



Annual Plan 2025/2026

Written Feedback

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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users should pay for this and council needs to continue to do major events - they make the city fun. we should strongly advocate to government to give us the ability to do this.

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rodney and franklin - it is much more efficient for council to have everyone included in the overall scheme, despite what individuals say about efficiency of tags. i've just come out of a tag area and it is so much more preferable not to have them

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i support the draft TMA plan - they do a great job protecting and enhancing the maunga. They're doing an awesome job, both the TMA itself and the people who support them and of course Auckland's mana whenua/tangata whenua who generously allow the rest of Aucklanders to share these taonga.



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Albert-Eden, Henderson-Massey, Puketāpapa, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**Tell us why**

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How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Less important

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Fairly important

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Very important

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Less important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Fairly important

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Less important

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Less important

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Considering the community programmes that are delivered from Wesley Community Centre and Roskill Youth Zone to get better utilisation of the facility

Fairly important

Investigating the use of the Fickling Centre and Library, to ensure that it is able to respond to the needs of the growing Three Kings community

Very important

Supporting community groups that lease council space, so they can find ways to share their spaces and continue to provide great community activities

Fairly important

Implementing recommendations from the Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan so that the recreational needs of our growing communities are met

Less important

Planning for the development of Monte Cecilia Park so that this becomes a destination park and an icon for Puketāpapa

Very important

Investigating projects from the Wairaki Awa Catchment Plan that can be implemented, such as naturalising the awa at Lynfield Cove

Less important

Investing in more climate action and environmental projects

Less important

Increasing the number of local events, arts and activations, especially in local parks

Very important

Supporting arts and events by working with existing community groups to help coordinate their work and make the most of opportunities

Less important

Supporting community-led placemaking initiatives that engage diverse groups, promote safety and community identity, and increase greater connectivity and participation among businesses and community members.

Fairly important

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Whau Local Board Priorities

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How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Less important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Less important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Less important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Less important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Less important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

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I don't know

Tell us why

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

Other

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden, Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Fairly important

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Fairly important

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Fairly important

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Fairly important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Very important

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Fairly important

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Very important

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

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give Western springs back to speedway as it has been for the past 95 years. Stop taking away historical buildings/places and cultural

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Question 4:

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Waitākere Ranges

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Support most

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

It brings them in line with the rest of Auckland,

Question 4:

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4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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Support most

Tell us why

transport needs alot of work, the cost of it for one is insane, it's too expensive and it keeps going up in price

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Support

Tell us why

we need the money to fix our broken city

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Support

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just use those red bins, they are brilliant, no tags or bags required

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitematā

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

there are too many homeless people in our city, the streets smell, they hassle you for money, they sleep in bus shelters and at front doors of shops especially those stores on lower queen street so our overseas visitors get off their cruise ship to be accosted by the homeless

AT transport let them on busses and trains for free, they make our already dirty looking city worse.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

We have got to make sure infrastructure keeps up with growth

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Support

Tell us why

Why not? Most overseas locations have this levy, and travelers are used to paying it, so will not object. And we need the money.

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Do not support

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Waste management. No tickets encourage more waste throwouts

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Tell us why

Because they are community based. The community provides the money and it should be used to make it a safe and enjoyable place to live.

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Just my opinions as ticked

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Support most

Tell us why

Good, non-pandering solid approach

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Support

Tell us why

We want to be perceived as an exclusive, high-end destination

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges, Whau

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Fairly important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Fairly important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Fairly important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Fairly important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Fairly important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Fairly important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Fairly important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support any

Tell us why

As a new homeowner, I am already struggling to pay instalments for my rates. An increase is making it harder for me. Find new ways to get funding. Also, transportation is still expensive.

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Support

Tell us why

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Stop the 5.8 per cent rates increase. It's punishing us homeowners.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

There is a lack of detail on real tangible benefits

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

Do not support

Tell us why

We have a tourism issue, we are an expensive city to visit this will make it worse

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5.8 per cent when inflation is going down ?

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

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Less important

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Tell us why

To much money is being spent on the central city. I have not been into the city for a number of years now as it is a nightmare to drive through and find a park. Stupid cycleways and dedicated lanes are all good for the MINORITY that use them but are off putting for the rest. I will not use public transport and certainly won't be cycling.

With the cost of living as it is I would prefer you save ratepayers money and just stick to your core responsibilities and drop the rest of the stupid ideas that you have.

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Support

Tell us why

I support the bed tax but think that the organisers of the events need to pay for the rest not the ratepayer. If you can't afford to pay for it then don't do it. Do not expect the ratepayer to subsidise it!

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I do not live in these areas so feel it is up to the locals to have their say.

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Tell us why

If communities can not afford to fund events put them hold till they can.

Arts and culture are a luxury we can do without at the moment as is serving diverse communities.

Business development is good as we need to lower unemployment.

The Waitakere ranges at least where I live seems to be flourishing. Yes trial the chemecals on the Kauri but only on a small scale and see what happens, got to be better than whale music ffs.

With the current financial hole the incompetency of past councils have put us in I think the parks can wait.

Stick to the core responsibilities, look at reducing the numbers employed by council. Sack everyone in AT and let someone who knows what the are doing and aren't virtue signalers take charge and get the city moving, in their cars as this is what we want.

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Core responsibilities at this stage nothing else the ratepayers can't afford it!

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I am sick of the focus being on the city, cycle ways and buses, it is a waste of time and my money. I hope your spending money on Watercare does not come out of the pocket of residences that are on tank water and septic tanks this would be grossly unfair.

The council needs to take a hard look at themselves and reduce costs by getting rid of a load of high paid staff whom in my opinion are a waste of money. You also need to get rid of AT and undo the stupid things they have done like the speed bumps they have put everywhere. Now you have cycleways everywhere you need to look at banning all but residence form cycling on certain roads around the city like Scenic Drive which are totally unsuitable and put not only the cyclists at risk but the motorists that have to go on the wrong side of the road to get past them. It is a pain in the ***** on weekends putting up with these entitled morons that think they own the road.

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Only water and transport

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Support

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The rates and fees are already higher than affordability, please cut them short,

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Focus on what's missing, build pedestrian crossing bridges for schools so they don't block the flow of the cars passing and the chaos at school drop offs and pick ups

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Build Schools pedestrian crossing bridges

Don't waste our money in the places that are not the priorities

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Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Bring in much needed revenue from overseas and around New Zealand

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitematā, Whau

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Very important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Less important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

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Support

Tell us why

because I dont attend any of these and do not want to be funding it from my money for events I do not have any inclination to attend. I would rather it be a ticket fee to attend these events.

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I cant afford a rates increase, The valuations done already are over what my property is valued from a real estate agent. Its unfair and will take a considerable amount of time before my property is able to be valued at the price you guys have valued it at.

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Tell us why

I don't want my rates money going towards any Maori or Pasifika initiatives or any other cultural ones. I also don't feel we need land purchased for parks I won't use. I do feel the importance is around roading, Westwave pools upgrades as that is something we use quite a lot, bus and trains and pest control. Water upgrades are definite. Please don't use my rate money for any cultural or community initiatives as I feel that is not as important as what I stated above. I would rather a user pays approach.

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Less important

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I dont support any of my money to go to cultural events or to subsidize diverse communities as my children are unable to gain any benefit to this being european and from hard working family. We already are having to subsidize all the cost for my 20year old because there is no financial assistance available for full time students without dumping them with a massive student loan debt.

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Please DONT raise my rates

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Rates should increase more for more capital investment in transport and to enable property development. And increases on higher values should be more relative to lower property values (i.e. more progressive rate increases).

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Support

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Support

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I prefer paying for rubbish bags in combination with organic waste collection because of the incentives to use the organic waste and have more circular waste. However if we're moving to rated waste collection we should have all regions on that system.

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We need to disestablish local boards. There's some much duplication of non-expert, non-differentiated service delivery. We need to make use of Auckland's scale and this is the opposite. There's \$7m worth of governance overhead (at least) that could saved. Enough to fund the events shortfall.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I don't believe Council is looking at internal savings. You have an attitude of 'just increase rates to cover what we do. You waste huge amounts of money and are not focussed correctly. For example the ridiculous continual and poorly managed roadworks and the rail link is an example. Internally I believe you have far too many people and its very woke' and left wing inside Council.

Major events for the few like sail go should never waste our money. Open more tracks in the ranges and stop with your myopic 'shut everything for a 100o years . Why's is the proposed co gov of the ranges not mentioned>. More are not the only culture in auckland.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Because i don't believe you understand how to live within your means. You are just wanting to pay for what you want to do. I would love to see the 'proof' that sail go was a great investment. How many people actually agree wit that cost to ratepayers when we cant even swim in the sea because its so polluted and w cant walk in the ranges because you have shut them? No, i think you guys need to focus on priorities and stop the waste. Many people live here and how many would support wasting money on sail go or divali???

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Support

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I think your current waste policy is confused. One minute you introduce bin tags because it's all more efficient then you stop it. I suggest you are currently encouraging people to fill their bins because there is no incentive to reduce the bin size. The bins should be swapped for the smaller ones and if you want a bigger one sure but pay for the difference. Just one example.

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Community led events? What does that even mean. I dont agree with paying for divali or cultural events. Serving diverse communities has tooo much emphasis - it feels like huge amounts of money go on minorities. What happened to the majority? It's not your job to support business associations- not at all. I support the Waitakere ranges environment but not your version of supporting it. Open more tracks, stop any form of co governance and stop wasting your time with voodoo solutions to kauri dieback- rubbish like playing whale song doesnt work. The proposed injections wont work. You need a better investment in genuine options for a solution but in the meantime you must open more tracks as a priority.

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On balance i support the bringing back control of cco to Council but i worry that Council is not the best organisation to run anything. Evrything council touches is inefficient and expensive eg the rail link is a disaster, the repair of flood damaged roads is a mess and a ridiculous length of time and poorly planned. No, we need a much more efficient group running these organisations. Council seems determined to shut the ranges forever- not acceptable, think again.

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Country is in financial hardship. Economy is in drain and here we are increasing prices everywhere for basics that people need, food, elec, mortgage, rates etc. increase in rate is a financial burden on me and family. There has been an increase in financial hardship and mortgagee sales coz people are not able to afford rates and insurances. Council should be supporting and not increasing rates every year. Feels like punishment of purchasing an abode in this country.

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Such a stupid idea to get rid of payed for rubbish tags! Will end more rubbish in land fill

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Tell us why

I think that funding especially for certain cultures is wrong and is not the job of council, these things should be funded by the people involved.

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Less important

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Council should stick to core council responsibilities not funding religious, cultural or political movements and churches and marae should pay rates!

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I don't know

Tell us why

I've no experience of events and associated costs

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When it comes to waste charges in West Auckland I presume our rates charge us weekly and we only use recycle collection once a month ordinary rubbish and veggie scraps fortnightly.

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A lot of this is race based, the event based things are pride and drag show things in the library which I don't support. Stick to core council objectives.

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Cut spending. Focus on core work



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I think the priority areas are the right ones.

Under transport I would like to see more support for walking and cycling and public transport. I am unenthusiastic about spending on new roads, except where required to support the public transport network (eg overpasses to relieve congestion at level crossings).

I would like to see more emphasis on creating green corridors throughout the city.

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Environmental protections critical in Waitākere. The ranges are precious but development is putting a strain on the surrounding environment. I would like to see more green corridors as part of development planning.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Dont agree - Increase on rates on the average value residential property, how is that decided who has the increase?

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I do but then i dont as this could have an opposite affect driving people away to nearby neighborhoods who wont charge and just drive in or it might keep people away meaning less foot traffic. Less events held

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Only think its fair everyone pay what other areas are doing

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Grants

Question 5: Other feedback

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Waitematā

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Rates should not increase

Water is important

Better transport options should be invested in like driverless car networks not old slow trains and buses that don't actually transport a person to their destination on nearby.

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Tell us why

I don't think arts and culture are a priority.

I don't think tailoring programmes to serve diversity is a priority.

Supporting business and the environment is a priority.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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It is very important to protect the native environment using modern technologies

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Do the basics and nothing more. Fix the roads, maintain libraries, provide basic rubbish removal and processing. Stop spending in your comms and PR completely. Stop the absolute ***** recycling bins, which get little use and will get even less now that we don't pay for rubbish tags. Stop putting in cycle paths, just fix the roads properly. Stop virtue signalling, woke DEI policies.

Defund anything that supposedly promotes Te Tiriti while costing low income rates and rent increases they can't afford. Make the connection between higher rates and more suffering if the poor and vulnerable, particularly the elderly. Stop supporting Rainbow issues. That is not your job. Stop paying entertainers thousands of dollars to put on shows in public venues that few care about. Do the basics, do them well and stop the *****.

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Do not support

Tell us why

See above. Look after the vulnerable. Surely you are supposed to care about them.

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Support

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Easier, but get rid of the stupid recycling bins

that cost a fortune for no benefit. I like composting, so I have a compost bin. Why am I paying for those who can't be bothered to do that?

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Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

Wasteful, unnecessary.

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Leave the Kauri alone. You're eating our money even stopping people walking tracks and washing the evil microbes off their feet. Utter nonsense. The things that are proposed to help low income Auckland comes at the highest cost to.... Have you figured it out yet? Listen to Counsellors like Ken Turner, who is wise and caring

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Please listen. Stop eating our money to make yourselves look good. We simply can't afford it. Thank you that the proposed rate increases are less than some other areas, but please make more savings rather than grandiose and hurtful waste.

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Support most

Tell us why

Support transport and water. Much needed better safer transport systems

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Do not agree as everything is increasing. Too expensive

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Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

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Fairly important

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Nothing of your proposal benefits us as ratepayers nor benefits the area we live in. So, not a cent more for not receiving anything back.

Charge more to the areas that are benefiting from your proposal.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland is already struggling attracting visitors.

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Do not support

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All your proposals are in detriment of families economies. We don't receive anything from Auckland Council.

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Only one benefits my community directly. I oppose.

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges, Whau

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

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Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

I don't know

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Whau Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

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Fairly important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

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Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Fairly important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Fairly important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

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3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

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Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Needs more focus on building and maintaining critical infrastructure. Further savings could be achieved by cutting back on bureaucracy and consultants.

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Support

Tell us why

I support only if it also applies to bnb/airbnb.

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Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

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Less important

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

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Do not support most

Tell us why

A 5.8% rates increase is a heavy burden on Aucklanders, especially in the current financial climate. This is particularly unfair to single or first-home owners who are already struggling to pay their mortgages, and now the Council is adding even more pressure.

Our salaries don't increase by 5% every year, yet the cost of living has risen by double digits. While increasing council rates on additional properties is understandable—since those owners are financially well-off—penalizing single-home owners feels like an unfair punishment from the government and the Council.

If the Council were run with empathy, I urge them not to increase rates on first homes, as homeownership is a basic necessity, not a business or investment.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I am not sure how this is going to impact us and local businesses.

