

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

Date: Wednesday, 30 April 2025
Time: 1:00 pm
Meeting Room: Local Board Office
Venue: 10 Belgium Street
Ostend
Waiheke

Waiheke Local Board OPEN AGENDA

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

The meeting will be opened with a karakia

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

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

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

File No.: CP2025/07066

Item 5

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Waiheke Local Board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Waiheke 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 Waiheke Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement and key priorities for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. Auckland Council received 13,016 submissions in total across the region and 236 submissions relating to the Waiheke Local Board. 102 of those submissions were from people residing in the Waiheke Local Board area. The submissions provided from the Waiheke Local Board area had general overarching themes such as concern about the affordability of rates increases, as well as requests to invest more money in fixing unsafe footpaths, roading, and cycle lanes. The majority of respondents believed that delivering core council operational services and programmes which protect, enhance, and restore the island's natural environment were very important. Furthermore, the majority of respondents were not in favour of a targeted rate for a swimming pool on the island.
7. 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.
8. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to provide input into regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws. This report provides an opportunity for the local board to provide input on council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Waiheke Local Board:

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

Horopaki Context

9. Each financial year Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the relevant local board) for each local board area. The local board agreement outlines how the Council will reflect priorities of the Waiheke 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.
10. The Local Board Agreements 2025/2026 will form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
11. 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 Waiheke Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key local board priorities for 2025/2026.
12. 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

13. This report includes analysis of consultation feedback, any local matters to be recommended to the Governing Body and seeks input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026.

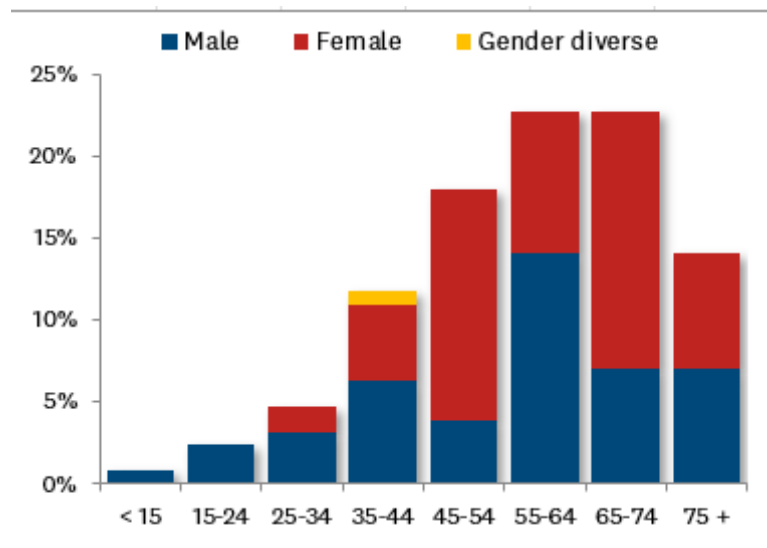
Consultation feedback overview

14. 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.
15. 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 (1 of which was held in the Waiheke Local Board Area).
16. 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>.

17. 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 42 submissions for Waiheke 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, 15 submitters responded to the missing question (894 in total). A review was conducted to identify the cause of the error and prevent similar issues in the future.

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

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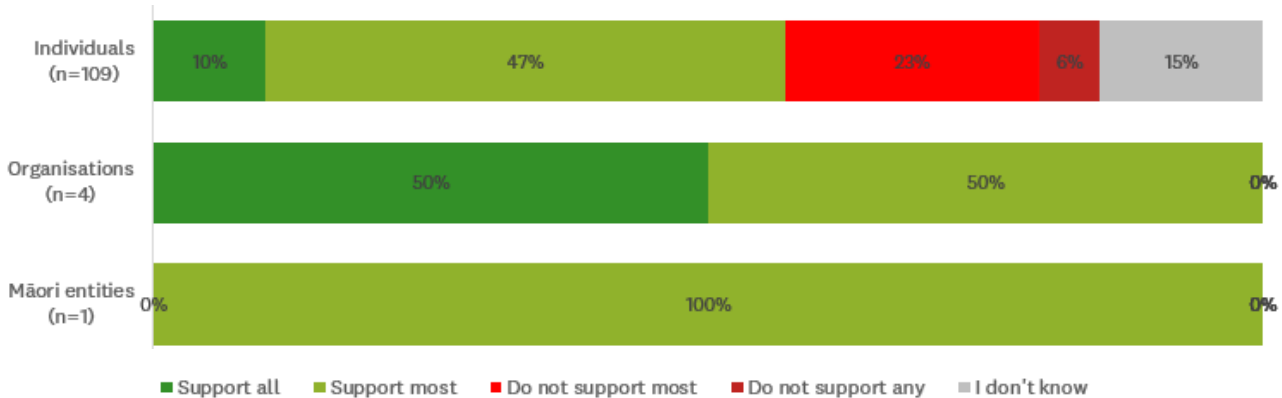
Local Board	Individual	Organisat	Total	%
Albert-Eden	6	0	6	3%
Aotea/Great Barrier	0	0	0	0%
Devonport-Takapuna	6	0	6	3%
Franklin	1	0	1	0%
Henderson-Massey	4	0	4	2%
Hibiscus and Bays	0	0	0	0%
Howick	1	0	1	0%
Kaipātiki	2	0	2	1%
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	0	1	1	0%
Manurewa	1	0	1	0%
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	2	0	2	1%
Ōrākei	2	0	2	1%
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	1	0	1	0%
Papakura	1	0	1	0%
Puketāpapa	0	0	0	0%
Rodney	2	0	2	1%
Upper Harbour	2	0	2	1%
Waiheke	99	3	102	43%
Waitākere Ranges	2	0	2	1%
Waitematā	9	0	9	4%
Whau	2	0	2	1%
Regional organisation	0	84	84	36%
Not supplied	5	0	5	2%
Outside Auckland	0	0	0	0%
I don't know	5	0	5	2%
Total	148	88	236	

