inform the local board's feedback on the regional topics: proposed plan, bed nights levy, additional rates, and inform its advocacy to the governing body in May 2025. In addition, the local board will also, use this information to help inform its upcoming work programme development for the 2025/2026 financial year.
9. 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.
10. 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.
- c) recommend any new or amended local targeted rate proposals to the Governing Body.
- d) provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 and key advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body.

## Horopaki Context

11. 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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.
12. The Local Board Agreements 2025/2026 will form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
13. 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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key local board priorities and initiatives for 2025/2026.
14. 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.

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## Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

15. 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

16. 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.
17. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 13,016 people 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 in person and through 89 Have Your Say events three events (Ōtāhuhu Family Fun Day, Ōtāhuhu College – Student Council forum and Siva Afi Festival) of which were held in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area. The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.
  - Neurodiverse Online Audio – four feedback forms.

### Submitters demographic

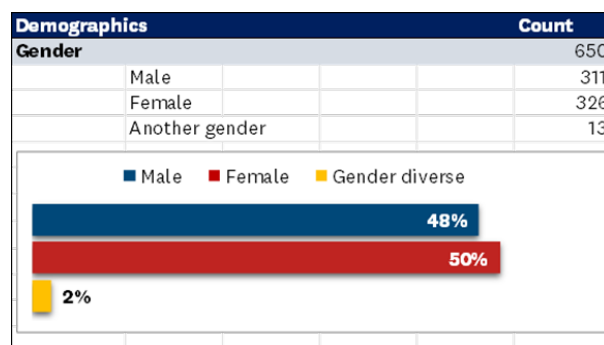
18. The demographic details are presented in the following tables, noting that the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu local board total population is 78,642.
19. Submissions for the local area were from the following two groups, individuals and Organisations; Channels used was mostly online, to deliver their submissions. The 'Other' category in in the Channel represents the local, Have Your Say, events input.

Submitters (Individuals)	No.	%
Individual	695	88%
Organisation	91	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>100%</b>

Channel	No.	%
Online	468	60%
Hard copy	75	10%
Email	48	6%
Other	195	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>100%</b>

20. The following tables reflect only voluntary disclosures as submission fields were optional.

Gender



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Age

Age	Male	Female	Another gender	Total	% of feedback
Under 15	6	9	0	15	3%
15-24	35	35	1	74	16%
25-34	41	53	0	94	21%
	45	49	0	97	21%
	31	34	0	67	15%
	29	26	0	55	12%
65-74	17	18	0	35	8%
75+	7	7	0	15	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>100%</b>

Ethnicity

Ethnicity	#	%
<b>European</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>23%</b>
Pākehā/NZ European	103	21%
Other European	9	2%
<b>Māori</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Pasifika</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>77%</b>
Samoan	185	38%
Cook Islands Māori	30	6%
Tongan	92	19%
Other Pasifika	64	13%
<b>Asian</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>18%</b>
Chinese	32	7%
Indian	30	6%
Southeast Asian	21	4%
Korean	4	1%
Other Asian	1	0%
<b>African/Middle Eastern/Latin</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>145%</b>

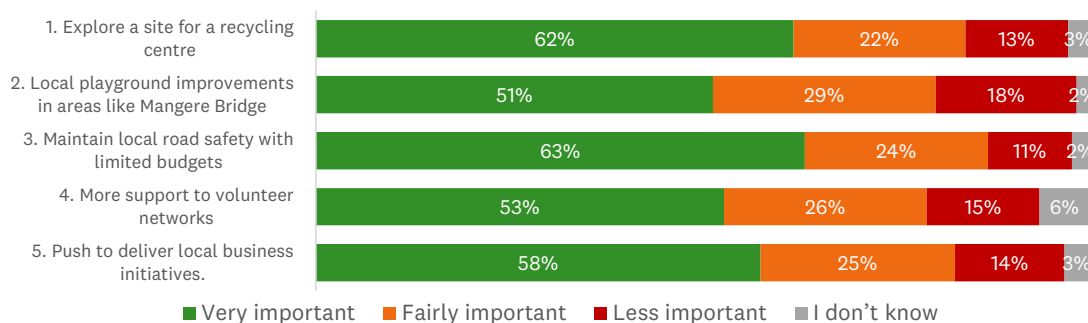
19. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026” and will be accessible after 22 April 2025 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026/feedback-annual-plan-2025-2026>.
20. During 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 69 submissions for Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board (around 1,700 submissions in total). 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, 18 submitters responded to the missing question (69 in total). A review was conducted to identify the cause of the error and prevent similar issues in the future.