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

A lot of pedestrian crossings have been built in the suburbs, with some placed just 100 meters apart. Each of these likely costs at least \$40,000–\$50,000. Is this really necessary?

If the Council is already taking on additional debt to fund \$4 billion in capital expenditure, shouldn't they be planning these projects more wisely to avoid unnecessary spending?

Question 4:**Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

I don't know

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

I don't know

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

I don't know

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

Tell us why

We need more visitors; New Zealand is already expensive for international visitors, without adding more expenses and making us even less attractive.

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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I do not support the council increasing rates beyond the rate of inflation. Rates are already a huge burden to the majority of us who live in Auckland. I have not given the council an open chequebook.

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No more wasteful money on road pumps.

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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It costs the two of us more for rubbish collection now we have no bin tags. We have a compost bin and put our rubbish bin out about once a month. The green bin is used when our freezer bag is full of bones that we do not compost. I have no problem with recycling but cannot understand why lids that are number 1,2,5 cannot be recycled. I am aware they are smaller but not always. I fail to understand why we now pay through rates when we do not use frequently. I liked the bin tag idea.

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Local board priorities

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Albert-Eden,Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

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Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Cancel support for winter festival

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Rates are too high.

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Very important

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Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

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Do not support any

Tell us why

It doesn't make sense that property taxes are rising while house prices are falling.

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

Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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The use of garbage bags should be restored

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Support most

Tell us why

Auckland tax payers have been hard hit by declining house prices and rising costs everywhere else. My local road (West Lynn road, Titirangi) was recently repaired after 5 years of complaining to the Council. A really poor job was done to it which shows this road will probably fall apart in the next couple of years. If there wasn't such wastage rates would not need to rise so much

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Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland airport will be increasing their arrival fee, the port is looking to do the same, this constant fleecing of tourists will only drive them away. Auckland is pretty much underwhelming as it is, adding more cost will just reinforce that South East Asia is closer, more vibrant and cheaper

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Support

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I understand that finances are tight but I think there's smarter ways to raise money than just thinking we taxpayers are an endless piggy bank. Pretty much over feeling that some entity just wants more yet services degrade

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Less important

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Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

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Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

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Tell us why

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Support all

Tell us why

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Very important

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Support most

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

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Tell us why

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Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Council needs to focus on fixing its current wasteful spending first before deciding to engage in spending millions of dollars on more projects

Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

How can you encourage tourism by taxing tourists even more with a bed tax? this plan makes no financial sense.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

1)The refuse targeted rate in Franklin and Rodney makes sense to bring all of Auckland into line.

2)The food waste scheme/fee should be scrapped and made voluntary, it was arrogant of the council to just decide on a scheme like this and force it onto everyone. I work for the public and work at hundreds of peoples houses a year and find most people dont use this system as the bins were poorly designed and fall over in the wind. Others dont like the rotten food smell drifting from the bins or the flies the bins attract. Many others like ourselves compost our waste and recycle this into our gardens, the council should of offered free composting bins instead of paying for a truck to

drive the waste down to Rotorua. The food waste scheme was just another stupid idea introduced by councils at the expense of struggling tax payers.

3) I see a 5.8 percent rates increase being introduced, this reflects poor financial decision making and management by our council and this should be linked to inflation or set around 3 percent. Not many people recieved a 5.8 percent increase in their wages this year so your high increase on rates just takes food from the familys tables. The council and its employees are really out of touch with reality and are hurting the struggling familys that live in this city.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Most of these areas of spending are want to have, not need to have.

People have been suffering with the cost of living spiraling.

It time for the council to focus its attention on reducing debt and reducing non critical spending instead of funding a number of programs which are not needed.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The council needs to trim spending on most of these activity's in order to keep rates increases lower.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

The Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority should be abolished it is a waste of money and this should return back to council control and be limited to set budgets each year in order to keep rates increases low.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I want you to build a bridge from Glendene to Rosebank so people in the west has other option rather than getting stuck in Te Atatu or New Lynn. You want us to pay extra on rates, gives us option to save on petrol and stress! It's a stone throw away.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

Let the visitor pay rather than the community,

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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I would just repeat what i said above : I want you to build a bridge from Glendene to Rosebank so people in the west has other option rather than getting stuck in Te Atatu or New Lynn. You want us to pay extra on rates, gives us option to save on petrol and stress! It's a stone throw away.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Fairly important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Listen to the mayor and go full austerity. Measures.

Nobody is getting pay rises this year. Stop wasting money on niceto haves and contrate on trimming back consultants and staff.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

Tell us why

You should not be wasting my rates on this when there is shortfalls in core council activities!

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Council is 10 years behind in making on council rubbish system for all

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Less important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Stop wasting money on non core council activities.

Start actively hunting down and prosecuting commercial polluters who send chemicals and sediment runoff from the area!

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Focus on improvement of council and taking climate change seriously.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

Clipping the ticket in a small way will help us to fund more events. The people who enjoy them are contributing a little more.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Rubbish bins- easier when you dont need bin tags or rubbish bags. However, we should encourage people to get smaller rubbish bins and larger recycling bins. I believe it now costs to swap your rubbish wheelie bin for a smaller one. This should not have a cost, perhaps charge if they want a larger one.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Tell us why

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Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Fairly important

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Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

All of these priorities sound good. However, I would also like to see a focus on developing resilient communities and infrastructure for the realities of Climate Change. I know the local board and council are doing some good work in this area, but please don't think you've done enough. The more we prepare now the better the future can be. We need more policies to support lowering our climate emissions, and we need to start creating policies that support a more climate-resilient community.

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Our roads are clogged because you are making too many homes in Auckland before sorting the infrastructure. Public transport will remain not an option for many people.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

It is very annoying for visitors to pay this. It is very off putting for tourist. I had to pay this on my holiday in Europe and will avoid going to those cities in the future.

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

No rate increases as we cannot afford to pay for groceries

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Local board priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

It is important to spend money to retain our trees and the bird life

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Investment choices, \$1 million bins and \$1 christmas tree

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Local board priorities

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Henderson-Massey

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Supporting community events in Swanson is extremely important and environment conservation should be built into this

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Do not support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Please include more ferry stations around places such as Te Atatu Peninsula to lighten up the traffic.

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

5.8% rates increase is very steep

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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re: Refuse Targeted Rate - I do not support this as we're a 2 person household and we'd be subsidising other larger households for weekly collection. Currently, we only have a bag collected once every 2-3 weeks

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes

Fairly important

Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations

Less important

Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction

Fairly important

Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.

Fairly important

Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

Less important

Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Less important

Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I would like to see spaces such a Te Uru Gallery, a world class gallery space which I am always honoured to take visitors to, supported in a financial funding aspect. It is always on a to do list for people visiting me, as I live in Titirangi. The holiday programmes for children are unique and I have attended an adult workshop myself. I'm often at the weekend exhibit openings and they pull a big crowd and always have a great community spirit.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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For years as West Auckland residents we have had to buy plastic bags then tags for our rubbish - this is just an extra cost for a service that the rest of Auckland has not had to bear.

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Arts and culture are vital to our communities - AC has invested millions into the redevelopment of Lopdell Precinct and the building of a purpose-built , world class Te Uru Gallery - please inflation-proof the funding to keep it running.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

Please support Te Uru to deliver important outcomes as outlined in your annual plan. Te Uru is a public asset and services our communities in so many ways. Please inflation-proof its operating budget so it can be sustainable in the harsh financial times.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

AC is incapable of providing value for rate payer money

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

Do not support

Tell us why

This is Just more money to be wasted

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

No more increase to rates. Already far to high

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

It would be good to see evidence of how community led contributions have informed the planning - is there a break down available of demographics that shows what level of community feedback has been involved in council planning?

In particular interest, evidencing what percentage of local board residents actively contribute to planning vs those that contribute to wider council consultation only, and the basic demographic of those groups would help with generalised opinion questions.

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Do not support

Tell us why

This potentially works for areas with higher density infrastructure / populations / business districts but not for areas outside of the city centre who's accommodation providers will likely lose business as a result of added costs. Further, major events need significant staff, performers, vendors etc who this levy will negatively impact. This is a very city centre solution for a city that is more than just it's CBD.

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Other

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Not a Franklin or Rodney resident

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

As the local board area with one of the highest populations of urban Māori, it's good to see priority 2 however, disappointing to see planning is limited to a centralised culture and identity initiative when whānau are struggling to provide life's basics and under the new govt are facing the dismantling of proven programmes in social services and health. Council and local boards have an opportunity to be responsive to prioritised community needs.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

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Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

It would be great to see some integrated solution pathways being presented.

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Probably the most cohesive planning priorities from all the LBs

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The planning appears one dimensional - addressing one problem in isolation at a time.

A more considered approach to integrated services and collective impact outcomes would work better for our diverse communities.



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Support most

Tell us why

Core infrastructure needs to be updated.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

I don't believe patrons of these events should be paying for destination management or marketing; targeting accommodation and out-of-town stayers feels like a make-quick-money scheme.

These events should be funded by the key companies in charge of the events. With the ever growing yearly revenue of these companies, it seems unfair for the ticket purchasers to have to cover the shortfall. If companies are over spending for events, then they should look at properly budgeting for all aspects of their event.

We want visitors to our location and people to enjoy their time at events, this has a flow on effect for all surrounding businesses.

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3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Other

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Depends if this funding will go to improve the waste disposal systems in Rodney or if this will be consolidated with the supercity and Rodney will be left on the back burner. I support this if the funding collected from Rodney residents goes to improving the local area...

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Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Increased funding of the arts has proven to increase overall well-being; it increases patronage to the area and allows for greater cultural diversity. It improves us as a society and helps our urban landscapes connect with the diverse needs and nature of all.

It allows young people to engage with their community by them feeling supported and connected to wider social, political and ecological issues.

When young people get involved in the arts, other areas of their lives are positively affected, including relationships, social connection and feelings of belonging and being valued, as well as their physical wellbeing, creativity and general feelings of happiness and optimism for the future. Dr Molly Mullen.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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This is a good idea. The 2.5 to 3.0% is very much affordable by everyone, especially tourists.

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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I agree with the average increase in rates of 5.8%. I believe this is reasonable considering the current economic situation in the country and the continuing cost of living crisis.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitematā

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

You are not addressing the traffic problem at all.

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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It's ludicrous to raise rates again.

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Fed up of super city.

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Support

Tell us why

Hotels and BNBs charge so much per night; sure they can afford it

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I don't know

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Tell us why

Keep hearing that Glen Eden will be redeveloped and nothing ever happen.

But hey AKL council can spends millions of dollars to re-do Queen St every 5 years and now there is a plan of a new park for CBD. No money for West but lots for CBD

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

City center / rich suburbs have it all and amazing parks for kids. Nothing in West Auckland as usual.

Keep putting more houses but nothing else to support community.

Developers can cut 100% trees for developments and then I have to pay taxes for tree planting.

When will you introduce only 1 side parking on roads? Getting harder and harder to drive due to cars parked on side of the road (more developments with not enough parking)

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You keep asking us what we think but at the end of the day you do what you want.

Selling downtown carpark with no tender is perfect example.

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Tell us why

because us working poor cannot afford these increasingly out of reach for the rich entertainment. Not to mention the utter disarray with gridlock when trying to commute when an event is on.

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Support

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The poor having paying for the rich for far too long. Start charging the richer suburbs more as they are ones who get most of the infrastructure maintenance and up keep of council amenities.

Question 4:

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Tell us here

STOP WATING RATE PAYERS MONEY AND START DOING YOUR JOB!!!! ESPECIALLY AUCKLAND TRANSPORT (AT) THEY ARE A FUCKING BASKET CASE AND ARE UTTERLY USELESS WITH THE WESTERN TRAIN LINE!!!

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Nothing in the preamble about west auckland

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Sell

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Support

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Local board priorities

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Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Less important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Less important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Fairly important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Fairly important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Less important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Less important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

There are bigger priorities than community hubs when the Glen Eden township 'hub' is full of meth users

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I don't know

Tell us why

What's the point?

We feel disenfranchised, ignored & of no interest to centralised authorities

& the last thing we need is the Americas Cup

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Support

Tell us why

As long as these 'events' are not paid with rates

However, I think the suspicion that they will be, in some way subsidised & hidden by some creative accounting, is justified

Many simply don't trust the Council, for good reasons

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Do not support

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This is an example of Council perfidy

The proposed change - which has a contestable rationale, was hidden in the small print of the last District Plan

Charging rubbish disposal through raised rates has only meant we will put out more rubbish

People still 'fly tip' out our way

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

What is proposed & what happens are often - usually - different things

This is a pretence at democracy - not a full realisation

We the electorate get blamed for failing to get involved in an unresponsive & utterly incomprehensible 'local' government structure

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Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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What does #4 mean?

No wonder people despair of interaction with the Council

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As above

There is a deep sense of dislocation & disillusionment with what now passes for local government

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Council budget is over blown and way too high

Dial back everything to basics. Rubbish. Collection, water delivery and public park maintenance. The rest is noise and waste. Auckland live should be dismantled immediately as it adds 0 value to

the rate payer. These events can be held privately and funded by sponsors. It's not within your purview.

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Do not support

Tell us why

This is not within a councils purview. Manage essentials and cut the rest. This includes administrative staff and middle management.

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Do not support

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Question 4:

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Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Less important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The councils role should be strictly confined to operation and delivery of basic infrastructure. Collect rubbish, deliver clean water and clean and maintain parks and roadways. There should be no expansion of services beyond this. The rates and operating costs should be massively reduced to reflect these cuts. This leaves more money in the pockets of the citizens, who can then independently fund and pay for services with the extra money they have. This is the only fair way to proceed in the current economy.

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Support most

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Sounds good, but we also would like to know where the money comes from and where is the budget cuts if any.

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Do not support most

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It good not to purchase rubbish bags .

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Do not support most

Tell us why

High expenses all over killing people already however additional increment(rates) definitely a joke.

Keep in mind, house prices are still 10-20% down while most of us paying high interest; negative deposit(bought during/after covid).

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Question 4:

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Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā



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Fairly important

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Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

I don't know

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

I don't know

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

I don't know

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community development and support activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

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Please, don't increase rates until people are on positive house deposit at least.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Wayne Brown's tenure has been disappointing due to his lack of follow-through on key transport initiatives. He promised progress on hybrid buses but has failed to deliver. No comprehensive transport plans have been developed, leaving the city without a clear vision for future mobility. I have not seen any tangible improvements to infrastructure or public transport. If he had introduced

hybrid buses, built new ferry terminals, expanded park-and-ride facilities, or even just presented solid future plans for these kinds of projects, that would have been a step in the right direction. However, without these efforts, his leadership has lacked decisive action, and the city remains stagnant on critical transport issues.

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Tell us why

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Support

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Tell us why

I know that the community feel like there are already a lot of community events, this is fed back to me quite frequently. I think that supporting the organisations and events you already have so that they can be sustainable would be the priority rather than running more events. I think having all events working together makes sense also so that there are not competing events that all have been funded by council or Local board - this is not the smartest use of funds for the greatest return to communities. For the Business Associations - I would assume this would not need financial support as they are businesses, and being involved with business associations in the past they have not had council support. To support them with advice I can understand.

