

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

**Date:** Thursday, 1 May 2025  
**Time:** 1:30 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Howick Local Board Meeting Room  
**Venue:** Pakuranga Library Complex  
7 Aylesbury Street  
Pakuranga

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## Howick Local Board OPEN AGENDA

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**1 Nau mai | Welcome**

The Chair will open the meeting and welcome everyone present.

**2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies**

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

**3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest**

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



# Annual Plan 2025-2026: Local Board Consultation Feedback and Input

File No.: CP2025/07722

## Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Howick Local Board area on:
  - proposed priorities and activities for the Howick 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 Howick 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 1,041 submissions from the Howick Local Board area. Submissions were generally supportive of the Board's priorities for the 2025 / 2026 financial year, with 76% of submitters either supporting all or supporting most of the priorities consulted on.
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 Howick Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Howick 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 Howick Local Board area.
- c) 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 Howick 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 Howick 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.
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.

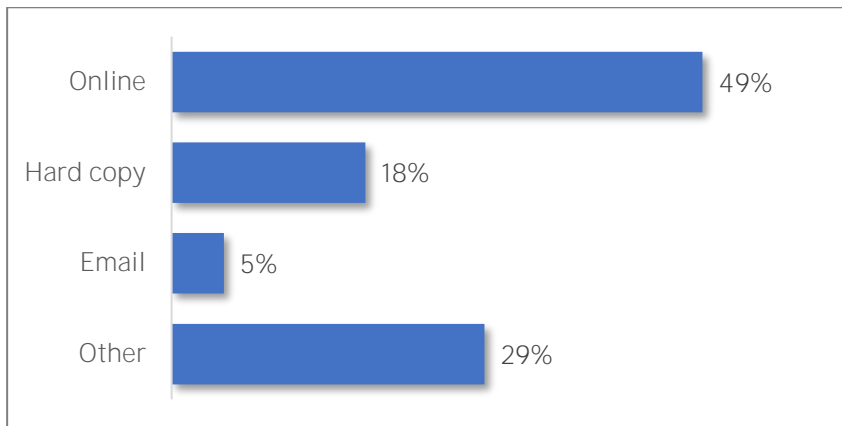
### Consultation feedback overview

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 – 3,005 pieces of feedback through 89 Have Your Say events (three of which were held in the Howick 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.

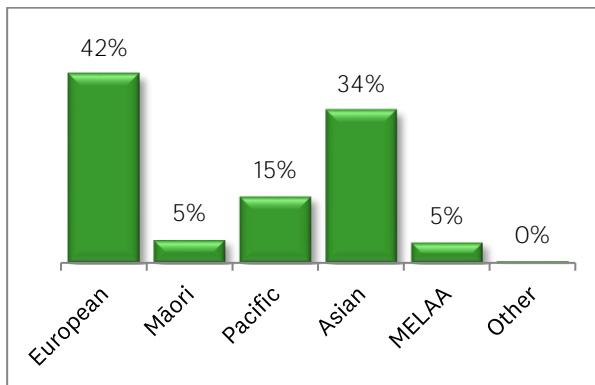


Ethnicity	#	%
<b>European</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>42%</b>
Pākehā/NZ European	353	40%
Other European	20	2%
<b>Māori</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Pasifika</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>15%</b>
Samoan	72	8%
Cook Islands Māori	18	2%
Tongan	30	3%
Other Pasifika	11	1%
<b>Asian</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>34%</b>
Chinese	182	20%
Indian	68	8%
Southeast Asian	32	4%
Korean	18	2%
Other Asian	2	0%
<b>African/Middle Eastern/Latin</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>101%</b>