### Feedback received on the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board’s priorities for 2025/2026 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026

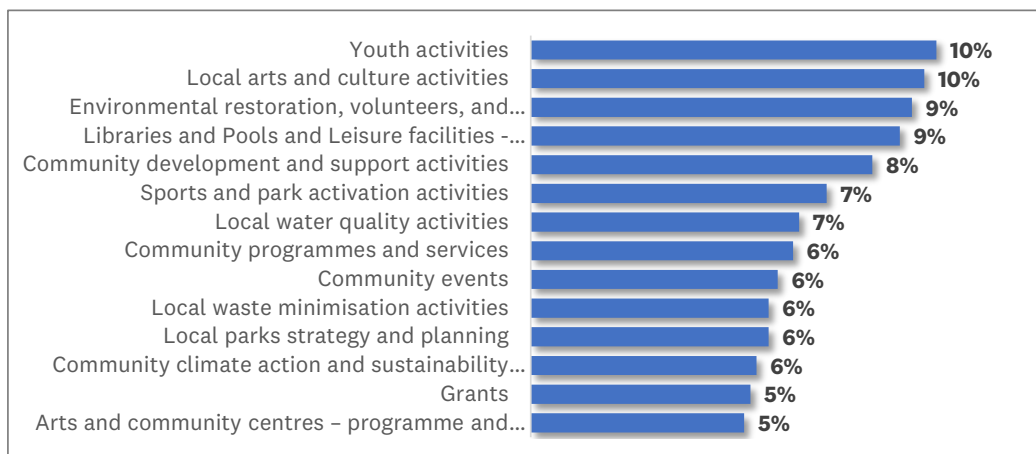
21. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:
  - Priority 1: Explore a site for a recycling centre
  - Priority 2: Local playground improvements in areas like Māngere Bridge
  - Priority 3: Maintain local road safety with limited budgets
  - Priority 4: More support to volunteer networks
  - Priority 5: Push to deliver local business initiatives.

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22. There were 608 submissions that were received on the local board's five priorities. Most respondents saw the five priorities as very important for their area, as noted in the graph below.



23. Additionally, the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board asked for feedback on which three services listed were most important to each submitter. The graph below provides an overview of how submitters prioritised each service.



24. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 10-12 June 2025. Local board key advocacy initiatives will be considered in the current report.

### Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Plan from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area

25. 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.

26. Submitters were also encouraged to provide feedback on any of other matters included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation document.



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27. The submissions received from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area on these key issues are summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

**Key Question 1: Overall Plan**

28. Aucklanders were asked whether they support the overall plan including prioritising investment in:

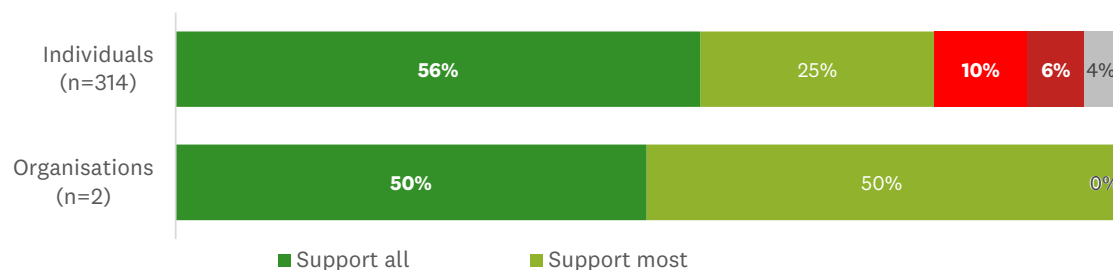
- transport
- water; and
- fairer funding for local communities.