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

As Director of Te Uru, I can see the value that this gallery adds to the community, the impact of our Education Programme in creating a safe creative space for everyone at all ages is phenomenal to see. It is undeniable how valued the gallery is in the community - what we add to local economy and to the social good of our local area. We also service a much wider catchment - bringing visitors to the area and providing a tourist destination that adds to the liveability of Tāmaki Makaurau. We are a six story purpose built gallery a stunning architectural space. A building of this size and stature has become increasingly more expensive to run. The cost of Power and insurance in particular are putting incredible financial strain on the gallery. Over the last 5 years as you know due to not being able to keep up with inflation - our annual funding has essentially suffered a shortfall of \$90,000. This highlights the pressure that the gallery is currently under which has created an unsustainable financial environment. We desperately need the Waitākere Ranges Local Board to increase our core funding to alleviate some of this pressure. If it is not able to rectify the \$90,000 shortfall perhaps spreading this increase over a two year period to at the very least bring the gallery back to the funding that was initially forecasted as being required to successfully run a facility of this size. I would be very grateful if the Board members would consider the positive impact Te Uru has in the community and the important role we play - and look after this important asset. Ngā mihi nui.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

It's time this council stopped wasting our money on pet projects and other rubbish

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Support

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Drop the green waste pick up for all of Auckland it's a waste of money and is not as green as advertised

Question 4:

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We need to improve access for children with disabilities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Drop wasteful spending fix the roads and get a foot path on Glengarry road and stop the getos that are being built

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Cost of living is already too expensive. Putting up rates is making it difficult for people to own homes.

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Do not support

Tell us why

I do not care about events in Auckland.

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I don't know

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Local board priorities

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Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Increasing rates is not a fair way to pay for things

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Less important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

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Tell us why

I care about environmental improvements but not the rest

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Do not support any

Tell us why

The burden of cost on rates payers is already ridiculous and you want to raise them.??? No more rate rises on residential properties!

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Do not support

Tell us why

You want to increase tourists coming to Auckland but want them to pay through the nose for it? Make it make sense.

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We may as well bring them into line like everyone else (3A)

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Tell us why

I would like more details on what they propose before committing to whether they're a good idea or not.

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Support most

Tell us why

Environmental issues are woefully underfunded...and given our env underpins EVERYTHING, that's typically and terribly short sighted and ultimately flawed.

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Support

Tell us why

It's a modest inc in cost to visitors and unlikely to impact many. Just make sure its put to good use and not frittered away!

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Rubbish collection services need to be standardised and delivered in a way that is not just cost effective for council but environmentally effective. Put back pay per play to encourage waste reduction.

Improve and upscale and simplify and standardise recycling...its embarrassingly bad for a 21c first world city.

The dome valley landfill proposal is a travesty. Appalling. At a time we should be diverting waste from landfill we're gonna destroy a forest with one of the countries most significant native frog populations to dump more unnecessarily created waste.

I'm ashamed of Auckland.

If we must have more landfill, use some of the thousands of hectares of crappy empty pasture and undeveloped wasteland, not high biodiversity forest.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

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Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We must protect and improve the Waitakeres...they are deteriorating in front of our eyes. It's terribly sad, depressing and shortsighted. This should be an absolute priority, not a nice to have with a pitiful pot of a few dollars to try and slow the decline of what's left...it needs a proper, aggressive , focused programme and tens of millions of dollars.

Let's improve quality of life in our suburban centres, diversify work and recreational opportunities, and reduce the need for so much travel...reduce cars on the roads.

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Someone please stop authorising the ugly and cramped plague of town houses and flats popping up everywhere. Of we must have housing intensification we should at least pay some attention to aesthetics!

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The rates increase has made a difficult financial period even harder. Time to be conservative and focus on maintenance of existing. Stop funding elective events via the ratepayer.

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

Support

Tell us why

User pays, not the ratepayer

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

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Support most

Tell us why

Support the Council spending on the things Aucklanders need like public transport, active travel modes, infrastructure. Support the increased bed levy but would like to have seen a higher rate hike which would have helped to fund other critical projects such as the removal of more level crossings which are currently limiting the benefit of the CRL.

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Support

Tell us why

It locks in and makes real the potential return of these events which usually only generate a return on paper based on some expert's math model on an Excel sheet. Also gives the ratepayer their fair share of the return that usually is held on to by private businesses that generate the profit.

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Support

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Waitākere Ranges, Whau

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Tell us why

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Fairly important

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Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Building up local communities and local town centres massively improve the sustainability of a community, being able to walk to a local business to do your grocery shopping, get your life admin done keeps the community alive instead of shipping hard earned money to offshore corporations.

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Fairly important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Fairly important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Fairly important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Rates should've gone up further.

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Franklin, Henderson-Massey, Hibiscus and Bays, Howick, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa



Franklin Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Delivery of Auckland Council Community Hub Services (library, arts, and customer services) in Beachlands and Clevedon

Extending and improving service outreach to isolated communities like Āwhitu, Ōrere, Glenbrook Beach, Paparimu and Kawakawa Bay

Accelerated delivery on the Sports and Recreational Plan, and additional grant funding for Karaka Sports Park and the Te Puru Sports Centre

Initiatives that improve the quality of the water in our streams and rivers and our environment through pest eradication programmes

Accelerated planting of trees in public places i.e. delivery of the Franklin Ngahere Plan

Continued delivery of the targeted rate funded Franklin Paths Programme.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making

Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting

Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities

Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents

Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy

Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?

Tell us why

Howick Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Support local businesses and Business Improvement Districts on crime prevention and safety

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

Review and refresh the Howick Local Board Heritage Plan and Tourism Plan

Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay

Trial a surveillance programme to help curb illegal dumping in Flat Bush

Develop initiatives for live monitoring, capturing and documenting the levels of poison/toxicity in our local waterways to increase awareness and enable enforcement

Investigate options on introducing a targeted rate to help fund the delivery of the Flat Bush Library, Community Centre, and Pool and Leisure Centre.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Community development, including events, community safety, and a greater activation of our community houses, community centres, and libraries

Increased funding in the Kaipātiki Community Grants Programme, so we can support and help a wider reach of our community through their activities

Māori outcomes, through investment in engagement, events, and fostering authentic relationships with Māori.

Youth outcomes, through conversations with young people to identify local activities and services that interest them

Increased sport and recreation opportunities, through grants to organisations to maintain or improve their assets, or to secure community use of non-council owned facilities

Environmental protection and restoration, including working with our local environmental groups to increase their impact

Maintenance, including environmentally friendly open space management, building maintenance, refuse collection, bush track maintenance, and removal of aging pine trees

Compliance, in the areas of building, illegal dumping, noise, animal control, and overnight stays on reserves

Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability

Sport and recreation facility planning to understand the sport and recreation facility needs of Kaipātiki, to guide future investment

Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Explore a site for a recycling centre

Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge

Maintain local road safety with limited budgets

More support to volunteer networks

Push to deliver local business initiatives.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme

A BID is a local economic development initiative run by a business association under the Auckland Council BID Policy (2022). It involves businesses in a defined area paying a targeted rate to fund specific services or projects in their BID boundary. The Māngere East Village Business Association Society Inc. (MEVBA) has failed to meet key BID Policy requirements, including accountability reporting, AGM minutes, strategic plan, and appointing a BID Manager. MEVBA also breached its constitution and did not notify the council of non-compliance. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board is now considering terminating the BID programme and targeted rate, with the possibility of re-establishing a compliant BID programme in the future if conditions are met.

Do you think we should end the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?

Tell us why

Manurewa Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing the levels of service for maintenance and repair of all assets across buildings, parks, open spaces and sports fields, town centre cleaning, street litter bin emptying, vegetation clearance, and berm mowing works

Improving sports fields including maintenance, sand-carpeting and lighting

Identifying ways to support the council's response to roaming dogs

Boosting the amount of funding available for community grants so more projects and initiatives can be delivered by community, arts and sports groups

Expanding the number of funded initiatives that respond to the needs and aspirations of children and young people

Developing tailored community partnerships with key groups, organisations and networks where their interests and priorities are aligned to outcomes in the Manurewa Local Board Plan 2027

Providing the Pacific community with capacity support, and a grant to undertake feasibility and concept plans to deliver the Pacific hub on Clendon Reserve

Scaling up the work being delivered to achieve environmental outcomes

Investigating the need to extend the opening hours in our community facilities such as the two libraries, the pool and leisure centre and Nathan Homestead

Funding initiatives that stimulate economic growth and generate prosperity in Manurewa.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Fenced Dog Exercise Areas

Do you think we should investigate providing fenced dog exercise areas?

Tell us why

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Each part of the plan appears to be a pragmatic approach to solving Auckland's challenges.

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

Support

Tell us why

This is a workable way to fund existing and new event activities in Auckland. I do not think it will discourage visitors at all.

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Refuse Targeted Rate for Franklin and Rodney makes sense - this standardizes waste management across Auckland.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

All the proposals support good business, community and environment in the area.

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

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Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

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Support most

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**Question 5: Other feedback**

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I would strongly recommend investing (as part of the economic stimulus strategies) in the screen/film industry - the direct and indirect income and employment to the region is underappreciated, and has suffered in recent years due to lack of future-focused investment into the industry. Making consents etc easier for productions, and therefore making shooting in the region attractive would be helpful. The council investigating the option of trying to find space for increased stages (Avondale Racecourse would have been an amazing option) would also make international productions more likely to come here.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland is built on tourists money and charging them more will not encourage people to visit.

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Support

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Very important

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

I believe that those certain groups need to be invested in the most.

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Support

Tell us why

It would help the economy

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

no

Question 4:

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Tell us why

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Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Very important

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Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Community development and support activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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Support

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Support

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Local board priorities

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Support all

Tell us why

Fix the transport.

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Support

Tell us why

We need more festivals events especially ones around Matariki

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitematā

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Very important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

I don't know

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

In particular, the support to end homelessness is very important, I want to see this done in a way that targets the causes such as housing prices, education and other systems as opposed to just building more houses. This is an unintelligent and out of touch move that fixes nothing and causes more problems.

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Local events, Youth activities

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

I haven't read the proposals in full.

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Very important

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Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

I don't know

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

I don't know

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

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Very important

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I don't know

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I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

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Support

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I would like to say something different.

It's time the Auckland Impounded dog system was updated so it's easier for owners to claim their dogs ,This would move the dogs quicker ,instead of euthanizing good family pets bc the iwner doesnt have the funds on demand . The numbers are high & the Auckland pounds are not coping . It's policies are very outdated .This topic needs serious reviewing & is consistently being overlooked .

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Money is proposed to be spent on nice to haves such as fare caps on public transport, replacements for working boilers in council buildings, investment in the Auckland future fund, etc. At the same time, projected rates rises are still substantially above inflation, and more debt is being incurred.

Council should focus on the essentials until such time as the city's finances are on a sustainable footing, meaning modest debt and rates increases in line with inflation over the long term.

The future fund should be liquidated and used to pay down debt. Auckland Council is not a hedge fund.

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Do not support

Tell us why

It is correct that businesses that benefit from events should pay the costs of these events. However it should not be a mandatory levy: the businesses in question should get together and sort out the funding themselves. There is no need for council involvement.

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Other

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Following a change of government it is no longer mandatory to provide a food scraps collection service. The cost of this service is an imposition on those of us who have invested in our own home composting. The food scraps collection should be transitioned to a user-pays model.

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Tell us why

Please focus on service delivery. Event planning and supporting local businesses are not the job of Council/local boards.

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Councils and local boards should be service delivery organisations: roads, parks, etc. I would prefer if the local board would focus on services rather than what I perceive to be a desire to be involved in the community. Community is orthogonal to government.

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I don't know

Tell us why

There's so much to take in.

That's why we elect Councillors to a full-time job to take these decisions on our behalf. I can't help thinking how much is spent on these consultations with stakeholders which could be better spent on getting on with the job. We already have a system where we can tell you if we don't like your decisions at Election time.

It would be nice if, just for once, the annual increase in Rates reflected the average increase in rate Payers' income instead of just continuing to gallop ahead as though the ability to pay was a given.

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Tell us why

You're just driving punters elsewhere. Do you know how much it costs for the average tourist just to get here?

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Support

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Do not support any

Tell us why

I do not support another rate increase

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Support

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Makes sense

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Support

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Get rid of the scrap bin/this cost in rates

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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Very important

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Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local events

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

i selected support to 3A to make it fair but generally not supportive at all. bin tags were far more fair to the people. now i have to pay for what i m not using (the bin every week). but the Council will always find ways to charge us more

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

i have selected fairly important to point 6. but i oppose waste of money for building all those steps everyone in the community is opposing. stop wasting money all the new cleaning gates stations. it

is important to reopen Waitakere to the people and in a way they want it back. Listen to people on Waitakere reopening tracks facebook forum.

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Yes, please stop renaming everything into Te reo. I live in Auckland and want to live in Auckland. you also need to consider how it makes non Maori people feel. Constantly being guilty as if we owe something. no we need to move forward as one country that has one language, one flag.



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Do not support

Tell us why

I like peace and quiet when I am trying to sleep

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Do not support

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The tag system ensures minimum waste and frankly should be applied city wide at reduced costs.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitākere Ranges

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants

Fairly important

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Less important

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Very important

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Fairly important

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Less important

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Very important

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

Very important

Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Point 7. Protection and restoration of waterways is very important, the collaboration with any non-council party should be irrelevant assuming the most qualified experts on the subject are spearheading the projects.

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Tell us why

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Less important

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Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

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Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Do not support

Tell us why

I don't support this as it will add, even though a small amount, to the cost of short stay accommodation - for Kiwis as well as international visitors. I realize council can not change the fact that a lot of our current short stay accommodation is not worth the price charged. Therefore, I think adding even a small amount onto an already over priced hotel room will keep people from visiting Auckland - including Kiwis from out of town.

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Fairly important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Stop importing immigrants. We wouldn't have a housing crisis!.

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Support

Tell us why

It will help with rates.

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Other

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Tell us why

We've had a population ponzi scheme/scam inflicted on us for years.

You lot couldn't see a ponzi scheme if it weighed a ton and fell 10000m onto your head!.

Bill English, before he left Parliament, stated that if we axe immigration our economy will collapse!. That's a ponzi scam/scheme, you fools!!!.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Less important

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Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

No comment.

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Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Less important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Fairly important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

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Support most

Tell us why

1. Rubbish collection was better when it was paid by tags. We were more concerned with the volume of our rubbish when tags were in.

2. Public transport is a mess, yet we see too much money allocated to it. Currently trains are down. Even if by some miracle PT was consistent in available, how does a mother with young children do grocery shopping or visit her family GP across town, when buses or trains are not conveniently near? It gets much harder in winter. I'm not anti PT, I was a former bus driver. It seems the service is no longer fit for purpose.