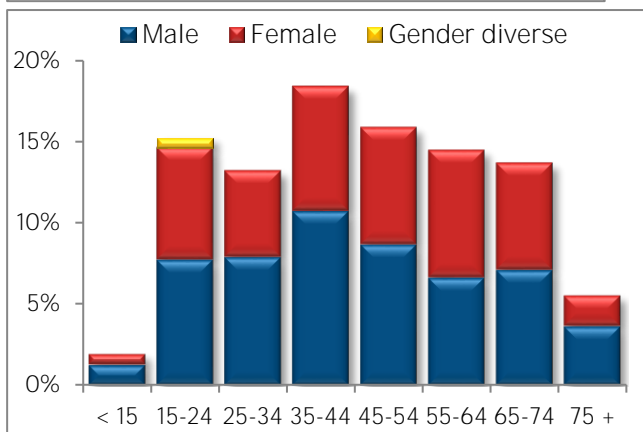
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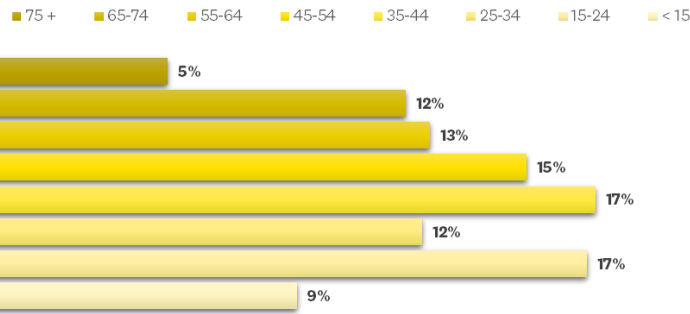
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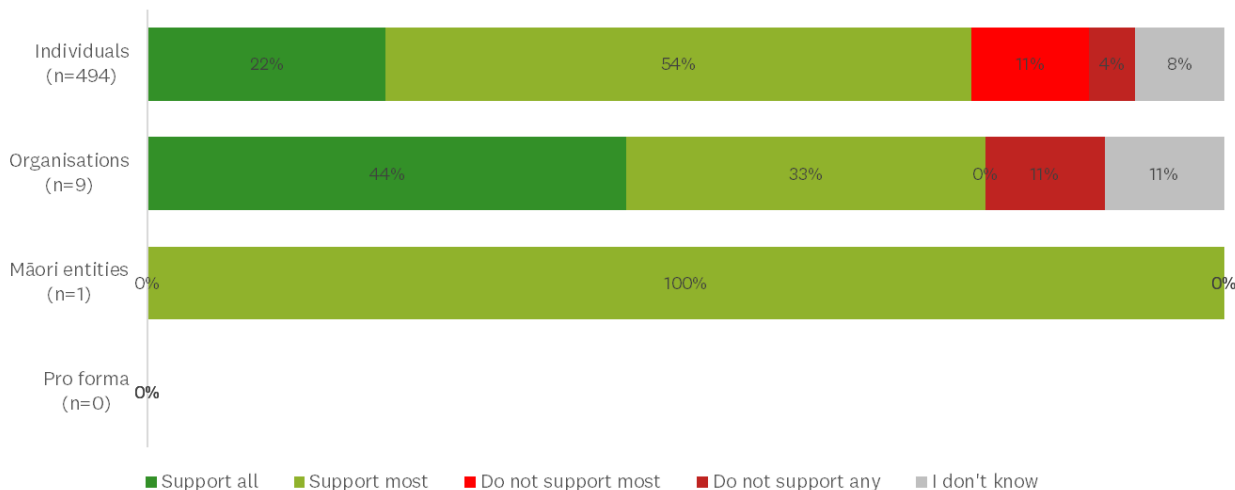


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16. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026” and will be accessible after 22 April 2025 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026/feedback-annual-plan-2025-2026>.
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 155 submissions for Howick 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, 75 submitters responded to the missing question. A review was conducted to identify the cause of the error and prevent similar issues in the future.

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

18. The Howick Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:
  - 1, Support local businesses and Business Improvement Districts on crime prevention and safety
  - 2. Work with the Youth Council, Business East Tāmaki, business and tourism sector, and others, on youth upskilling, including increasing funding for the Young Enterprise Scheme
  - 3. Review and refresh the Howick Local Board Heritage Plan and Tourism Plan
  - 4. Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay
  - 5, Trial a surveillance programme to help curb illegal dumping in Flat Bush
  - 6. Develop initiatives for live monitoring, capturing and documenting the levels of poison/toxicity in our local waterways to increase awareness and enable enforcement
  - 7. Investigate options on introducing a targeted rate to help fund the delivery of the Flat Bush Library, Community Centre, and Pool and Leisure Centre.
19. The 1,041 submissions were received on Howick Local Board’s priorities. The majority of local respondents either supported all or most of the Board’s priorities, as shown in the graph below.



20. 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.

### Information on submitters

#### Key themes

21. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written and in-person channels) included:
- Positive comments with regards to Flat Bush facilities;
  - No to a targeted rate for Flat Bush Facilities;
  - Illegal dumping issues;
  - Traffic issues; and
  - Retain Marina Fitness

#### Requests for local funding

22. Requests for local funding through the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation included:
- Bucklands Beach AFC request rebuild of changing rooms/toilets on Lloyd Elsmore Park, with clubrooms on top; and
  - Keep funding Marina Fitness

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

23. 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.
24. Submitters were also encouraged to provide feedback on any of other matters included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation document.