Ethnicity	Count	%
Pākehā/NZ European	107	76%
Other European	3	2%
Māori	11	8%
Samoan	2	1%
Cook Islands Maori	0	0%
Tongan	0	0%
Other Pasifika	2	1%
Chinese	9	6%
Southeast Asian	1	1%
Korean	0	0%
Indian	3	2%
Other Asian	1	1%
Middle Eastern	0	0%
Latin American	2	1%
African	0	0%
Other Ethnicity	3	2%

19. The Waiheke Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:
- Priority 1: Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library (60% said very important)
 - Priority 2: Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island’s natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability, and resilience (60% said very important)
 - Priority 3: Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve management plan (23% said very important)
 - Priority 4: Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall (16% said very important)
 - Priority 5: Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate (29% said very important)
 - Priority 6: Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres (24% said very important)
 - Priority 7: Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu. (22% said very important)

20. Submitters were asked for feedback on the Waiheke Local Board proposals overall for 2025/2026:

Waiheke and Outside of Waiheke



Waiheke Residents Only

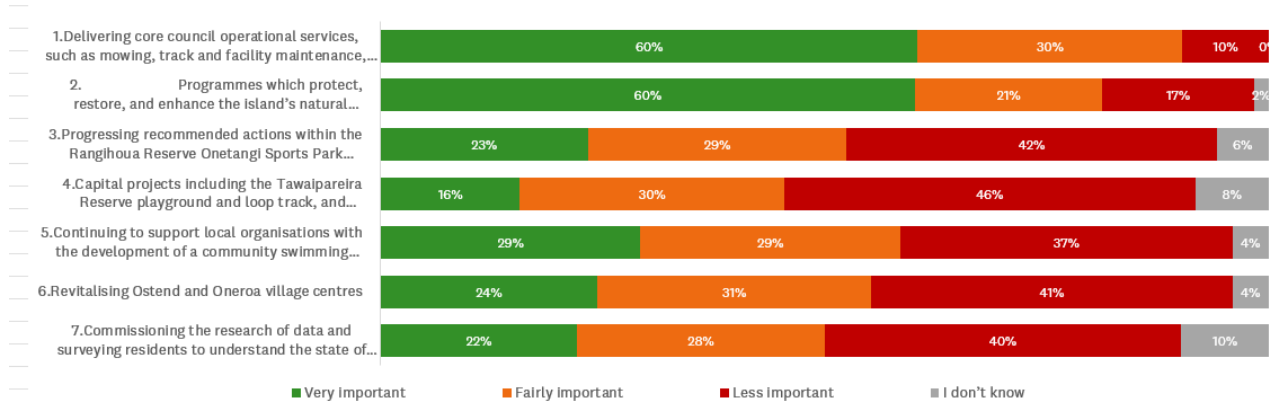


Key themes

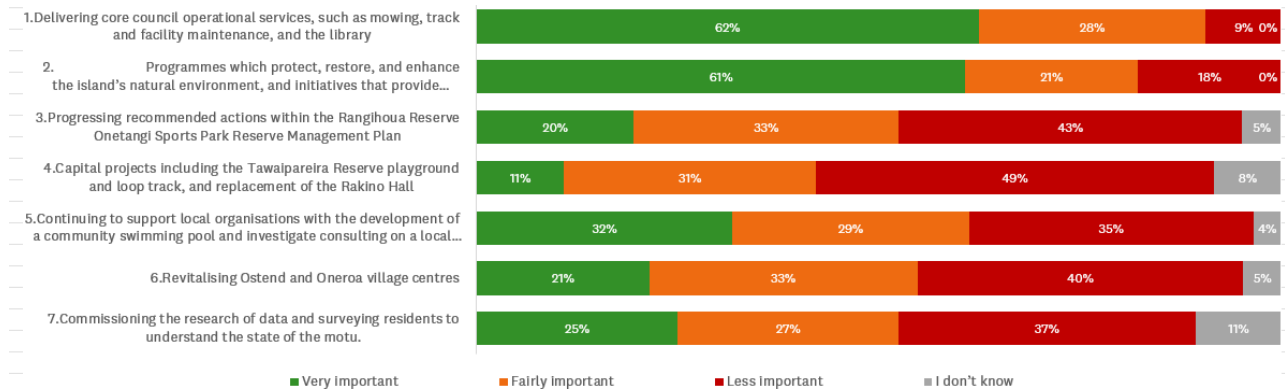
21. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written and in-person channels) included:
- Making sustainable forms of transport safer, so people use them more frequently to get around the motu.
 - Transport issues such as poor quality roading and a lack of footpaths.

- General support of the prioritisation of core council initiatives was reinforced in written feedback.
 - General comments around rates being too high already.
 - General comments about inequitable funding for the Waiheke Local Board Area
22. When asked to prioritise the board’s proposals the majority of respondents recorded that the delivery of core council services was very important.