3. Far too many shoe box type housing developments are being approved and built. It is painfully clear infrastructure cannot sustain the developments. We see the adverse affects at our schools, on our roads, and our hospitals. Not to mention the hugely additional amount of stormwater that is directed to the roads. I am Auckland, born and bred, it saddens me to see what our city has and is becoming.

Do we stay or do we go?

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Do not support

Tell us why

This idea is to have everyone to pay a levy, whether they are going to the event or not. I don't agree with it.

We need to cut our coat according to our cloth I'm not seeing a council living within its means. Only this week I have seen no parking signs with numerous road cones, put out, then a few days later collected again. This has happened three times, on our road and surrounding streets. All done late at night, I wonder if they'll be back tomorrow morning. A total waste of money and resources.

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I don't know

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I support the recently replaced system, where our rubbish was collected by prepaid tags. This ensured we recycled as much as possible to keep our tag costs down. That incentive no longer exists under the current plan, where rubbish collection is paid through an annual fee.

There's talk of rubbish collection moving to fortnightly pick ups. This will all but guarantee random rubbish being left or dumped on dimly lit streets or isolated roads. Large families cannot wait for a two week pick up. Their bins are already full after a week.

Question 4:**Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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Less important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Fairly important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

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Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

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Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Natural water quality must be the barometer of how a community treats its natural environment and resources. I support these initiatives.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

In supporting business to thrive, we encourage local employment. The aim should be to live, play and work in your local area and not travel across Auckland to work. Freshen up tired town centres always lifts a community.

The Waitakere Ranges are the jewel of Auckland and the envy of many. We are the host and guardian of this place. If there was ever a case to place a levy on something, surely this is it. I support any initiative that protects and prolongs this taonga.

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

DEI rubbish, Climate Change caused by CO2 is a scam, One people one country which you do not accept.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Council should stick to delivery of fundamental services and not run events

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Get back to Core functionality instead of wasting money on events people can't even afford.

Stop all of this Te Hapuapua rubbish

Question 4:

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Waitākere Ranges

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Less important

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Not core functions

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Make all board members accountable and check for conflicts of interest



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Do not support any

Tell us why

Rate payers are expected to fund this. We already pay so much Tax, PAYE, GST, etc, to burden us with yet another tax by increasing are rates is no viable. We are struggling to survive.

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Tell us why

Absolutely not. We need to encourage tourist, not discourage. Short sighted in the long term.

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Less important

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

Sensible plan to stabilize spending and make Auckland a better place to live

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Do not support

Tell us why

I am General Manager T Soho Auckland Hotel. We are an HCA member. We agree with HCA stance that a national Tourism levy is better long-term strategy to fund major events and bring them to Auckland and wider NZ. An Auckland bed tax will unfairly put the burden for raising major event funding solely on accommodation providers when the whole Auckland economy benefits.

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Support

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No thanks

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Puketāpapa

Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

PBV would like to receive a grant to develop the Mt Roskill/Puketapapa area in general. This suburb is growing. New hotel Soho Auckland in Stoddard Rd is the first step to regenerating this neighbourhood and we want to keep developing this central suburb. Think Onehunga 15-20 year ago.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Considering the community programmes that are delivered from Wesley Community Centre and Roskill Youth Zone to get better utilisation of the facility

Very important

Investigating the use of the Fickling Centre and Library, to ensure that it is able to respond to the needs of the growing Three Kings community

Fairly important

Supporting community groups that lease council space, so they can find ways to share their spaces and continue to provide great community activities

Fairly important

Implementing recommendations from the Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan so that the recreational needs of our growing communities are met

Fairly important

Planning for the development of Monte Cecilia Park so that this becomes a destination park and an icon for Puketāpapa

Very important

Investigating projects from the Wairaki Awa Catchment Plan that can be implemented, such as naturalising the awa at Lynfield Cove

Fairly important

Investing in more climate action and environmental projects

Less important

Increasing the number of local events, arts and activations, especially in local parks

Very important

Supporting arts and events by working with existing community groups to help coordinate their work and make the most of opportunities

Fairly important

Supporting community-led placemaking initiatives that engage diverse groups, promote safety and community identity, and increase greater connectivity and participation among businesses and community members.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Mt Roskill/Puketapapa is a vibrant and diverse community. Currently a lower socio-economic demographic but looking to develop this area and make it more attractive to new business and families by growing community programs and local business/community development, opportunities.

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Do not support

Tell us why

have a look at yourselves and ask why you are there in the first place...and that is to provide core services at the most economical cost, which you are failing at very badly. It is not your job to fund events when my road is a mud track and i can no longer drive up to our mounts because you have done some sort of a co governance deal. you have completely lost the plot.

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

You need to do more towards recycling or perhaps composting. I have no problem with increasing fees for rubbish disposal so long as you massively increase fines for illegal dumping.

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Tell us why

I have not waded thru it yet. I support any infrastructure improvements and vehemently oppose anything which is race based and woke, something you councils are well known for.

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Core services...spend the money on core services. I live on a dirt track while you spend \$31 million of our rates dollars cutting down mature exotics on our mounts. You are a disgrace.

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This has to be the ultimate, woke, racially divisive waste of our funding that exists. I grew up on those mounts in the 50's and you have systematically taken them off us and made viewing from them impossible for us older people. They are not people, they are not racially aware, but you are doing your best to do that. leave the mounts as they were, they dont need an authority to manage them, they just need common sense which has done us well in the past, but which none of you seem to possess, with the exception of a hard working few councillors.



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Support most

Tell us why

I do NOT support:

- the continued use of rates to promote Auckland as a venue - Tourism NZ do this for us.

- the continued use of rates to provide free entertainment (we have more important things to fund)ie. Music & Movies in Parks, Diwali, Chinese New Year etc...
- the use of rates to fund hugely expensive things like restoration of the St. James Theater (we have enough pretty, historic buildings), or Americas Cup.

I DO support the use of our rates to:

- regularly clear drains and streams to ensure we don't have flooding; especially of peoples homes (My near 80 year old home is now effected due to continued subdivisions & infill housing upstream.) This includes advising people living on stream borders to ensure they don't leave rubbish & tree prunings in the high water zone as it blocks culverts & floods their neighbours houses!
- improve water, stormwater and wastewater systems in West Auckland so that a previously unheard of BLANKET BAN on development in West Auckland until 2036 can be binned!!! (this disadvantages West Auckland when we have helped pay for improved services for just about EVERY other part of Auckland. Grrr)
- continue to review the misuse of rates in allocating work based on how many Maori are employed or whether the supplier is Maori. (I mean WTF?!)and only give contracts to those who do good work for a reasonable charge.
- continue to look at using local contractors rather than Australian contractors who have no idea about our Auckland conditions and have no interest in our communities.
- continue to increase speed limits to previous limits and especially remove the blanket 30km speed limits in whole areas like Kelston & Te Atatu South - irrelevant of what a vocal minority of 'zealots' say.
- REMOVE the ridiculous amount of speed bumps & raised intersections around the city that just increase our stress levels & anger. Any contractor, bus, courier or local with a trailer will tell you how friggin' annoying these are. Especially the huge ones in Glen Eden!

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

Do not support

Tell us why

I do NOT support:

- the continued use of rates to promote Auckland as a venue - Tourism NZ do this for us.
- the continued use of rates to provide free entertainment. ie. Music & Movies in Parks, Diwali, Chinese New Year etc...(we have more important things to fund)
- the use of rates to fund hugely expensive things like restoration of the St. James Theatre (we have enough pretty, historic buildings), or Americas Cup.

We have just spent huge amounts of ratepayer money on buying out flood and slip prone properties & need to pull our heads in.

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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I actually think that EVERYONE in the wider Auckland area should pay for their rubbish bin use. This encourages people to utilise their recycling & food scraps bins. Without any charge a huge amount of people don't give a *****. Teach people why it's important. Fine people when they don't separate it.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Less important

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Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

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Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Start looking at the increase of evidence that PTA is NOT the killer of Kauri trees. As Australia did many years ago.

There has to be some death of Kauri in regenerating forests to allow for the growth of huge trees like Tane Mahuta.

- PTA was NOT found in many of the sites of sick Kauri!
- PTA was found in many sites where there are NO sick Kauri.

Stop destroying our NATURAL environment by building suburban type boardwalks, installing plastic & metal walkways and huge bridges. The whole point of 'Nature' is that it is 'Natural' - ie. untouched (apart from clearing a track in places.)

RE-OPEN 'OUR' Ranges to the public who paid to buy it and pay to maintain it. It is not meant to be an untouchable resource like Grandma's best china. Lots of land was gifted to become part of the Park with the assumption it would be accessible to all.

Continue to do pest & pest plant control - but NOT out of our Local Board funds. This is meant to be out of the Environmental Targeted Rate paid by the whole of Auckland.

And this includes the maintenance of the roads through the Waitakere Ranges and along the Manukau Harbour. These are NOT just local resources but are used by the whole of Auckland and I'm sick of West Auckland always being at the end of the funding chain.

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Support most

Tell us why

I support fairer funding for local communities at the forefront, as community funding ensures healthier, safer and happier groups across society. I am ineducate about water-related funding, and I think transport funding needs to be to reform and better manage public transport rather than fund new transport avenues.

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I don't know

Tell us why

It is tricky to think about introducing a levy for visitors to these events when already some of them (asb classic) are not accesible to locals financially anyway. Maybe an enquiry into the events distributions of funds may be a better starting point and consideration into how to draw more local helpers/workers and visitors to these events.

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The natural environment is the core of Waitākere and creates and drives local arts communities and businesses around it. Growing up in the forest, and being an Environmental Scientist, I have witnessed and worked in the restoration of the Ranges that has degraded even since my childhood, less than 25 years ago. It is important we continue to increase funding in environmental restoration, as this will not be only beneficial for the forest, but also increase the livelihood of communities and tourism around it, creating an eventual circular economy.

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We need more investment in other modes of transport like trains and cycling



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Make sure you prevent poaching for other funds purposes

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Do not support

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Waitakere Local Board are poor at controlling litter and rubbish control. Auckland City residents consider the Waitakere Ranges as their personal rubbish dump, which is totally disgusting. Any locals caught by the Council need heavy fining to stop this filthiness.

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We need pleasant park areas for everyone.

ALSO return rubbish bins to parks and similar areas.

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Because it's important

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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They need to do better

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Support and fund community work and cultural activities with these funds

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Other

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Rubbish collection services

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Too much talk and consultation - not enough progress on harbour crossing, transport upgrades, parks and reserves, council controlled organisations, Maori involvement. Many people sitting around on the CCOs, Maunga Authority, Council Boards having a talk fest with time taken up on waiata, food, duplication. Kauri dieback costing millions in paths and tracks still closed with minimal evidence that denying access or allowing access is a good plan. The plan is the plan. The plan is meant to be acted upon more than it is in some areas. Transparency of positive action with the money allocated to the Maunga Authority, Auckland Transport and all spending. The bulk letting of contracts for roading and vegetation control etc needs to be stopped. Each contract should be let out to all comers and proper quality control and follow up upon completion. Part pay then the balance at the completion. That is how business is done.

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Do not support

Tell us why

This will cost a fortune to monitor and collect. It will target the honest. Can these events be self funded with the proper support? Can ticket charges target the event not the general public. This would prove the worth of the event. Concerts self fund. A small gate fee at community and cultural events should cover these events along with stall holder charges.

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We have had our rubbish bags superseded by rubbish collection. It may cost a little more for smaller families and a little less for larger families.

Why does this question start with rubbish but throw in all other rates and fees?

The rate against property values should be substantially less as the previous valuation was at the top of the latest property increases and now we are at the bottom. Many homes are worth \$200,000 less. So any rate increase is not justified by that process, rather reduced.

Rating individual areas differently for finally after fifty years providing a pool in say Otahuhu is unfair, particularly if residents from other areas also use the pool.

Rating for parks upkeep in say the Waitakeres is unfair as all of Auckland and visitors use the Waitakeres for leisure.

What other fees and charges are we talking about? Green taxes? There is a big one!

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All the Boards need to have an analysis undertaken on their spending. Funding individuals with no community benefit needs to stop. Reporting to the public needs to start. Weekly update newsletter of what has been discussed and undertaken. This gives transparency and gives exposure to all activities available. This would get a lot more of the public involved in these activities. If the Boards can not advise what they have done for the week that would be worrying. If the public hear nothing it can only be assumed nothing is happening. If the public hear what their Counsellors are doing voting would be a LOT easier. Also more people might feel the confidence to offer their services.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MY LOCAL BOARD? IT DOES NOT AFFECT MY ANSWERS!



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It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Do not support this as the visitors are already paying to travel here and spend money in the local economy

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Fairly important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

Please review Pasifika Festival - it has declined over the years and don't reflect the true culture and traditions of the various countries - it is very expensive for food vendors to hold a stall.



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Support most

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park**

I don't know

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community development and support activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)**Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson**

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Increased investment in public transport is the way forward for Auckland

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

Tell us why

good way of paying for the events

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

all seem important

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

As much as it hurts the wallet, I believe we need to raise the rates to invest in improving Auckland.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Most businesses in Auckland have suffered due to covid, poor management of AK Council, slow and inefficient flood recovery, and now a long drawn out recession. I'm in the process of closing down a short term accommodation business because it's just not financially viable anymore. At one point we were hiring the services of over a dozen contractors. No longer! Why?? Government taxes and the costs of compliance, mixed with the consumer having no money. I'm sure many businesses have gone under or are under huge stress... please don't add more stress to the remaining businesses!

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour, Waitākere Ranges

Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai

Very important

Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents

Less important

Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature

Very important

Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process

Less important

Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have

Fairly important

Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we want feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community Events, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?

Yes

Tell us why

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

I think we the community needs a good transport system, clean safe water and fair funding for the community.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

I can't comment for this.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

I don't know

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Allocation of spending seems fair and appropriate

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

Support

Tell us why

We provide services for outsiders so outsiders need to pay a bit extra as our locals are using such services

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Very good idea as it's money saved in households can be diverted to other household needs

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden, Henderson-Massey

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Eden area is growing and thriving

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Fairly important

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Very important

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Very important

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Very important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Very important

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Very important

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Very important

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Growing communities need to thrive with more appropriate services and activities

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

A growing part of west Auckland with all communities and development growing together

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

West Auckland is a vibrant and growing community with many developments cropping up and communities are embracing new development and new surroundings

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

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Tell us here

No...haven't read them much



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Other

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitematā

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Do not support most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community programmes and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control. Support most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

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Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Piha weed bin programme-while welcomed by community, it isn't the best way to deal with green waste, costly and often unsightly/abused by the wrong materials, etc. Suggest a Green Waste Hub be established on land at the end of GlenEsk Rd. An area for normal garden waste that will be easily compostable, an area for noxious weeds to be dealt with and space for other materials such as wood to be collected for recycling/reusing. Staffed with some paid staff, and some local volunteers, this centre could cut down the waste needed to be trucked out of the district at great expense, and would fit with the ethos of the community.