29. The consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 also outlined the proposed funding approach which includes a 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property, consistent with the LTP, and additional debt financing to fund \$4 billion in capital expenditure.

30. The proposed 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property for 2025/2026 includes the following proposed rates changes:

- average general rates increase of 6.40 per cent 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 per cent increase to the overall Waste Management Targeted Rate (WMTR) for the typical household.

31. The graphs below show an overview of the results and responses from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.



32. Key points:

- a. Out of 314 individual responses, 253 people (81%) supported all or most of the annual plan. Both responding organisations also showed support. A total of 50 individuals (16%) did not support most or any of the plan. Organisational engagement was also low, with only two groups providing feedback.
- b. Rate increases are the most common concern. This theme was mentioned by people across all levels of support, but especially by those who do not support most (22 mentions) or do not support any (5 mentions) of the proposal. This shows that rate increases are a major reason for dissatisfaction.
- c. Calls to improve public transport (25 mentions), better infrastructure (25 mentions), and stop wasteful spending (18 mentions) were also common themes. These concerns were mostly raised by those who support most of the plan, suggesting these submitters generally agree with the direction but see room for improvement.

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- d. Dissatisfaction with Council and high cost of living were strong themes among those who do not support the plan. For example, 7 people who do not support most and 5 who do not support any mentioned dissatisfaction with Council.
  - e. Environmental initiatives, support for the proposal, and focus on core services were more common among those who fully support the plan. For example, 6 people who support all mentioned environmental initiatives.
  - f. Themes like drinking water, fairer funding, and stormwater management came up across multiple response types, but in smaller numbers.
  - g. Summary: People who fully support the plan tend to focus on positive ideas like environmental goals and improving services. Those with partial support want better infrastructure and transport. Those opposed are mostly worried about rates, cost of living, and poor council performance. Overall, the data shows a mix of support and concern — with clear priorities depending on the level of support.
33. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area gave feedback:
- a. There were 10 individual Māori submitters. Of these, 3 fully supported the plan, 5 supported most of it, 2 did not support any, and none said they didn't support most or were unsure.
  - b. Māori submitters were more supportive overall compared to the wider group. 80% either supported all or most of the plan, while 20% did not support any.
  - c. Improve public transport was the top issue, mentioned by 6 Māori submitters. All of them supported most or all of the plan.
  - d. Infrastructure needed and stop wasteful spending were next, each mentioned 3 times.
  - e. Fairer community funding, focus on core services, and stormwater management were each mentioned 2 times.
  - f. Other themes that came up once or twice included rate increases, high cost of living, drinking water quality, economic development, support for the proposal, and environmental initiatives.
  - g. Some themes, like cycling infrastructure, public events, or find other revenue, were not raised by Māori individuals.
  - h. Summary: Māori individuals who gave feedback tended to support the plan and focused on practical improvements like better transport and fairer funding. Data showed they were interested in making things work better for communities.
34. 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.
35. 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.

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36. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.