23. Similarly, the majority of local respondents recorded that programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island’s natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability, and resilience were also very important. Furthermore, only a small proportion of respondents recorded capital projects and the replacement of Rakino hall as very important. Almost half of the local respondents considered this priority less important.

Waiheke and Outside of Waiheke



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24. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement on 11 June 2025. Local board key advocacy initiatives will be considered in the current report.

Feedback on other local topics

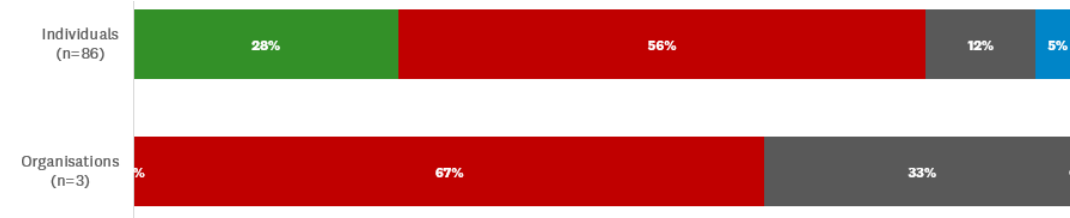
25. Key themes across feedback received on other local topics included:

Swimming pool targeted rate:

Waiheke and Outside Waiheke



Waiheke Residents Only



- Feedback not in favour of a targeted rate for a community pool demonstrated concern that building a community pool would be redundant because of the ease of ocean access on Waiheke. Those not in favour also raised concerns about the unaffordability of rates.
- Feedback in favour of a community swimming pool referenced how Waiheke residents pay rates that contribute to the maintenance of community pools on the mainland, that are inaccessible because of transport times and costs.

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

26. 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.

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

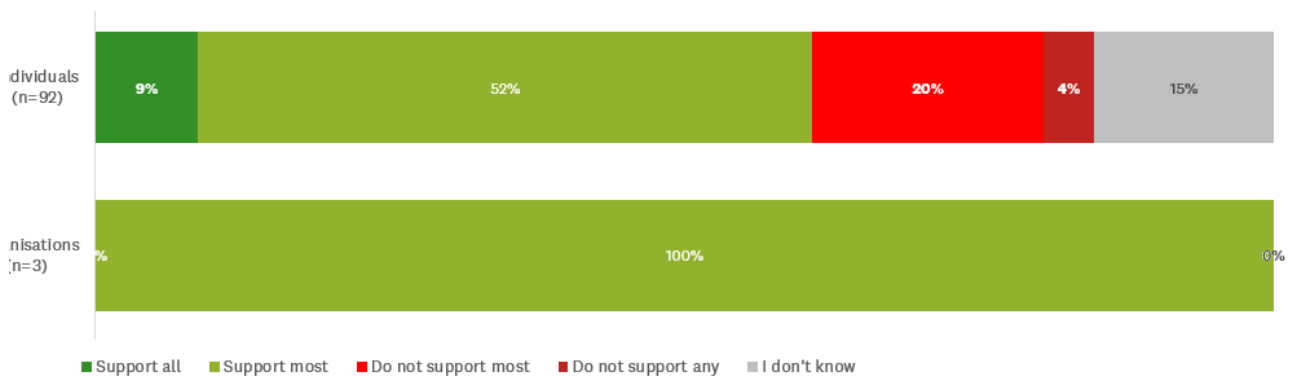
28. The submissions received from the Waiheke Local Board area on these key issues are summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

Key Question 1: Overall Plan

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

- transport
 - water; and
 - fairer funding for local communities.
30. 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.
31. 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 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.
32. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Waiheke Local Board area.