Piha Traffic Behaviour. There needs to be urgent traffic calming put in place around the built-up areas of Piha, namely Glen Esk Rd and Seaview Rd. This would involve speed humps along GlenEsk, and Seaview from the end with Piha Rd right down to the Gallery. These are high risk areas for pedestrians. We live at 72 Seaview-a straight section between 2 blind corners and no footpath. In the 10 years we have lived here there have been 12 accidents, all caused by excessive speed, lost control, cars rolling, and colliding with houses. Suggest, as well as humps, cats eyes and reflective road paint, double yellow lines. Thousands of visitors pour into Piha every year, and there are also many commercial and heavy duty vehicles everyday servicing construction, etc. At night we have convoys of boy-racers, speeding, doing wheelies, etc. This is not a safe place along the roads.

Future-proofing & preservation of the West Coast Gallery and Old Schoolhouse. These buildings are under threat from the eroding stream. No remedial work has been carried out to shore up the bank even though it obviously needs it. If this isn't going to be done then steps must be taken to uplift and relocate these iconic and historically important community assets.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

There still needs to be more consideration for enhancing spaces out West, where water infrastructure, parks and roads are still degraded and/or closed since the cyclones. Furthermore, community efforts make up a large component of labour to combatting pest species (flora and fauna) yet struggle to get sufficient funding to deal with local issues on scale. More action is

needed to aid in combatting against unwanted species especially in regional parks and rejuvenation projects.

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

Support

Tell us why

Fully support this method of funding revenue. Especially businesses in the high end hotel, souvenir, and luxury brands benefit the most from tax-payers funded infrastructure, making immense profits from cruise ships and visitors.

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Support

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Tell us why

Many communities in the Waitakeres still have issues with closed roads and parks near Titirangi-laingholm (such as the Zig Zag track) since the cyclone, with no signs of any effort of them being restored in the short term. I support the Event Partnership Fund however the focus seems to be more cultural-artistic short term actions. It is volunteer and community efforts that take the brunt of ecological restoration and enhancement of the area (through unwanted species control) yet struggle to obtain funding and tools. Their work benefits everyone yet relies on one's care and pride for nature and willingness to work without sufficient tools. Nothing is also said of significant infrastructure and land slide issues, where houses and roads are being built on unstable land.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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There are focuses of only aiding funding in the Orakei and Whau local board areas. There needs to be in a broader sense of incentivising developers/communities to want to take more sustainable and ecological restorative efforts to improving the Auckland area. However, I do wholeheartedly support the budget in general as a way of increasing funding, improving our services, and improving community facilities and spaces.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

Capped \$50-weekly public transport pass your already losing money now by paying for people's travel! User pays so why should I pay for people's travel! These kind of decisions are ridiculous!

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Do not support

Tell us why

Hotels will just put their prices up anyway, we should be promoting visitors not turning them away as we are making this more expensive!

Prices for everything will go up anyway!

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less speed bumps in glen eden please, they are crazy. My car scrapes on them going the recommended speed.



#3005



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Support

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I am, often charged one when I travel and barely notice it. Will be good source of extra funding.

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Make public transport free or at least as cheap as in Australia, it is virtually the same cost as running a car to use the bus / train from Titirangi to the city centre, where is the incentive to move away from private transport?

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If you've implemented the RTR in West Auckland then you should roll it out everywhere, especially North Shore.

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Support

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There are major issues with light phasing in Te Atatu and Henderson, where the side roads are given 30+ seconds and the main road 10 seconds per phase which is causing a major back up all the way down Te Atatu Road/Edmonton Road at now all times, not just morning and afternoons. Road bumps and single lane islands (eg. Duncan Ave in Te Atatu South) in the area are also contributing to congestion. Too many high density housing projects are being allowed to go ahead on Edmonton Road, and the traffic is already past capacity.

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Support

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Most major cities in the world have some kind of bed levy/user pays model that allows the city to fund destination content that has economic benefits for its residents. It seems like a no brainer. If the government prioritises economic growth, they must amend legislation to empower cities to invest in major and business events that drive development and contribute millions to the local community.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Do not support any

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Stop wasting our money

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Tell us why

Because they have done nothing to help us out here

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We keep putting money into these projects and none of them has helped any of us.

It is funny how you want to protect the environment in the waitakere rangers, I have lived out here for 30 years and have seen how you do that, giving the matuku link permission to spray round up out here.

Giving out brochures telling us which plants are hazards and are weeds

Wanting us to do something about it ourselves

Land and transport leaving alot of there utensils out here, cones, sandbags etc which we pay for

Iwe have lots of weeds in the swamp which no one has dealt with, spend money on that, clean out swamp

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I hope Auckland Council will continue to provide operating funding to our city's anchor arts and culture organisations, including the Auckland Philharmonia which is enjoyed by tens of thousands of people across our city every year, in addition to being the largest employer of artists and creative workers in Auckland.

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Do not support most

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Auckland council lacks commercial innovation. And I'm sick and tired of its woke policies and expenditure

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Do not support

Tell us why

You spend the money on events the public disagree with. We hate woke

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Support

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We have a pride and woke infestation of staff on the council. Will never support you while they remain in situ.

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The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Less important

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We hate the council with a passion. You are destroying our city and culture with your woke
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I'd rather you increased rates than debt. Bond interest rates are exceptionally high.

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Support

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Please ditch charging for waste taken to refuse centres. It massively encourages dumping.

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Ditch charging for refuse in Henderson collection centre.



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No investment apparent in outer suburb infrastructure for public transport. How is the crumbling infrastructure of the suburbs maintained in a cost saving environment?

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To international visitors only

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I want to see more focus on suburb infrastructure. The road i live on is in poor condition, pavement and road. Zig zag track has remained closed despite the connector track to the village re opening.

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A good show given the challenges. I want to see more representation for infrastructure investment and some real creativity in council trying to support bigger community problems by commuting to at least work with education and health to bridge problems of equity in access to health care and education opportunities.

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Support

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Ok as long as it's capped. Had something similar in Kyoto, but expectations of the city goes up and people are more likely to have a lasting bad impression. The money should be directly utilised into funding infrastructure and events, or we're better off not doing it at all.

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I'm a little offended that we plan to target our tourist in this way. After all they have made such a commitment to visit Auckland, why must it be made harder/more expensive for them. I have been a tourist to overseas large cities and I do not remember having to pay this bed charge

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Would like to see clear support for The deed of acknowledgement for Te Kawerau a Maki and the establishment of a joint committee to manage the WRHA.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Totally disagree with the food scrap service that was imposed upon us. Would be very interested to be provided a summary of the total amount of Diesel burnt annually vs the amount of Biogas produced. Very poorly received and patronised service that I resent having to pay for. A larger green waste bin that could accept a wider range of organic waste should have been provided.

Question 4:

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Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support any

Tell us why

I don't see much in the proposed activities that would provide any benefit.

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How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Less important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

I don't know

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Less important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Fairly important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Fairly important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Less important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

What are the benefits that these would provide?? Who comes up with these ideas??

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A perfect example of un needed cost and inefficiency for council.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

I am skeptical of the actual value that would be delivered to Aucklanders from the council's desired full destination marketing and major events programme given its history of wasteful spending. I would rather the council focus funds on essential services with clear measurable outcomes.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Paying for rubbish bags/tags is fairer to individual households. Those who produce less rubbish - e.g. by composting and reusing more of their waste - shouldn't be forced to pay the same amount for rubbish collection as those who produce more.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Regarding each of the points in the consultation document:

> working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

This sounds nice but is too vague for me to support without more detail. Which signature events?

> engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whānau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrākau (Māori history)

No I don't support my rates favourably going towards one ethnic group and culture over all of the others in Auckland.

> expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

No. It should be only ratepayers and their elected representatives that are influencing local board decisions - those with some skin in the game.

>work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

The proposed plan looks to be an improvement on what's there. I support this so long as there is minimal gold-plating (that spending is kept in check).

>continue to support water quality initiatives

I suppose this - so long as the initiatives are being measured and assessed according to their actual impact on water quality, and cut if they're not getting a return on investment.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The Henderson town centre has a generally rough, unsafe and run-down feeling, with a lot of boarded-up retail stores for lease - the old BNZ on the corner being perhaps the most obvious example. There are some exceptions - there are a few nice businesses/restaurants scattered around, such as Yaruki, Kika's, Adriatico and the Alderman.

There are local homeless people that seem to linger around Catherine Plaza that can be aggressive and make the area one to avoid. Upgrading the plaza is a good start but I doubt it will fix the issue with homelessness there on its own. The challenge of how to revitalise the town center is difficult work that needs some careful thinking and engagement with the local businesses. Particularly the ones that seem to be doing things right and are reasonably popular despite the rough surrounding area. It's not just going to be fixed by blocking lanes, throwing some concrete planters, bollards and fake grass around.

This is the kind of problem I would like the local board to focus on, instead of their current leftist ideological agenda of creating Te Ao Maori activations, and going to school children and students for answers.

Henderson has some beautiful areas alongside the streams and near West Wave for example, and there seems to be a lot of potential there.

Question 5: Other feedback

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The food waste collection bins are a terrible idea that should have never been implemented, and should be dropped as soon as possible. I believe any councilor or hopeful mayor that campaigns on doing this will get a lot of support from everyday people with a grain of commonsense.

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Support most

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

Support

Tell us why

Events are the life blood of the city and we urgently need a way to fund them.

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

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Support all

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Support

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

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Very important

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Get more tracks open.

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

The West Auckland Liquor Licensing Trust, 'The Trusts' should be disbanded. It appears they spent around \$4M+ on staff remuneration while returning only about \$1M to the community. Their actions stifle new hospitality venues and monopolise competition, forcing everyday working consumers to pay more than in other Auckland areas.



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Waitematā

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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Support most

Tell us why

I think the decisions outlined show a fair and reasonable overview of whats needing to be done

I do feel that with additional government funding that a additional public transport funding would be beneficial

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Support

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Question 4:

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Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Accommodation in New Zealand is far too expensive already.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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We used to put our rubbish out once a month. The abolished tags and annual fee is far higher than what we paid annually.

Question 4:

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Waitematā

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Tell us why

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

A splash pad at Grey lynn paddling pools is over the top. The pools are fine as they are.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local events

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

If you want more input, stop sending these chunky things out, send out one part every month, with only a Condensed information Regards it and you will get more buy in, people are busy and so far, 10 mins in, I haven't learnt much...

Driver safety screens should be installed by the bus companies, as they own the busses and drivers work for them, so, the bus company should pay

Start a quotation system, with a 10% allowance for blow outs, and if it's not completed on time, then those who are doing the job get penalised, not woops we need another 5 mill and 10 years to complete. Re look at this as it's not like that in the real world

Regenerate all neighborhoods, the first four on the list are already flash enough, there are others in more desperate need than those which are already fancy in comparison - spread that wealth and pride around

Forget Kauri die back, millions have been wasted on this and you're still no further ahead. Close those parts permanently and open new walk ways. Stop wasting money where it's a high hazard, minimize that and move on, nature will heal itself.

Stop changing the recycling rules, for goodness sake, just when you get it, you all change it again. No wonder no one uses it properly, and the fear of penalties or removing the bin?? Really, look inside your system and realise you're making it too hard, keep it simple

If there is no money in the purse then you have to stop with the 'nice to haves', this might be concerts, festivals, cultural events. Having a city that is safe, well lit, easy to get around and looks okay is more important than the wants.

Stop with the rates increases, we're dying out here, you want us to engage, then give us a break on the spending, I don't like Trump, however it seems he's saying no and meaning it. Be the parent, make the tough cuts to the wants and stick with the needs, people will appreciate you more for it in the future. Your building more infill houses so instead of one rate you're getting three, and you still put prices up... Doesn't add up...

Also, start looking at those contracts, too much fat on that bone. Your business is failing, you need to take drastic action to save it.

Leave Speedway in its own home.

Leave the level crossing at O'Neils Road in Swanson, we need that crossing to move safely and fast through the community, the lifts never work and it's a nightmare. Leave the level crossing for the pedestrians

I can not say this loud enough, you want to mitigate flooding in the future? Keep the outflows free of debris. Swanson flooded because the creeks and rivers are full of dead trees and branches, Ranui flooded because of the same, these are how water flows away and you are not maintaining them, that alone would have saved numerous houses from problems, don't believe me? Go ask a beaver to build you a dam and see what happens. Stop overthinking and start clearing these waterways.

Henderson - Upgrade Catherine Plaza and clear the waterways of debris, this will help with future flooding too, these waterways must be maintained and kept clear.

Waitakere Ranges - Clear the waterways as per above, spray the weeds and Mow the berms in the ranges would be a good help.

Forget all this 'engagement with community' fluff, as you said, you don't get buy in, or like with the proposed traffic lights at Swanson and Candia Road, the community says roundabout and AT doesn't listen, listen to the community feed back they know the area. Keep it simple.

Why ask if your going to plow forward and do your own thing anyway, no wonder no body does this, yet, if you were to bite size it to one thing at one time, as we are all busy and have full on life's, you get a better reply to one than 10 or 20 issues, cause that's when humanity shuts down.

Part three:

What the actual fluff do these acronyms mean?? I have neither the brain capacity or the will to work them out. If your going to ask for our feed back then use the whole words in a way we can understand, no your internal talk. Unless this is a way to make us feel stupid and then you win on a superiority point?

General gist, we're taking even more money from you to do absolutely nothing with. Not nice, your already getting extra money from infil and new build houses, live within your means, go back to your contracts, demand better value for money, cut the fat friend, that's what we're all having to do, we don't have unlimited check books. All these increases need to be clawed back by businesses so your really making it three times worst than the proposed increase. I want to say thanks, but it would be too sarcastic

Wait, staff pay increases in line with inflation???? I have not had a pay rise in three years due to inflation. Get real. What a joke. Public sector, look outside your guided cage, no one else is getting pay rises., be the adult and do the hard no.

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Other

Tell us why

If we have a shortfall of \$7million and 2.5% would raise \$27 million...

Where does the extra \$20million go?

Why not just do a 1 - 1.5%, more palatable for visitors who are already being hit with Auckland Airport fee increases. This way it's a win win for all,

OR

Charge a fee for these events, how is it up to the rate payer to pay for others entertainment when we're most likely not to benefit from it? What is the councils main priority? Once you know that then you can work on that.

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Other

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Here's my issue, I, live down a km long windy gravel driveway in Swanson, with six other houses. We were told when the bins came out that a way would be sorted so that we could get our bins collected, as bags were out. Bags could fit in the boot, a Rubbish bin does not. We can't leave

them at the top of the driveway as hoons keep knocking them over, and you all won't pick up the Rubbish, as it's not your job, so we have a bin thats ratso to get to your delivery point and more of a struggle. However, to be grateful you then slapped a bin tag on us to round off the cherry on a crud deal. Luckily they have now been removed, however the issue remains of getting a bin up the drive every week, and an even bigger recycling bin every two weeks, and we're not weightlifter, gravel driveway up and downs....

The areas mentioned above are even more Rural, how are you going to help them?