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

**Key Question 1: Overall Plan**

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

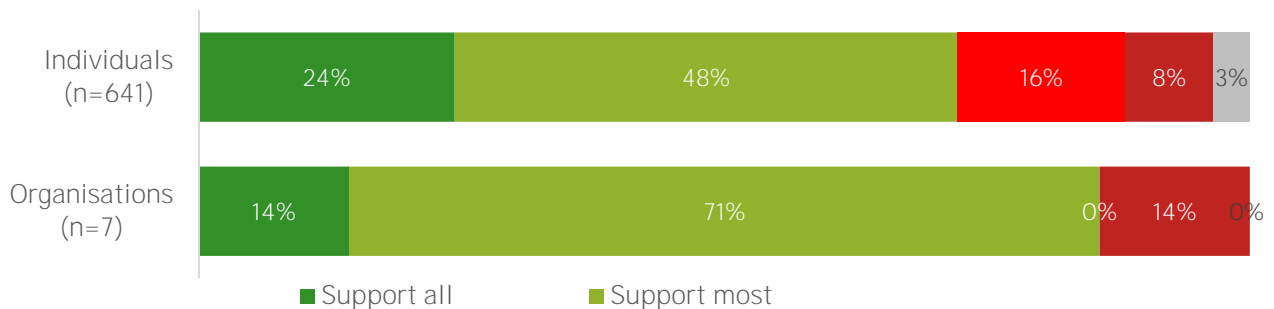
- transport
- water; and
- fairer funding for local communities.

27. 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.

28. 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.

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



30. Of the 351 respondents, 60 supported all, while 160 supported most. 76 respondents do not support most and 46 respondents do not support any. 122 respondents expressed their concern regarding rate increases, while 74 respondents have requested that public transport be improved, and 56 respondents expressed the need for a focus on infrastructure.

31. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Howick Local Board are overall supportive of the proposal with a strong emphasis on:

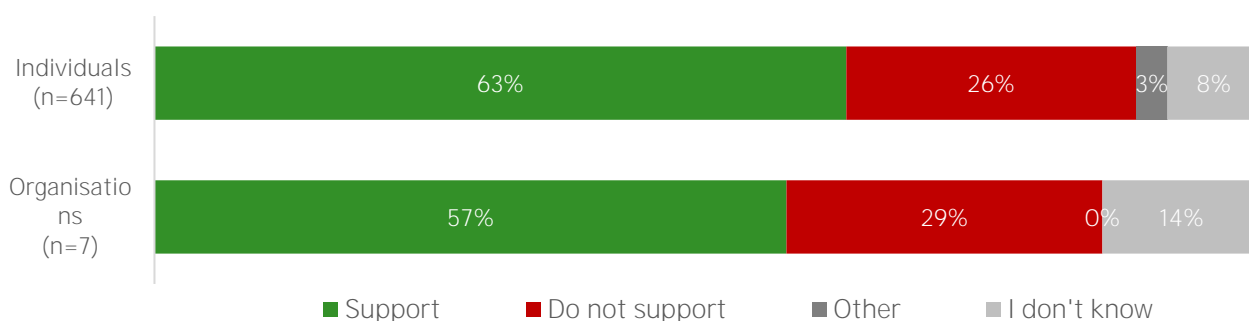
- Funding must be equitably distributed
- There is concern that generic “equity models” may still leave some communities disadvantaged. Funding decisions must align with Māori priorities.
- Iwi must have direct, ongoing involvement in all stages of planning, funding, and policy-making to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

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- There is a clear call for structured engagement mechanisms that give iwi visibility and influence in decisions, especially around economic development, infrastructure, and water planning.
- Rapid urban growth presents both risks and opportunities for iwi. It can endanger culturally significant sites and marginalize Māori land interests unless iwi are included from the outset.
- Māori businesses contribute significantly (\$1.4 billion annually) to the economy, but face barriers in accessing procurement and innovation funding.
- The 2025 Budget should actively prioritize iwi economic growth, including through infrastructure investment and procurement opportunities.
- Funding should support rangatahi through employment schemes, leadership programs, and scholarships.
- There's a strong push for investment in environmental restoration, especially projects led by or in partnership with mana whenua.
- There is support for the Council's goal to eliminate wasteful spending and optimize investment, as long as it does not come at the cost of equity or iwi inclusion.