**Key points:**

- a. Among the 294 individual responses, a majority of 185 people (63%) supported the idea of a visitor levy. In contrast, 60 individuals (20%) were opposed, and 37 people (13%) were unsure. A small group of 12 individuals (4%) selected "Other," indicating alternative views or concerns.
  - b. For the three organisations that responded, the majority of two organisations (67%) expressed support, while one organisation (33%) did not.
  - c. Interestingly, there were no responses from Māori entities or pro forma submissions on this question, meaning those groups did not provide feedback on the levy.
  - d. Overall, the data shows a clear preference for the visitor levy, with most individuals and organisations in favour. However, there remains a significant portion of people, particularly among individuals, who are either against the levy or uncertain about it.
37. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area gave feedback:
- a. Four mana whenua submissions were received. Two supported the proposal, highlighting tourism promotion, benefits to local business, reduced costs for residents, and that the levy is common overseas. One submitter did not support it, raising concerns about affordability, fairness, and dissatisfaction with Council. One was unsure but called for government funding and better communication. While views varied, supporters focused on positive outcomes for tourism, while others raised concerns needing further discussion.

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

38. 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**

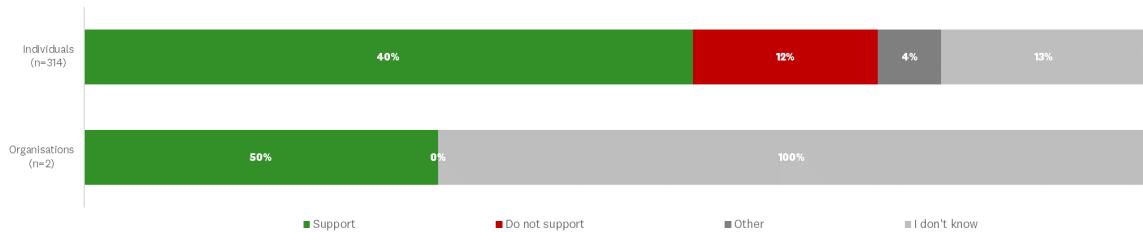
39. Aucklanders were asked whether they support applying the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to fund the council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.
40. Starting in 2025/2026, residential and lifestyle 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.

**Changes to fees and charges**

41. 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

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- 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.



42. There were 314 submissions from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area which referenced these fees.
- Auckland's proposed refuse targeted rate received 314 submissions, with 125 (40%) supporting the shift from pay-per-bag to fixed rates. However, 38 (12%) opposed the change, while 42 (13%) remained uncertain, highlighting the need for clearer communication about costs and benefits.
  - Only 2 organizational submissions were received—one supportive and two "don't know" responses. Notably, no feedback came from local Māori entities, revealing gaps in consultation that could impact equitable implementation of the 2025/2026 policy rollout.
  - To strengthen acceptance, the council must address cost concerns from opponents, clarify details for uncertain residents, and proactively engage underrepresented groups. While 40% support provides a foundation, broader engagement will be key to successful adoption.
43. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area gave feedback:
- There were submissions from mana whenua with strong support for some proposals, such as waste reduction initiatives. However, uncertainty was noted on issues like cost-of-living impacts, with two "I don't know" responses reflecting wider community concerns about affordability. The low number of submissions suggests Māori voices were underrepresented or captured elsewhere, such as through iwi submissions.

#### Other matters for feedback

44. The following matters were also included in the consultation in the Long-term Plan:
- Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026**
45. 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.
46. There were 11 submissions from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area which referenced the TMA plan. Eleven submissions addressed the TMA Operational Plan (7 individuals, 4 Māori entities). While Māori submitters supported cultural restoration, most concerns focused on tree removal (4 submissions) and fire risks from overgrown grass at Māngere Mountain (2 submissions). Three Māngere-Ōtāhuhu submissions advocated reinstating grazing or mowing to address maintenance issues.