Question 4:

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Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Catherine Arcade upgrade, tick

Clearing the creeks and streams of debris, tick

Engagement - ***** you, you even said it's a waste, so stop spending money on it.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Engage with all people's, we all have an input and a say that is equally important. Get in and get the works done, stop discussing and talking otherwise the floods will happen again, but worse.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Cut out the fluffy feel good stuff. We need rivers cleared, parks maintained, weeds sprayed, roads cleared so you can see round corners. Community engagement happens naturally out here.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not trust the council to do what it says and listen to what people really need.

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

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Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

I do not trust the council to do what it says it will do

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How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Less important

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Fairly important

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Once again I do not trust the council will do what they say. Listen to the MAJORITY not small woke idealist groups.



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Support all

Tell us why

Auckland Transport has been pretty challenging in recent years and this shows no signs of easing. The trains have been off more often than on in the last 2 years, with some lines shut down for months, re-opened and then re-closed again for months (eastern).

Greater communication will allow the public to understand the plan and how it affects them. Water is an essential asset that we require more funding towards to ensure that we are getting the best possible solution for long term management of this.

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I don't know

Tell us why

Attending an event is expensive enough. The cost of tickets are generally high, the cost of accommodation and transport is already substantial, as are the costs associated with the food and drink industry.

Putting a tax on means that hoteliers will increase the rates even more, however I understand that this may be the only viable option to attract more top level entertainment that Auckland deserves.

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Support

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No additional comment

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Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

Having only recently moved into the area, i'm yet to understand the current proposition, and the changes being proposed.

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

For the plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza, i'm not sure this is a priority at the moment. Funds could potentially be better used elsewhere.

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri - not knowledgeable on the likely success rate. Other than this, very supportive of the community initiatives in my area. Glen Eden, specifically, desperately needs a face lift.

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Would like to see increased investment in public transport post-CRL, such as further expansion of the western line to kumeu and plans of northern railway

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Support

Tell us why

With attractions to larger events, and with how small of an increase it is to stay in auckland, a see little downside to the bed night levy

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Support

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Would take a system of personal responsibility and instead make it into another living cost. I support this due to it making it a simpler overall process then the current system.

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Tell us why

Support all proposals, but more focus on Waitakere township would have been welcomed, such as improving the bus route or fixing roads in that area. More focus on traplines and other anti-predator activities would have been welcomed

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Tell us why

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Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

I don't know

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Medical Funding to prioritize

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Support

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Support

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Tell us why

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Can we look into prioritizing our medical operations, as well as education sector please



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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates rise in this current situation doesn't make sense

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Fairly important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

I don't know

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

It would be good to see an increase in community grants to better equip communities participating in local sports/culture/social events and sports.

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Support

Tell us why

Supporting a major event in Auckland has a cost to ratepayers. This cost should be supported by those visiting from outside of the region in order to share the costs fairly. Auckland has significant major events enjoyed by the whole country so cost sharing makes sense.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Keep rates increases to a minimum.

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Local board priorities

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Tell us why

Priorities are clear and pertinent to the Waitakere Ranges Local Board region.

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Very important

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Do not support most

Tell us why

All businesses residents don't have the option to increase the money coming in. Everyone has to cut costs. Priorities are infrastructure. I vote no to rates increase and funding for local communities

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Support

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Using the infrastructure during the stay

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Pay for only what the individual uses

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Tell us why

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I don't believe this survey will make any difference



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Do not support any

Tell us why

Where you would like the extra money to come from to pay these rate increases???, average income earners are not getting more money!

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Tell us why

not many people care for your council events, stop wasting money

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Tell us why

Us average income earners to not have spare money to line the pockets of this

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Cut back on community events, stop increasing rates. get rid of the stupid food scraps bin

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Support most

Tell us why

I dont support the 5.8 percent as you are looking at value of property which doesnt always reflect true value until an offer is made. My neighbours property was sold quote low I felt but she had to sell and go into retirement village. Also our area does not have any bus services or train services until we drive to Henderson so we are not all advantaged. The other thing is my income is not

particularly high and being only on one income should this not also be taken into equation for lower bracket. and for people in this situation? Sure we have a home but it is tied up in Asset. Asset rich only. c Water is good it is essential. How many other people hurtling towards retirement age are being affected now.

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Tell us why

User pays I guess as long as it is within reason

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Please find a fair system that we all can buy into. Of course we need to be productive and use the money wisely. Just make it happen so individuals do not have to compromise between food health and rates

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Tell us why

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Very important

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At present time there needs to be top priority on essentials not on nice to have

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There has to be a strategic plan but very considered to not impinge on ratepayers who are doing it tough

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Do not support most

Tell us why

i dont see why the rates have to increase. From what we read in herald and news reports, tax payers hard earned money is used to update and upgrade things that are not in dire need of this.

Auckland city rail way.. such a shame. cost the lively hood of families and shop owners. yet still not completely finished and opened. we as families cant go visit city in the evening, walk down the side streets without being worried of our well being of city thugs and all the road works.

the rate keep increasing and we as tax payers keep paying for the mistakes/self centered decisions of people sitting in top cushy chairs.

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Do not support

Tell us why

if you increase the price of hotel room by charging a levy then would people want to stay in hotels in the CITY???? no.... therefore no business for the small shops around the city.

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I don't know

Tell us why

Haven't read it in detail. We own a property in Auckland but no longer reside there.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

I support a levy for non-commercial operators like AirBNB but not hotels that already pay business rates.

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Why is so much spent on advertising on behalf of event organisers like Ticketek or the event organisers. Something like the Auckland Marathon shouldn't need huge advertising as I am guessing 90% of participants are NZ residents. The other 10% are probably relatives of those living here so can get the information from their relatives, or the Auckland Council website.

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I don't know

Tell us why

I support water, water waste & suburban infrastructure.

Much has been spent on transport in Auckland i.e. underground train link and rail and I would like to see a slow down on this in Auckland.

I would like to see roadworks especially around city and retail areas be completed with haste.

As far as community funding:

: a focused effort and innovative strategy & execution to help our homeless and alcohol effected people here in Auckland.

: Alcohol access & late night entertainment venues all need to be much more accountable

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Support

Tell us why

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Albert-Eden, Waitākere Ranges

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Less important

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Fairly important

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Fairly important

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Very important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Very important

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

I don't know

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

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Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Very important

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Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I supprt vigorous elimination of possums, rats, stoats any non native vermon.

I DO NOT SUPPORT KAURI DIEBACK PROGRAM. I have trialled it here on my property three years ago and i can see what little difference it has made. I dont beleive it is a valuable method for helping/prolonging the life of Kauri. If any money is directed specifically towrad Kauri then ii should be on scientific research ONLY

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Everything you have done has stuffed up my city.

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I don't know

Tell us why

I just want my city to function. How has it taken so long to get things sorted?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Why on earth are we paying so much in rates & then have to pay for rubbish.

Its shocking.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

FYI & stop painting rainbow crossings and stay away from ideological issues.

And libraries are for reading not for advocating sexuality issues.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Fairly important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

I don't know

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

I don't know

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Less important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Less important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Less important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I'm concerned about youth support & it being hijacked by ideological causes. What is vital is to ensure public spaces are for everyone & don't advocate one cause over another. Stay right away & accept all people for what they believe even racist and sexist people.

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Please, please sensible decisions in the future.

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Support most

Tell us why

Overall the LTP seems sound. I am pleased to see institutions like The Auckland Art Gallery and festivals including (but not limited to) The Lantern Festival named specifically.

However as a rates payer of residential property in the Waitakere Ranges, I wanted to name Te Uru Gallery as a space of importance to me, and not one I would want overlooked.

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Support

Tell us why

My commercial rationale is that this levy, other than being required, is likely to be easily paid by the kind of high value visitor to Auckland that we want to attract. I'd add that I would want to see it applied to those operating 'Air BnB's' as I don't think they should be effectively free loading on infrastructure costs associated with visitors that commercial motels and hotels support, all the while undermining those businesses and in turn the venue they help create for the city and therefore keeping my rates down!

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n/a.

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Further to earlier notes re Te Uru not being named in the LTP...

Personally Te Uru, as Waitakere Residential rates payer, provides an incredible space that I visit frequently (at least once a month) that acts not just as a wonderful venue for the visual arts, but also as a destination and meeting place. I'm also sure that its presence in the Waitakere Ranges and quality of exhibitions also help to drive and generate repeat visits to the region, in turn driving 'bed nights' that will help further justify associated levies.

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Support most

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

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Support most

Tell us why

Expensive

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Cost of living crisis. Expensive

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Support most

Tell us why

We should focus on priorities

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Prioritise the most important given cost of living crisis

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities
- opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities

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Just that renters are still having to live in pretty disgusting conditions with unaccountable landlords and greedy property managers profiteering like crazy despite a cost of living crisis. My rent increased by 11% over 2 yrs exceeding inflation. Ridiculous.



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Support most

Tell us why

Transport : I support most of the proposal however I feel that Aucklanders will never give up cars. Getting children to sports, from one side of Auckland to the other would be impossible without a car - this seems to have been overlooked by AT - taking away parking at sports fields is not conducive to keeping children healthy and active. and instead of cycle ways perhaps better parking that is

more secure at the fringe stations and bus hubs to encourage residents in the outer semi-rural areas to park and ride

Local communities : council officers need to be prepared to travel around Auckland instead of sitting at a desk with a map and presuming to know what they are looking at. VISIT the communities - TALK to the residents and then tailor the funding to suit the community and be fair. Just because some communities are not in the central city it doesn't mean that they don't deserve equal funding for parks and amenities

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

Other

Tell us why

I would support this ONLY if there was transparency in the collection and spend of the levy

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Other

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Waitakere has changed from bags to Refuse Targeted Rate so now we put our bin out every week no matter how little rubbish is in the bin and therefore increasing the man hours to collect ours and our other neighbours rubbish - so suspect that you are not saving much.

Other than that, I feel that rates should increase by the inflation rate each year no huge rate hikes just an expected annual increase. and NO decreases. you cant pay for infrastructure without rates and taxes but they must be fair across all suburbs. and income groups.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

In Waiatarua we have one public facility (the Waiatarua Hall) for which we have great support from our local board - It is once again a building that the community can be proud of. I would like to mention that the vegetation that borders the road frontage hampers the entrance/exit. the community would be happy to remove some of the vegetation but the council rules say no - Manuka. Kanuka and other unprotected species grow quickly and will take over in places where they are not desirable - there really is a need for common sense in this situation to prevent an vehicle accident and trim/remove trees.

Arts Funding: I believe there should be sustainable funding for Te Uru (and the Corban Arts Centre). Both these facilities offer community education and schools programmes. I have enjoyed using both these facilities for arts courses and often bring visitors to Te Uru for the gallery and the shop. Please continue fund these arts centres.

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I live in the Waiaatarua - the Waitakere ranges are the lungs of the city and we need to protect them. More than Kauri dieback we need to protect the ranges from invasive weeds and predators. Parts of the ranges are in danger of being suffocated by invasive ground climbing weeds. Where as some Kauri may well be resistant and while unsightly at present the next generation of trees may well be stronger. Since a large portion of the ranges is under the care of Watercare they need to take more care of their parts to stop invasive weeds spreading from their land to neighbouring land owners. The council needs to increase its level of weed and predator control and leave Kauri dieback to Government,

We need to support our local town centre business by making these areas people friendly- as they border areas with little of no public transport there needs to be consideration given to transport. – NO, cycleways will not work here there are too many narrow winding roads and steep hills.

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

if my salary went up 5.8% id be happy but unfortunately it has gone up since covid so I think when most households are struggling you need to reassess

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

Support

Tell us why

as the biggest city and most expensive I feel this is fair

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Other

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the new rubbish rates are bad I use a bin a fortnight but now have to pay for a yearly / weekly rubbish collection instead of pay as you use. made my costs go up

Question 4:

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Tell us why

Don't support rates increase, therefore other developments.

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Support

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Tell us why

Support event partnership fund for more local-led community events. This is a gap and there's a willing volunteers out there ready to help.

Need to uplift Glen Eden as it is unsafe and unwelcoming. So much potential, but embarrassing to live in the area.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

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Very important

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Do not agree with rates increase - this is too high, especially with interest rates still high.

Do not lose major events for the city, like America's Cup. This is significant for NZ and essential for our reputation. If we decline events like this, it makes Auckland look like a fool on the worldstage.



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Support most

Tell us why

The transport and water system in Auckland needs a boost with the growing population to support the current and growing population and businesses

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Fees for water usage in Henderson valley area and all around Auckland .

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

I don't know

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Less important

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Some practical thinking has gone in to this

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Support

Tell us why

Makes sense and is in line with plenty of other places in the world charging a bed night visitor levy

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Tell us why

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I am writing in support of Te Uru Gallery in Titirangi. As a recent new resident and ratepayer in Titirangi, I am blown away by the quality of the facility, the programmes they run for school children and the high quality of the exhibitions. This is not just a local treasure, this is a regional Auckland treasure and should be supported as much as possible. People travel far and wide to visit Te Uru which in turn brings in income for local businesses from outside of the district. It helps youth to get

involved in creative activities and in some cases, lower decile schools are supported with transport costs to allow their students to gain experiences they could otherwise not afford. As an admirer of what they do, I personally contribute as a supporter but they need more than my small donations in order to operate at break even.

The Arts and creativity are being recognised globally as being a key driver for the welfare of a community and Te Uru is right at the top of the list when it comes to delivering on so many different levels.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Less money spent on Auckland Transport Rainbow coloured buses, trains and walkways, and actually put it into properly running Services.

Less Rates money spent on adult entertainers reading to kids and to save costs of Rates increases.

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Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā, Whau

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

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Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

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Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

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Support most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Do not support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

I don't know

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Less important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Fairly important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Support all

Tell us why

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

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Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Arts and culture are so important for a thriving community and so are the public spaces for members of the community to experience.

I live in Waiaatarua and find the Waitakere ranges to be such an enriching area for local people and visitors alike. Visitors adore going to Te Uru and I would love to see this establishment continue to be supported for what it brings to people's lives.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

should be saving money not spending

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

Do not support

Tell us why

we dont need visitors and cultural festivals are a waste of money

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Less important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Fairly important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Less important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Less important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Less important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

less bike lanes and speed humps , less e scooters lower rates and business should get 2 rubbish pick ups a week



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support more infrastructure but I do not support rates increase when I receive zero infrastructure for the rates I do pay already. There is no reasonable justification for increasing the rates when the government and council waste so much money

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

If you can use money wisely I support. If you continue to waste tax/rate payer money on failed projects and consult fees i do not support

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Less important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

None of these increase public transport, improve road quality or provide services such as libraries or pools which should be a priority

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

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Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Save western springs speedway

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

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Henderson-Massey

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Support all**Tell us why**

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How important are these priorities to you?**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

Very important

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Support most

Tell us why

I recognise the need for increased transport and water infrastructure expenditure. Rates increases during a tough economic time is a challenge.

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Support

Tell us why

I support in theory. Residents of Auckland should not be expected to pay the levy if staying in town on a break or staycation.