Q1 What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?											
Category	Count					TOTAL	Percentage				
	Support all	Support most	Do not support most	Do not support any	I don't know		Support all	Support most	Do not support most	Do not support any	I don't know
Individuals(n=92)	8	48	18	4	14	92	9%	52%	20%	4%	15%
Organisations(n=3)	0	3	0	0	0	3	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Māori entities(n=0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro forma(n=0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Themes for those that did not support included:

- Improvement of public transport and road infrastructure
- Unsustainable rates increases
- Funding for Waiheke is unfair due to no water infrastructure and geographic isolation to regional facilities.

Key Question 2: Destination management and major events

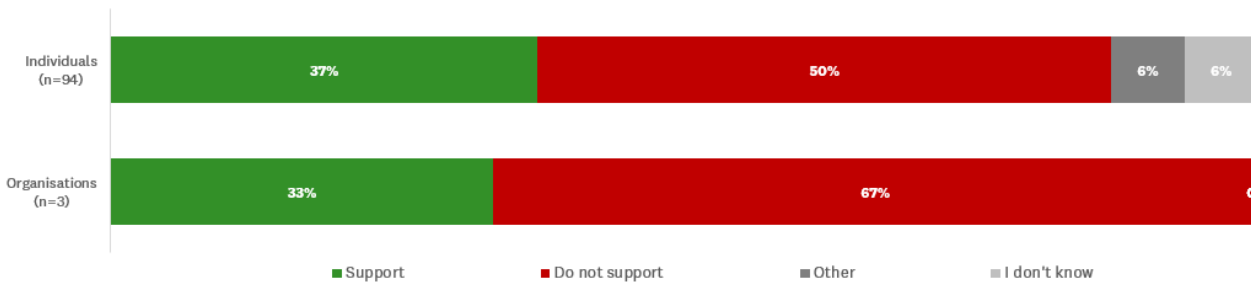
33. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events. Without such a levy, a \$7 million budget shortfall for the 2025/2026 financial year could

impact the funding for major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon, and Auckland Writers Festival.

34. 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.
35. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Waiheke 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

Category	Count				TOTAL	Percentage			
	Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know		Support	Do not support	Other	I don't know
Individuals (n=94)	35	47	6	6	94	37%	50%	6%	6%
Organisations (n=3)	1	2	0	0	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Māori entities (n=0)	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pro forma (n=0)	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%



- Comments from those that did not support included: Concern about impacts on tourism on Waiheke; expenses are already too high for visitor accommodation properties; visitor accommodation contributes to the livelihoods of Waihekeans.
- Comments from those that did support included: There are too many visitor accommodation properties on Waiheke; revenue should go towards improving local events, facilities and infrastructure; support for major events.

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

36. 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

37. 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.
38. 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.
39. There were 24 submissions from the Waiheke Local Board area which referenced these fees. Submissions focused on alternative ways to incentivise Aucklanders to reduce waste, as well as there being some feedback questioning the relevance of asking for feedback from residents outside of the Franklin and Rodney areas.

Changes to fees and charges

40. 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.

Other matters for feedback

41. The following matters were also included in the consultation in the Long-term Plan:

Recommendations on local matters

42. 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 board advocacy

43. 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.
44. 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

45. 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.
46. 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**

47. 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.
48. 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

49. 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

50. 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.
51. 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

52. 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.
53. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
54. 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.
55. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, matawaaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.
56. Ngā Mātārae led the council-wide approach to engagement with Māori entities. This included:
- Three information sessions for mana whenua on submissions and the process for submissions
 - Five information sessions for mātaawaka organisations
 - One hearing style event for mana whenua, Māori organisations and community groups.
57. Nineteen mana whenua entities have interests in the Auckland Council rohe. Thirteen of the nineteen (68.42%) responded to the Auckland Council's proposals for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
58. There were six oral submissions from mana whenua and six oral submissions from mātaawaka at the Have your Say Event.
59. Māori comprise 12.3% of the population in the Waiheke Local Board area. 11 submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Waiheke Local Board area. This represents 8% of total submissions.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

60. 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

61. 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

62. 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.
63. 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.
64. 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.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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