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**Other feedback**

47. Aucklanders were asked if they had any other comments. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included: Out of 104 submissions from individuals, organisations, and Māori entities, that commented this question.
48. The most common themes were:
  - a. dissatisfaction with Council and support for the proposal, each receiving 16 submissions. This reflects a split some respondents were critical of Council, while others supported the proposed direction.
  - b. As mentioned, the Tupuna Maunga Plan with 14 submissions followed next.
  - c. 'Other categories' theme 12 submissions followed, reducing Council costs (11), communication, community services, infrastructure needs (11).
  - d. Comments also touched on communication, community facilities, safety, and economic development.
  - e. The overall feedback shows that people want better services, sustainable planning, and stronger investment in community wellbeing.
49. Mana whenua with interests in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area gave feedback as follows: Among the 14 submissions from Māori entities, the top theme was support for the other rates proposal, raised in 7 submissions. Environmental initiatives and Communication and engagement requests followed, with 6 submissions each. Arts and cultural initiatives, housing concerns, and public events were each mentioned four times. Additional comments included public safety, services, engagement, and infrastructure. Overall, mana whenua highlighted the need to strengthen local spaces, support cultural and environmental goals, and invest in community-led solutions that reflect Māori priorities.
50. Overall, mana whenua highlighted the need to strengthen local spaces, support cultural and environmental goals, and invest in community-led solutions that reflect Māori priorities.

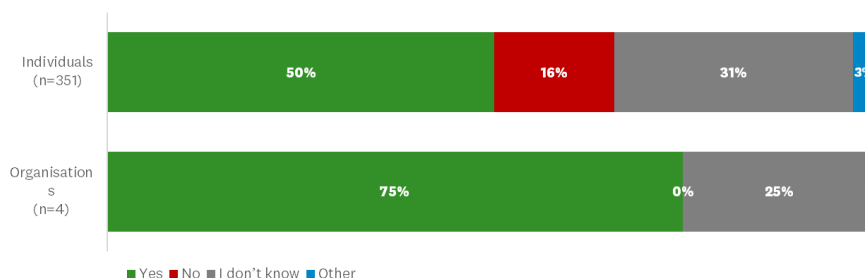
**Recommendations on local matters**

51. 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**

52. 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.
53. The BID proposal in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area for 2025/2026 is:
  - consider the future of the Māngere East Village BID
54. The local board asked it's community, 'Do you think we should end the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?' This resulted in 90 submissions commenting on this question. Resulting, in mostly endorsement to end the local BID and associated targeted rate as noted in this bar graph:

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55. In summary, supporters to close felt the BID wasn't delivering and agreed with the local board's proposal. Those against closure wanted more support and time for the BID to fix issues. Mixed views highlighted a lack of information for context purposes, calling for a fair process to help the BID meet clear targets before making a final decision. Many stressed the need for local involvement.

### Local board advocacy

- 56. 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.
- 57. 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

- 58. 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.
- 59. 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

- 60. 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.
- 61. 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

- 62. 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.

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

63. 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.
64. 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

65. 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.
66. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
67. 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.
68. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, matawaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
69. 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 mātaawaka on submissions and the process for submissions
  - one hearing style event for mana whenua and mātaawaka groups
70. Nineteen mana whenua entities have interests in the Auckland Council rohe. Thirteen of the nineteen (68.42%) provided verbal or written submissions on the Auckland Council's proposals for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
71. There were six oral submissions from mana whenua and six oral submissions from mātaawaka at the Have your Say Event.
72. Māori comprise 16.9% of the population in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area. There were 78 submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area. This represents 9.2% of total submissions.
73. The following mana whenua and mātaawaka organisations gave feedback on the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board priorities:
  - Mana whenua entities: Te Ākitai Waiohū, Te Ahiwaru, Waikato-Tainui, Ngāti Whatua & Ngāti Maru Hauraki/Hoani Waititi Marae, & Waikato, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngaati Whanaunga Inc., Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, Ngāti Maru Runanga, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust, Tamaoho Settlement Trust, and Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust.
  - Mātaawaka entities: Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi, Ngāti porou, Ngāti Raukawa, Te ati awa, Te Arawa, Ngai Tahu, Tuhoe, Ngai Tahu, Tūwharetoa I te Aupouri, Hāpai Te Hauora, Te Roopu Waiora Whānau Hauā, Te Kotahi a Tāmaki, Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua, Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Tāmaki Makaurau and hapua thrive.