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Tell us why

Priorities need to be further work to expedite the opening up access to the waitakere ranges. Best way to improve town hubs is getting rid of the monopoly held by the waitakere and portage licensing trust. (Unsure of how Council is involved in this)

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Great media campaign. Wouldn't have bothered to supply feedback without the video. Keep communicating through social media. Makes the mayor seem more in touch.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland ratepayers already contribute significantly to infrastructure and services through their existing rates. A visitor levy could discourage tourism, which in turn reduces spending in local businesses, ultimately affecting the economy and potentially leading to reduced council revenue from other sources. It places undue cost on not only overseas. Many international tourists already find New Zealand an expensive destination due to high costs of accommodation, food, and activities. Adding an additional levy may deter visitors from staying longer or even choosing Auckland as a destination, directing tourism revenue elsewhere. From a recent experience we had friends from the Netherlands say and they have said they would not visit again not encourage visitors as Auckland is too dear, even with favourable exchange rates. Auckland Council decision makers must not be blinkered in making these type of financial decisions. Travellers often plan their trips based on cost, and additional levies make accommodation less attractive compared to other regions or countries. Budget-conscious travellers, including families and backpackers, may opt for alternative destinations or seek informal accommodation options (e.g., private rentals), reducing revenue for established accommodation providers. (this also seems to be totally out of touch with the National Coalition direction and intent for attracting more visitors to New Zealand. This levy seems ideologically motivated and not based on sound economical and financial considerations. Domestic travellers already pay GST and other taxes that contribute to tourism funding. A bed levy could make Auckland a less desirable destination for New Zealanders, pushing them to travel elsewhere within the country where such charges do not apply, negatively impacting local tourism operators. WE have stopped travelling in New Zealand as it is just too expensive and so often hospitality services under par when compared to overseas travel.

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Auckland Council's proposed rates increases over the next three years are completely unacceptable. In the first year (2024/2025), my rates will rise by 7.5%, adding \$271 per year or \$5.21 per week. The following year (2025/2026), they'll go up another 5.8% (\$223 per year, \$4.29 per week). By 2026/2027, I'll be paying 8.0% more (\$290 per year, \$5.58 per week). That's a 20.5% increase over three years, putting even more financial pressure on homeowners.

As a ratepayer, I'm already covering the cost of essential services, yet the Council continues to impose excessive increases, claiming they're necessary for waste management, climate action, and other projects. However, it is unacceptable that minority group advisory panels have gained a disturbing and undue influence over Auckland Council's elected officials, diverting their attention from their primary responsibility—serving Auckland ratepayers. These panels, comprised of unelected individuals with niche political and ideological agendas, are steering Council policies and expenditure in directions that do not reflect the priorities of the broader community.

I am deeply concerned about the Auckland Council's organisational structure, which reveals an astounding level of minority political, cultural, and—more concerning—radical left cultist participation in setting Council direction and spending priorities. This is not governance; it is blatant ideological capture, where special interest groups dictate policy at the expense of the average Aucklanders struggling with rates increases and a rising cost of living. The Council is meant to be a duly elected governance entity serving its constituents—the ratepayers of Auckland—not a vehicle for politically motivated agendas.

As a ratepayer, I totally and emphatically voice my concern at the mismanagement, waste, and undemocratic decision-making that is clearly evident in Auckland Council decision making processes. This situation makes a mockery of the Council's duty to serve those who fund it. Instead of being a responsible steward of public money, ideological factions, who show little regard for financial prudence or ratepayer interests are reflected as having direct input into decision making. Enough is enough—Auckland Council must return to its core purpose: providing essential services, maintaining infrastructure, and managing funds responsibly on behalf of its residents. At the present moment I believe it is not.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

I thought it better to raise my concerns on each 'goal' for want of a better word raised by Waitakere local board.

Celebrating 10 years since the opening of Lopdell Precinct and Te Uru

This is a cultural milestone, marking a decade of arts and community engagement in Titirangi. While it's nice to pat themselves on the back, celebrations don't fix footpaths or reduce crime. It's a symbolic gesture, not a solution to pressing issues.

Developing a Deed of Acknowledgement with Te Kawerau ā Maki

This involves formalizing a relationship with local iwi under the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008. It's a nod to cultural recognition, but there's a risk here of prioritizing neo-tribal ideology—where decisions are swayed more by symbolic gestures than practical outcomes. If this translates into real collaboration on conservation or community safety, great. But if it's just performative, it's a distraction. until 2010, Waitakere Council delivered. Since the Super city all I have experienced is gross under delivery to most local initiatives, with an undue focus on vanity neo-cultural and climate initiative ideological projects. Simple solution. Focus on fixing not pie in the sky goals on paper.

Placemaking: a community-led plan for Glen Eden

On paper, this sounds promising—engaging locals to revitalize Glen Eden. But as you've pointed out, past efforts have been a disaster. The town centre remains a decrepit eyesore, plagued by fights and intimidation. Plans are meaningless without execution, and there's no evidence here of concrete steps to address the decay or safety concerns of residents.

Community resilience planning

This is vague. It could mean preparing for emergencies, but without specifics, it's hard to see how this tackles immediate issues like crime or infrastructure disrepair. If it's just more meetings and reports, it's a waste of time.

Preparing a Waitākere Ranges Climate Action Plan

Climate action plans are trendy, but they often devolve into expensive, feel-good initiatives with little measurable impact. Relocating lifeguard facilities away from flood plains makes sense—but it's a small piece of the puzzle. The obsession with climate as a primary focus can divert resources from urgent, ground-level problems like footpaths or safety. It risks becoming a box-ticking exercise rather than addressing what locals actually need.

Species spotlight campaign by Waitākere Ranges Pest Free Alliance

Highlighting native species and pest control is fine for conservationists, but it's not a priority when people feel unsafe walking the streets or can't navigate crumbling footpaths. Nature's important, but human safety and functionality should come first.

Initiating the community-led Waitākere Ranges Dark Sky Project

Aiming for a dark sky designation to reduce light pollution sounds poetic, but how does this help Titirangi's crumbling infrastructure or Glen Eden's crime? It's another niche project that feels disconnected from the community's core needs.

Supporting a Kaitūhono / stakeholder engagement role at Hoani Waititi Marae

Building relationships with Māori stakeholders could be valuable if it leads to practical outcomes—like safer streets or better facilities. But if it's just more cultural posturing without results, it's a hollow gesture.

Climate adaptation: relocating lifeguard facilities

Moving the United North Piha Lifeguard campground and Bethells Beach Surf Lifesaving Patrol clubhouse away from flood-prone areas is a practical step. But it's a drop in the bucket compared to the broader neglect of infrastructure and safety across the region.

Concerns About Neo-Tribal Ideology and Superstition

The emphasis on initiatives like the Deed of Acknowledgement and the Kaitūhono role raises a red flag about neo-tribal ideology taking precedence over practical governance. If these efforts lead to inclusive decision-making and tangible benefits—like safer streets or better facilities—then they're worthwhile. But there's a risk of veering into superstition or cultural dogma, where decisions are made to appease symbolic ideals rather than solve real problems. For example, renaming parks or prioritizing Māori spiritual concerns over fixing footpaths would be a misstep. Governance should focus on measurable outcomes—safe streets, functional infrastructure—not ideological box-ticking.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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I don't know

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

How about focusing on Titirangi and its supports as a priority? I invite , no I challenge, Wayne Brown and councillors to come for a guided walk around our Titirangi area and then to answer one simple question. Would this state of unacceptable disrepair be accepted or tolerated in Auckland Central and its immediate regional areas? I am happy to take them around.

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I am deeply concerned as a ratepayer about the direction Auckland Council is taking in its 2024-2035 Annual Plan. The structure and governance of the council continue to allow politically

motivated groups with radical ideological leanings to shape decisions, rather than focusing on the real needs of residents. The ever-increasing financial burden placed on ratepayers, combined with poor infrastructure maintenance and lack of representation for all communities, highlights a system that is failing those it is meant to serve.

One of the most alarming aspects of the Annual Plan is the rampant rates increase, which will see a staggering 20.5% rise over the next three years. This is unacceptable, especially when these funds are being allocated to advisory panels and boards that do not serve the broader ratepayer community. The cost to ratepayers of groups such as the Independent Māori Statutory Board (Houkura), the Public Art Advisory Panel, Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel, Disability Advisory Panel, Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel, Ethnic Communities Advisory Panel, Seniors Advisory Panel, City Centre Advisory Panel, Youth Advisory Panel, Auckland Urban Design Panel, and Rural Advisory Panel must be scrutinized.

Of particular concern is the Independent Māori Statutory Board (Houkura) and all advisory panels, where their delivery, direction, and cultural input create unacceptable financial, governance, and productivity overheads. The inclusion of both Māori and English, interlaced with Māori culture and superstitions, makes the whole exercise a mockery of good governance and financial management. In any business, a structure such as this would fail in its ability to serve those it represents. I would recommend disestablishing all local boards as a starting point, as it is Auckland Council's duly elected officers who should set both governance tone and direction. The present organisational structure clearly indicates that political, cultural, and neo-cult interests unduly influence and direct the functioning (or dysfunction) of Auckland Council.

I am particularly concerned that organisations like the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel have direct input into council affairs, yet there is no equivalent representation for other groups. If these panels are permitted to exist, then where is the European Peoples Advisory Panel, the Indian Peoples Advisory Panel, or the Asian Peoples Advisory Panel? The Ethnic Communities Advisory Panel cannot adequately represent all ethnic groups, just as the Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel does not speak for all Aucklanders. If identity-based panels are to be maintained, then an Ethnic Peoples Religious Advisory Panel and a Christian Communities Advisory Panel should also be established to ensure fair representation. At present, traditional communities with deeply held values are being silenced by radical leftist influences shaping Auckland's policies and governance.

Another area of grave concern is the neglected state of infrastructure, particularly in Titirangi and the surrounding areas. The well-known pipe track and walkways within a 20-kilometre radius of Titirangi Village have been left in a state of dangerous disrepair. Consecutive councils have failed to address this, and the current long-term plan provides no indication that remedial action or development is even being considered.

Auckland Council, along with the local (Waitakere) board, has been poorly managed for years. Ideology now dictates local strategic plans to the point where they are entirely unworkable. If this continues, I firmly believe that in ten years, no tangible progress will have been made. However, I

do fully support the current Mayor, Wayne Brown, who has worked tirelessly for ratepayers despite constant opposition from radical factions within the council and local boards.

Ultimately, the so-called feedback process for ratepayers is nothing more than a rubber-stamp exercise. The council, in its current form, does not represent the democratic norms, values, and beliefs of the vast majority of Auckland residents. It operates more like a political cartel, where power, greed, and ideological interests take precedence over genuine public service.

It is imperative that the National government and its coalition partners step in to review the economic viability of Auckland Council. The amalgamation of Auckland's local councils into a single entity (Rodney Hide's Greater Auckland Plan) has not delivered on its promises. The failure to achieve these goals has resulted in inefficiency, bureaucracy, and a lack of service culture. This is about improvement and greater efficiency. This is about what's good for ratepayers. This is about providing a service culture. This is about fixing Auckland. Making it better.

As a ratepayer, I express deep concern over the lack of transparency, accountability, and fairness in how Auckland Council operates. The current trajectory is unsustainable, and significant reform is urgently needed to restore proper governance, responsible financial management, and true democratic representation for all residents of Auckland



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

As a Council and representatives of the Community it is vital that services are provided to all and that the cultural health of the City is kept vital and responsive.

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

Support

Tell us why

Similar taxes are levied overseas.

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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As a resident in Piha I do not put refuse out every week and would prefer user pays.

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I don't know

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Purchasing bags incentivises people to reduce waste. I thought it was a good system.

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Improvising cycling access to Titirangi village. Currently it is safe to cycle from the city to Seabrook drive /west Lynn Road and then it becomes quite dangerous. Lots of people living in Titirangi would cycle if it were safer, especially with electric bikes.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Why should i accept a 5.8% rate increase when, the council and board just waste my rates.

The debt level needs to decrease not be expanded for more waste on glory projects. The CRL project was a total waste of money. AT has been wasting money on their lets slow Auckland to a

crawl. Meola Road is a complete waste of RATES. It hasn't achieved anything but hold flowing traffic up. The only capital project that needs advancing is Watercare replacement of pipe work. The rest can wait till the council has it's books back in order, a large reduction in the INTEREST Bill.

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Do not support

Tell us why

It is up to the promoters of the events to fund international events. Not the rate payer. Cultural events can be funded by those organisation by the admission fee.

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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The council forced on the rate payer their absolute waste off time vegetable collection bins. No one hardly uses them, and we were charged \$85 dollars extra for something no uses.

It is time the council actually consulted and asked the ratepayers did they want all these extra's. People cannot afford the glory ideas. Because 5.8% extra on my current rates is a extra \$250 dollars a year. On the pension that is fixed with everything else going i will need to sell my property. All because the council doesn't care.

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Waitākere Ranges,Whau

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Funding should remain the same till the budget is under control. No more spending.

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

It is time we stopped spending till the budget is back under control. No more spending.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Less important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Less important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Less important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Less important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Less important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Less important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

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Mayor Wayne Brown, talks a lot about reducing rate increases and reducing waste. Well now he needs to stop wasting and stop capital waste till he has the interest bill under control. Nil rate increases for pensioners.

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Do not support

Tell us why

I think council should put less focus on these events and more focus on infrastructure.

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I support an actual use model. Someone such as myself generates much less refuse than other households

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I'd like to see less stress on homeowners with regards a rates rise in this current economic environment.

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As a former bus driver i am not happy with the policy around fare dodges .I can tell you that the problem is much greater than you publish.

I kicked off the bus 3 obviously school boys who just walked on and sat down. This was a school day .

Approx 2cweeks later my boss wants to see me.

We got a complaint well one thing for sure it wasn't the boys. He went on to tell me that AT had been to a meeting of bus companies and said we cannot refuse anybody no matter what.

How many kids would they have told if I had taken them, the whole society now has no discipline so if a firm stance could be taken we would not have a lot of the problems bus drivers encounter EVERY day.

The ratepayers subsidise the transport sector plus all the free loaders . I haven't encountered the blatant freeloading which is getting worse continually any where I have travelled .

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Because of the mismanagement of spending of council generally for example \$400000 for speed control to install and then demolish almost immediately.

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Support

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User pays its good

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Shouldnt money being budgetted in something like the council be allocated to things that will benefit residents/help bring ease to aucklanders? A rise of rates damages homeowners.

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I don't know

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Tell us why

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Less important

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Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Looking after our land is important, but what education do homeowners have when they purchase in that location? What financial assistance is there to do so? You buy a house, get thrown extra bills and get told to just figure it out but adhere to rules. Then charged more just to own a house like rates. What reward is there?

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Nothing that will make any difference to what im sure will happen anyway, even after all the survey replies are recorded and reviewed.

