



# Summary of the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026 / 2027



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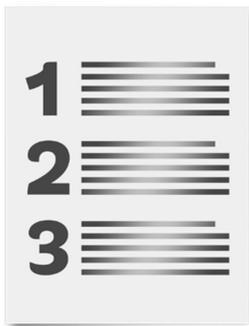


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# About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is a **summary** of the **Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027**.



Here a **summary**:

- is shorter than the full Annual Plan
- tells you the main ideas in the Annual Plan.



**Auckland Council** is the group of people who make choices about how to run Auckland.



When you see the words **we / our / us** in this Easy Read they mean Auckland Council.



An **Annual Plan** is a document that says what we will do each year.



The **Annual Plan 2026/2027** says what we will do from 2026 to 2027.



When you see the words **this year** in this Easy Read they mean 2026 to 2027.



We also have a **Long-term Plan 2024–2034**.



The **Long-term Plan 2024–2034** says what we are working on from 2024 to 2034.



The Long-term Plan 2024–2034 says we need to manage our money well.



Managing our money well means:

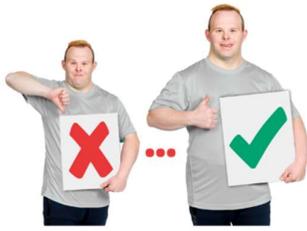
- we have enough money to pay for things if something bad happens
- **services** are:
  - run well
  - affordable.



Here **services** are the things we provide like:

- pools
- buses
- rubbish collection.





The Long-term Plan 2024–2034 also says we need to make the **physical resilience** of Auckland better.



Here **physical** means all the things people have built in Auckland like:

- roads
- pipes
- buildings.



**Physical resilience** means what happens to these things when something bad happens.



For example if a road always floods when there is a storm we need to make the physical resilience of the road better.



The Annual Plan 2026/2027 says what we need to do this year to make the things in the Long-term Plan 2024–2034 happen.

## The main things we will do



This year we will focus on spending money on:

- **water**
- **transport.**



Here spending money on **water** means spending money on things like:

- sewage pipes like the pipes from your toilet
- making sure everyone has clean drinking water.



Here spending money on **transport** means spending money on things like:

- roads
- buses
- trains.

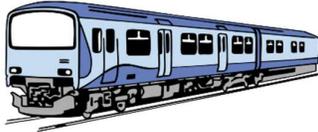
We will also support **local boards** to do the things people in their **communities** want.

**Local boards** are groups of people who make choices about how to run things in their part of Auckland.

Here **communities** means all the people who live in each part of Auckland.



The **City Rail Link** will open this year.

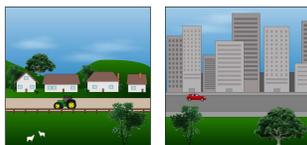


The **City Rail Link** is a new tunnel for trains underneath Auckland.



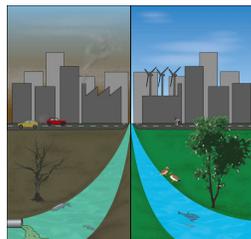
It will make it easier to travel around Auckland by train.

It will be better for the **environment** than travelling by car.



The **environment** is everything around us like the:

- air
- ground
- trees.





This year we are going to spend nearly 4 billion dollars on things like:

- roads
- public transport like:
  - buses
  - trains
- parks
- community facilities like:
  - libraries
  - pools.



We will also spend over 5 billion dollars on services Aucklanders use every day like rubbish collection.

## Changes to rates



We think **rates** need to go up by nearly **8 percent** this year.



**Rates** are the money Aucklanders pay us so we can run services for Aucklanders.



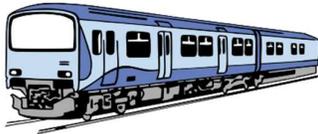
You only have to pay us rates if you own your home.



Rates going up by nearly **8 percent** means you will pay about 80 more cents for every 10 dollars you spend on rates.



The Long-term Plan 2024–2034 also said rates would need to go up by nearly 8 percent this year.



Rates are mostly going up to pay for running the City Rail Link.



The rates need to go up by more than we wanted them to.

We are doing things to save money.



If we did not do these things the rates would have to go up by more than 8 percent.

# The future



This year we need to make lots of decisions about things that will affect Auckland in the future.



To support us to make these decisions we want to know what you think is important for the future.



We also want to know what you think the city centre of Auckland should be like in the future.



The city centre is a very important part of Auckland.



The city centre earns a lot of money for Auckland.



The things we decide now will affect what things are like in the city centre in the future like what:

- kinds of:
  - jobs there are
  - businesses there are
- there is to do for fun
- it is like to live there.



We want to make sure people like being in the city centre.



We also want to make sure the money we spend on making public transport in the city better is worth it.

# Tell us what you think



We want to hear what you think about the Annual Plan 2026/2027.



You can visit this **website** to tell us what you think:

[www.akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](http://www.akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan)



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You can use an Easy Read form to tell us what you think.



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You can **phone** us to tell us what you think on:

**09 301 0101**



You can visit a library to tell us what you think.



You should read the **consultation document** before telling us what you think.



The **consultation document** tells you more information about the Annual Plan 2026/2027.



You can find the consultation document at:

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The full consultation document is **not** in Easy Read.



You need to tell us what you think by **Sunday 29 March 2026.**



We might make changes to the Annual Plan 2026/2027 once we hear what people think.



The finished Annual Plan 2026/2027 will be ready by June 2026.



You will be able to see it on our **website:**

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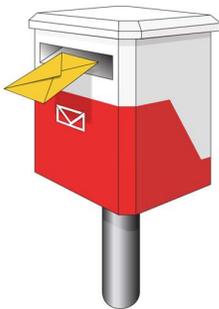


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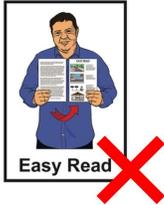
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