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74. Local Māori / Mana whenua highlighted the following in their submissions:

a. Te Ākitai Waiohūa

- Request true partnership with Council that fixes the harm caused by past injustices to Māori in places like Māngere-Ōtāhuhu. They are calling for real power in decision-making to help whānau thrive in their own communities.
- Decisions must connect land, people, and culture, not just focus on money or short-term goals. In Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, this could mean projects that restore the environment, create jobs, and strengthen cultural pride all at once.
- Supports a review of the Māori Outcomes Fund but insists mana whenua must lead it, not Council alone. They want long-term investment in Māori success locally, not just ad hoc funding.
- Also, Local Board funding must be transparent, needs-based, and accountable to Māori communities. It is not enough for Council to claim an "equitable" funding model but require clear mechanisms that ensure mana whenua influence over funding decisions and that investments in Māori outcomes are strategically prioritised across all Local Boards.
- Major projects must include Māori voices early so that benefits reach Māori communities, not just developers. Like the local board, Te Ākitai Waiohūa wants affordable homes, local jobs, and strong cultural spaces.
- Recommendations to action steps for shared leadership, clear Māori priorities in plans, secure funding, and real outcomes for Māori. They are committed to working with Council but expect true action, especially for communities like Māngere-Ōtāhuhu.

b. Tamaoho Settlement Trust

- Urges the Council to act on its Manukau Harbour plan, invest in regenerating Manurewa and Ōtāhuhu, grow Matariki events, and boost funding for marae, especially to tackle climate change risks.
- They thank the board for good leadership in supporting sustainability in schools and Māori-led projects. They ask for partnership to make Tamaoho's identity visible in public spaces, want dog control and anti-social behaviour left to the right agencies, and call for funding to focus on pools, environment, and youth. They support ending the Māngere East BID unless proper engagement with Tamaoho happens if it restarts.

c. Te Ahiwaru

- Te Ahiwaru supports Council's direction but raised key concerns:
- "Māngere Ngahere Strategy" should be included.
- Resource for restoring Otūataua Stonefields and protecting wāhi tapu is needed.
- Calls for a "true partnership, not just consultation."
- Priorities: Uphold "mana motuhake," protect sacred sites, lead environmental restoration, return land to ahi kā, and improve services in South Auckland.



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## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

75. 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

76. 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

77. 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.
78. 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.
79. The final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 25 June 2025.

## Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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## Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board feedback on Annual Plan 2025-2026 regional and local topics

### Overall direction

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
<p><b>The overall plan</b> This includes prioritising investment in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transport</li> <li>• water; and</li> <li>• fairer funding for local communities.</li> </ul> <p>An average 5.8 per cent rates increase</p>	<p><b>Support in part</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Fairer Funding</b> - *Do not support the fairer funding model.</li> <li>2. Reiterate that one of the promises made when fairer funding was introduced was that no local board would be worse off. We want to make it clear that we expect this promise to be honoured.</li> <li>3. Consider that cost pressures should be funded through inflation and rates increases, noting that if not, from 2026/2027 many local boards like ours will have to cut services to manage cost pressures and that will result in many local boards being worse off under Fairer Funding.</li> <li>4. Request that the transition to fairer funding for local boards is made slower or different for 2026/2027. This is because we know there will be big cost pressures, and we will need strong, good-quality advice from staff to help us. Right now, it looks unlikely that advice will be available in time for 2026/2027 planning.</li> <li>5. Emphasise that local boards like Māngere-Ōtāhuhu are being expected to do more with the same budgets. The actual share of funding that local boards receive needs to be looked at properly. In particular the model being used, as we continue to urge council to allocate budgets more on deprivation, as it's not always about population growth but other factors like - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community wellbeing, like spaces that support mental, physical, and social health</li> <li>• Cultural value such as places that reflect and respect the identities and practices of local people, including Māori, Pasifika, youth, and ethnic communities</li> <li>• Equity, making sure that deprived areas get fair allocation, even if they're not growing fast</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Request clear and detailed financial information about all the costs and revenues tied to services i.e. commercial leases, in our local board agreement. Right now, we are not given full</li> </ol>