**Key Question 2: Destination management and major events**

32. 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.
33. 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.
34. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Howick Local Board area.



35. Of the 641 respondents, 401 support the proposal while 168 do not. 56 respondents expressed the need for public event funding while 42 respondents requested a reduction in local residents costs.
36. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Howick Local Board area gave feedback as follows:  
The proposal is supported with a strong call to ensure funding is equitably distributed, particularly towards Māori and Pacific events, which are currently underfunded.  
Key points to consider:
  - Ensure Māori businesses and cultural tourism are included in event planning and funding.
  - Support iwi-led tourism and cultural initiatives.

- Develop structured, ongoing engagement with iwi to enable shared decision-making and event outcomes.
- Allocate funds to Māori tourism enterprises and rangatahi (youth) workforce development, including employment, leadership, and scholarship programs.

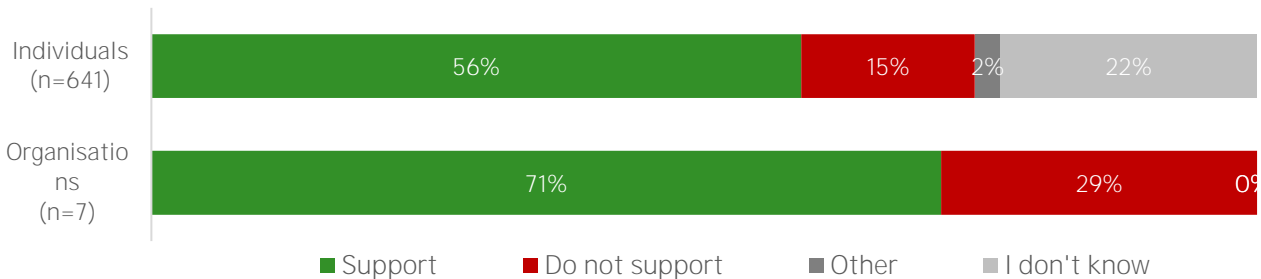
**Key Question 3: changes to other rates, fees and charges**

37. 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**

38. 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.
39. 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.
40. There were 641 individual submissions and 8 organisations from the Howick Local Board area which referenced these fees, of which 359 individuals and 5 organisations support the proposal. Overall, there was angst around rate increases, expressing their concern with the increased cost of living.

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**Other matters for feedback**

41. The following matters were also included in the consultation in the Annual Plan:

**Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026**

42. 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.
43. There were 16 submissions (13 individual and 3 organisations) from the Howick Local Board area which referenced the TMA plan. Overall, submitters express support for the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, but are disappointed with the lack of progress and delivery on key outcomes. Protecting the maunga remains a priority, and there is concern that this commitment is not being fully realised.

**Any other feedback**

44. Aucklanders were asked if they had any other comments. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:
- Community Services;
  - Community Facilities;
  - Economic development initiatives; and

- General support.
45. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Howick Local Board area gave feedback as follows:
- **Enhanced Partnership:** Establish formal mechanisms for iwi to engage in co-governance and co-management of projects within their rohe, ensuring that iwi have a direct role in decision-making processes affecting their communities.
  - **Cultural Investment:** Allocate dedicated funding to support Maori cultural, educational, and community initiatives, recognizing the importance of preserving and promoting Māori heritage and well-being.
  - **Environmental Collaboration:** Partner with iwi on environmental sustainability projects, leveraging traditional knowledge and practices to achieve shared goals in environmental stewardship.
  - **Inclusive Consultation:** Ensure that public consultation processes are accessible and inclusive, providing iwi with meaningful opportunities to contribute to discussions on policies and projects that impact their iwi.

## Recommendations on local matters

46. 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

47. 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.
- This does not apply to the Howick Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

### Local board specific reserve funds

48. 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
- This does not apply to the Howick Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

### Local board advocacy

49. 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.
50. 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

51. 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.
52. 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

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53. 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.
54. 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

55. 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

56. 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.
57. 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

58. 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.
59. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
60. 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.
61. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, mātawaaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area. Specific feedback is noted in paragraphs 31, 36, 42, 43 and 45.



62. 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
63. 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.
64. There were six oral submissions from mana whenua and six oral submissions from mātaawaka at the Have your Say Event.
65. Māori comprise 6% of the population in the Howick Local Board area. 46 submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Howick Local Board area. This represents 5% of total submissions.

## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

66. 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

67. 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

68. 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.
69. 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.
70. 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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