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		<p>breakdowns of costs or how much costs are going up in each part of our budget.</p> <p>7. Support more investment in <b>local safety initiatives, local economic support, more arts and culture activities, and environment action.</b></p> <p>8. As part of their feedback through local engagement on the Auckland Plan 2025/2026, mana whenua and haukāinga emphasised the need for meaningful recognition, partnerships, and kaitiakitanga. They called for stronger Māori-led solutions in areas such as environment, youth, and culture, and asked for ongoing, meaningful involvement in local decision-making.</p>
<p><b>Destination management and major events</b> Introducing a bed night visitor levy on short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage Auckland Council to continue advocating to central government for the legislative changes needed to enable councils to introduce a local bed tax or visitor levy, as a tool to sustainably fund tourism infrastructure, services, and major events.</li> <li>2. If a visitor levy is not secured, Auckland Council is urged not to address this funding gap through general rates; to avoid placing further burden on residents and ratepayers for services and infrastructure used disproportionately by visitors.</li> <li>3. Noting, the proposed levy ensures visitors contribute to the local economy, rather than relying solely on local ratepayers to fund major events and infrastructure; aligning with other major global destinations in using sustainable funding mechanisms for tourism and events.</li> </ol>

**Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
<p>3% increase to the overall waste management targeted rate for a typical household</p>	<p>Support on condition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request clarification on the proposed rate increase, especially considering reduced services such as fortnightly rubbish collections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is important to understand how council can justify an increase in rates when core services are being scaled back.</li> <li>- Residents are now receiving recycling collections every two weeks instead of weekly, which is a noticeable reduction in service level. This change affects household hygiene, waste management, and convenience.</li> <li>- The community needs a clear explanation: if services are being cut,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>why is there still a proposal to increase what people are being charged?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This raises concerns about value for money and whether efficiencies are being passed on to ratepayers. A detailed breakdown of how rates are being allocated and the rationale behind reducing basic services while increasing costs is requested.</li> </ul>
Introduction of the refuse targeted rate to the former districts of Rodney and Franklin.	Support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submissions generally (40%) supported this for its simplicity, others raised concerns about cost fairness and council accountability. Some found the proposal confusing and asked for clearer communication.</li> <li>• Māori feedback was limited but included some environmental support. Mana whenua favoured steady, manageable rate increases. Overall, feedback was balanced, suggesting support with a need for better explanation and long-term planning.</li> </ul>
Animal management fees: increase dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450	Support	Note – do not support increases to registration fees.
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		No comment

**Other matters**

Proposal	Support/Do not support	Local board input
Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan	<b>Support</b>	<p>Overall, the feedback from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu area shows cautious support for the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026. Māori submitters in particular supported the cultural restoration goals of the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• However, several submissions raised concerns about tree removal and fire risks due to overgrown grass.</li> <li>• There were also calls to reinstate grazing or improve mowing for better land maintenance.</li> <li>• So, while the vision is broadly supported, some aspects of implementation need more community awareness and education.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>The local board request</b> that additional support is provided to TMA to mitigate misunderstandings about grazing and tree removal on the manga. With council support the TMA could engage more with the community through regular hui, guided walks, and accessible informational materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These should explain the reasons behind grazing cessation, tree removal, and the benefits of restoring native ecosystems.</li> <li>- Visual storytelling, such as before-and-after images, can help people see the changes firsthand.</li> <li>- Collaborating with schools and local groups for educational sessions on traditional and modern land management practices can also build long-term understanding.</li> <li>- Additionally, addressing concerns and offering alternatives like enhanced mowing or community planting events could help maintain local connection to the land.</li> </ul>
Māngere East Village BID	<b>Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitters supported the main reasons for closing the Māngere East Village BID were that it wasn't delivering as expected.</li> <li>• Submissions agreed it was not achieving its goals, and they agreed with the local board's proposal to end the programme.</li> <li>• Submissions mentioned that the BID needed stronger local leadership, and some believed it wasn't providing sufficient value for the community or businesses.</li> </ul>
Well-managed local Government - Invest \$16 million into Māori outcomes including the ongoing Marae Infrastructure Programme, and grants to improve the capacity of mana whenua and mataawaka to engage in Auckland Council decision-making processes.	<b>Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mana whenua in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu area showed strong support for the plan overall, especially when it focuses on practical improvements like better public transport, fairer funding, and smarter use of resources.</li> <li>• Mana whenua highlighted the importance of investing in local spaces, supporting cultural and environmental goals, and backing community-led solutions that reflect Māori priorities.</li> <li>• However, concerns were also raised about affordability and the need for better Council engagement. The low number of mana whenua submissions suggests Māori voices may not have been fully captured, and this highlights the need for stronger outreach and more genuine involvement going forward.</li> </ul>
Advance the Making Space for Water programme that aims to reduce, avoid and raise awareness of flood risks.	<b>Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance local projects in our area, including all the post works, such as monitoring, to ensure that this work remains sustainable and meets the community's needs and environmental outcomes.</li> </ul>
Collaborate with Kāingā Ora and the Ministry of Housing and Urban	<b>Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance the projects in Mangere, in particular the community outcomes and infrastructure such as public transport,</li> </ul>

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Development to progress infrastructure investment in the Auckland Housing Programme areas of Māngere, Tāmaki, and Mt Roskill.		environment care, and cultural and wellbeing needs.
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### Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description
Māngere Mountain Education Trust	Reinstate the \$300,000 funding for Māngere Mountain Education Trust purposes, sourced from the council's 10-year budget, for educational programmes, cultural conservation, and maunga management.
Fund Te Pūkaki Tapu o Poutūkeka Co-management projects	The secured Māori Outcomes Funding will support Reserve Management Plan will help inform, key projects at Pūkaki, including formal access to the urupā, erosion control at the lagoon's southwest rim, and conservation efforts. Plans aim to protect cultural sites, enhance access, and reflect kaitiakitanga.
Local economic development	Local economic development remains a priority, we request assistance to deliver this Local Board Plan outcome, through regional funding to support our community to access better paid employment, quality training, and opportunities to improve local needs.
Fairer Funding allocation	Do not support Fairer Funding; request slower transition, equitable funding based on deprivation, better advice, and clearer financial information.
Place shaping projects to be funded. 1. Ōtāhuhu Portage route project 2. Māngere Gateway Heritage Precinct Plan 3. Māngere East Precinct	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prioritise long-term funding for the Ōtāhuhu Portage route project. This project will highlight local sites is of national significance in terms of history and culture, with huge potential to make the area accessible and connected for local and international visitors.</li> <li>2. Fund plan as an holistic and integrated programme of social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits through tourism, around the western parts of Māngere including, Otuataua, Ihumātao, Manukau harbour including Watercare walkways extensions.</li> <li>3. Develop a vibrant and connected community hub transforming Māngere East into a precinct.</li> </ol>
Free bus service	To promote and provide tourist and locals access to our local economic areas and attractions, like, shopping centres. The local board requests that Auckland Transport pursue this advocacy and provide a strategy and a plan to support the board as the RLTP did not commit to this long-standing initiative.
Enhancing Standards in Boarding Houses	Support proactive boarding house inspections, improving living conditions and tenant safety, particularly in high-risk areas. With the rise of new accommodation developments, some boarding houses are being used as temporary solutions due to limited affordable housing. This has increased the pressure on illegal boarding houses, underscoring the need for more comprehensive inspections and resources. Multi-agency collaboration, prioritizing vulnerable communities, and enhancing enforcement efforts are essential to ensure better housing standards and address the growing demand for safe, affordable accommodation.

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