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I constantly see empty buses on the roads, some double decker empty buses at night. it occurs to me that with a survey of drivers and a graph of patterns of passenger numbers alot of large buses could be replaced with smaller 12 seater vehicles ,elcetric maybe and if ever they were too full the driver could call for back up. Are we wasting money running a service thats often empty



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Support all

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

The ideal would be to also have the levy apply to AirBNB-type accommodation, but this is a good start.

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Support

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Tell us why

They're all good things to be investing in.

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

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Very important

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The environmental programmes and phosphite trial to treat kauri dieback are really important to make sure we still have the Waitakere Ranges to enjoy in the future, and making sure there are programmes for as wide a range of different groups as possible means more of us get the benefits of these programmes.

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It strikes a good balance, and I'm glad to see public transport/cycling being invested in, not just roads.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Do not support any

Tell us why

Cut costs. Don't increase rates

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Open the tracks up. Forget the arts. Spend the money upgrading or new boatramps and carparks for the thousands of visitors and booties flooding the area

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

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Less important

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Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

More green space, less infill housing

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Cut spending, stop shafting the speedway with your corrupt practices, auckland council.

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Support all

Tell us why

These are the most important thing for auckland growth.

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Do not support

Tell us why

This won't motivate people to host short stay services at their house.

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Support

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No

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No



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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Fairly important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

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Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

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Fairly important

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Support most

Tell us why

How about public area's with Rubbish bins since they have been taken away there seems to be more rubbish in public areas

Roading needs more attention as potholes everywhere and stupid speed bumps around Glen Eden

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Support

Tell us why

To make up shortfall in funding but also to try relax on Rates as Auckland is over rated and rates are increasing

The food bins were a waste of ratepayers money

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

The food bins are a total waste of ratepayers money

Rates are increasing at a terrible rate and we as a city and ratepayers are seeing less for money

Bring back the public rubbish bins as our city is looking disgusting due to them being taken away
people are just throwing rubbish on the ground

Stop increasing rates for stupid things

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura, Puketāpapa, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā, Whau

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Explore a site for a recycling centre

Very important

Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge

Very important

Maintain local road safety with limited budgets

More support to volunteer networks

Very important

Push to deliver local business initiatives.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme

A BID is a local economic development initiative run by a business association under the Auckland Council BID Policy (2022). It involves businesses in a defined area paying a targeted rate to fund specific services or projects in their BID boundary. The Māngere East Village Business Association Society Inc. (MEVBA) has failed to meet key BID Policy requirements, including accountability reporting, AGM minutes, strategic plan, and appointing a BID Manager. MEVBA also breached its constitution and did not notify the council of non-compliance. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board is now considering terminating the BID programme and targeted rate, with the possibility of re-establishing a compliant BID programme in the future if conditions are met.

Do you think we should end the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?

I don't know

Tell us why

Manurewa Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing the levels of service for maintenance and repair of all assets across buildings, parks, open spaces and sports fields, town centre cleaning, street litter bin emptying, vegetation clearance, and berm mowing works

I don't know

Improving sports fields including maintenance, sand-carpeting and lighting

Very important

Identifying ways to support the council's response to roaming dogs

Very important

Boosting the amount of funding available for community grants so more projects and initiatives can be delivered by community, arts and sports groups

Very important

Expanding the number of funded initiatives that respond to the needs and aspirations of children and young people

Less important

Developing tailored community partnerships with key groups, organisations and networks where their interests and priorities are aligned to outcomes in the Manurewa Local Board Plan 2027

Very important

Providing the Pacific community with capacity support, and a grant to undertake feasibility and concept plans to deliver the Pacific hub on Clendon Reserve

Fairly important

Scaling up the work being delivered to achieve environmental outcomes

Very important

Investigating the need to extend the opening hours in our community facilities such as the two libraries, the pool and leisure centre and Nathan Homestead

Fairly important

Funding initiatives that stimulate economic growth and generate prosperity in Manurewa.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Fenced Dog Exercise Areas

Do you think we should investigate providing fenced dog exercise areas?

Yes

Tell us why

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants

Fairly important

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Fairly important

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Fairly important

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Very important

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Very important

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Fairly important

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

Very important

Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Ōrākei Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increase our funding for local ecological restoration, and animal and plant pest control, and continue to work with our many community volunteers to enhance our natural environment

Very important

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

Very important

Fund and support local events, such as Splash Landing, Anzac services, and an event to celebrate the re-opening of Remuera Library to showcase our spaces and benefit local residents and businesses

Fairly important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

I don't know

Progress detailed design and consent work for Thomas Bloodworth Park and Shore Road East sports fields, and for field and sports infrastructure at Colin Maiden Park, and renew artificial playing surfaces at Michaels Avenue Reserve

Less important

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Less important

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Fairly important

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Seawall Repair from Tāmaki Yacht Club to Archilles Point, St Heliers

We would like to maintain and repair seawalls, replenish sand, and extend stormwater outflows further offshore on our beaches from Tāmaki Yacht Club to Archilles Point, St Heliers, as well as re-sand Tāmaki Beach and construct groynes to help keep the sand in place. To fund this, we would need to investigate a targeted rate of around \$10 per year, for each household in the Orakei local board area, for 10 years. If progressed, the Governing Body would need to make a decision on whether to introduce this rate as part of the annual budget 2026/2027, after consultation on a more detailed proposal. The rate could then apply from 2026/2027.

Do you think we should investigate this proposal?

Yes

Tell us why

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Ensuring Māori culture and the values of mātauranga Māori are visible in public spaces

Very important

Addressing safety concerns in neighbourhoods, common areas and town centres

Very important

Delivering on increased local economic outcomes

Fairly important

Supporting small businesses to act on environmental sustainability

Fairly important

Progressing the planning for options to address community service needs in Old Papatoetoe

Less important

Supporting local environment groups to work collaboratively with community volunteers in efforts to clean, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces

Fairly important

Planning for the delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Manukau Sports Bowl

Do you support prioritising the planning for delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl?

(This may include exploring alternate sources of revenue, such as a targeted rate in future years)

Yes

Tell us why

Hunters Corner Business Improvement District

For the 2024/2025 financial year, the Governing Body did not set a targeted rate for the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District. This was due to the Hunters Corner Town Centre Society Inc (HTCTS) not complying with the BID Policy. If the HTCTS remains non-compliant with the BID Policy by April 2025, council will not set the rate for 2025/2026.

Do you have any comments on the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District?

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities – opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers, and pest control activities

Which three of our services are least important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities – opening hours and services

Papakura Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Progressing some of the new Sports and Recreation Plan, economic development, and youth projects identified from the work being completed in 2024/2029

Fairly important

Requesting strategic assessments to understand needs relating to: Opaheke sports and passive parks; Awakeri Wetlands; Kuhanui Reserve, Karaka; Park Estate Reserve, Park Green; new play facilities at Pulman Park, and the Greenways/Local Paths Plan

Fairly important

Advocating for access to the legacy parking fund for carparking projects

Less important

Assisting the Takanini Business Association's proposed establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) programme and BID targeted rate for Takanini

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

Takanini Business Improvement District (BID)

We continue to support the Papakura and Takanini Business Associations to grow and develop businesses, and to make the town centres more lively. Takanini Business Association is seeking to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) programme. If it is successful, business ratepayers and owners located within the BID establishment area will become members of the Takanini BID programme and pay the associated BID target rate.

Do you think we should establish a Takanini Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?

No

Tell us why

Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Considering the community programmes that are delivered from Wesley Community Centre and Roskill Youth Zone to get better utilisation of the facility

Very important

Investigating the use of the Fickling Centre and Library, to ensure that it is able to respond to the needs of the growing Three Kings community

Fairly important

Supporting community groups that lease council space, so they can find ways to share their spaces and continue to provide great community activities

Less important

Implementing recommendations from the Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan so that the recreational needs of our growing communities are met

Fairly important

Planning for the development of Monte Cecilia Park so that this becomes a destination park and an icon for Puketāpapa

Very important

Investigating projects from the Wairaki Awa Catchment Plan that can be implemented, such as naturalising the awa at Lynfield Cove

Very important

Investing in more climate action and environmental projects

Very important

Increasing the number of local events, arts and activations, especially in local parks

Less important

Supporting arts and events by working with existing community groups to help coordinate their work and make the most of opportunities

Less important

Supporting community-led placemaking initiatives that engage diverse groups, promote safety and community identity, and increase greater connectivity and participation among businesses and community members.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding. The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local water quality activities

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Fairly important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Less important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

Stop increasing our rates as we aren't getting bang for our buck

Deal with homelessness

Put more into public waste as public ares are disgusting since the bins have been taken out

Water and environmental services

Cultural needs need to be more inclusive and recognition of the protection of Māori ancient sites to protect and preserve them

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

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It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Can not afford at this stage

Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Can not afford at this stage

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

At least 2years do not increase. Can not afford at this stage

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

I don't know

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

I don't know

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

I don't know

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Tell us here

Please do changes but do not increase rates even 0.1%

Can not afford as all the expenses are going up and up and salaries are same. Middle class people are only paying text. Very hard to live at this condition



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Item7, phosphite treatment, needs to happen urgently before all the infected kauri are dead.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Get rid of over paid personnel take the hard decisions and get the head count down 5.8 percent rates rise is ridiculous look to cut personally numbers down instead of bleeding rate payers

It's no good just saying you will do things what's the actual detail in how it will be achieved nothing is measurable it's all platitudes

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Support

Tell us why

Probably ok if they are open to being bled even more

Bear in mind the people are not a bottomless pit

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

If it's neutral then it would be ok

Question 4:

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Tell us here

Get rid of excess head count and streamline the council to operate a more lean business just like the private businesses have to do with no choice



#4566



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Support

Tell us why

I agree there is a need to raise more money and this is a way of doing it without increasing the burden on rate payers. Visitors to the city also use the amenities provided by council and a small levy will not influence many that have already paid hundreds or thousands on their trip

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I currently live in Titirangi and it is much easier having the charge included in rates than having to waste time buying bin tags each week.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I think we need to back away from engaging with Maori as a special group, they have the ability to provide feedback like everybody else. Let them use those rights instead of treating them like they are inferiors and needing special treatment. Allow Maori to develop and they will.

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I would like to see the reinstatement of public rubbish bins, since these have been removed around the city there has been a huge increase in litter that is likely causing increased costs rather than the perceived saving from removing bins.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

I don't know

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Pay as you go waste is better, encourages people to reduce waste and is more efficient because fewer bins to empty as people only out out full bins

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

I don't know

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

5 - no idea why council pays to support business associations

Question 5: Other feedback

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#4605



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Not relevant, missing on major issues.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Fairly important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

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Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Less important

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Local board priorities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Too expensive.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Will have opposite effect

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Everyone else is cutting costs why isn't council?

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

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Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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#4640



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Other

Tell us why

I don't support bed tax

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

Do not support

Tell us why

The visitors find it hard to pay accommodation so this would add extra.cost to their stay

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waiheke

Waiheke Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library

Fairly important

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

Fairly important

Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan

Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall

Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Community Pool Development

#4640

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?

No

Tell us why

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You are not paying attention to the smelly stream at Hooks beach with is so horrible black know birds for fish can live there anymore needs cleaning out urgently

#4644

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Do not support most

Tell us why

We pay enough now with the rates which I'd not fare putting it up and up we are struggling so much and putting up the rates will take more money and food from struggling families STOP spending and all take a pay cut you all get paid to much money...

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Support

Tell us why

Yes that sounds fare as long as rates people DONT pay for this...And as long as it's fare and not being greedy as charging too much mite back fire on you..

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Support

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What isn't fare is we are paying for the food scraps removal and we don't have or want it...YOU SHOULD ONLY CHARGE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THIS...

I have my own composting I have 3 and I don't waste or throw any food away so that is exstreamly unfare charging everyone for this...

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You just need to be more fare and mindful of people who are struggling so much and trying to put food on the table when you are putting the rares up and up and up and we have no say NO I don't want to pay more rates...STOP SPENDING STOP WASTING RATE PAYERS MONEY...

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Support most

Tell us why

Sensible planning but not enough spent on environment and culture

I want more explanation around the term and costs of 'managing sensible local govt' this is a lot of Money but I would like to see a break down of these costs and activities related to this cost. Be more transparent

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Support

Tell us why

I support in theory for large functions . I hope this is not for Aucklanders who want to stay in their own city for events. It should be for tourists and outsiders from other centres. Aucklanders should be able to enjoy their own city without extra costs.

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Support

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Tell us why

Some areas need huge investment and it has been delayed eg Glen Eden, road repairs around Huia, Laingholm

The gallery at Titirangi is not diverse enough and should have more events that are accessible to more people. Titirangi has some improvement but lost a lot, eg no bank atm, empty shops, no post office (only an agency) markets are good but we could have more use of the community hall with events. Increase in visible recycling or council representation in Glen Eden or Titirangi . Consider upgrades near the parks of the beaches and facilities

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We under estimate now how important our natural resources are. There are far more visitors to Huia and surrounding areas now. There is more maintainence needed for our roads due to heavy vehicle and boat use... even a user pays for the roads for these massive vehicles . Our reserves could have better facilities such as shelters and more frequent cleanups. More support for pest control.

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I like this partnership for our Maunga. I agree with the aims and the increased protection of these sites



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Support most

Tell us why

Transport is a big issues. Train often delay or cancel. People don't want to take local transport rather than need to drive and cause more traffic.

For school lunch maybe just provide fruit.

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Support

Tell us why

Track traveler is important for growth economic.

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Support

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I personally think to reduce the rubbish should have system of reward for recycle. Some people don't care and throw recycle to rubbish.

But no council rate increase as household owner can't afford it and they try to put up rent to cover.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Providing resources and guidance to the local communities to do what we know needs done sounds like a good plan.

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Support most

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Do not support

Tell us why

It will be a disincentive for people to choose to stay in Auckland - particularly outside peak times (e.g. not during special events).

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Tell us why

I believe that the Waitākere Ranges Local Board is underfunded for the enormity of the work to be done in the Ranges.

Presumably the '\$1.4 million allocated for Environmental services' covers all aspects of services and protection work in all parks, wetlands, streams etc - as well the Ranges? (It's too hard to find specific details of this in the wider plan)

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I support this overall plan simply because it benefits Aucklanders. It will help build thriving communities and improve lives.

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Support

Tell us why

Implementing this levy is excellent as it reflects a give-and-take approach in which those who benefit from any particular event also contribute to raising funds projected towards a good cause.

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Tell us why

The main areas of concern have been addressed, such as the environment proposal to safeguard the Waitakere Ranges, where the conservation of plants, trees and parks is significant. More importantly, community-based proposals or projects need more attention.

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My blessings to those at the local boards and Auckland Council.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

Use the money you have more effectively and efficiently

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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DO NOT INCREASE learn to use the existing money more effectively and efficiently. 5.8% is ridiculous when most people are getting 2% to 3% pay rises

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Waitākere Ranges



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

We need rates not to go up it's too difficult for seniors to cope with additional expenses, charge higher rates for those having more properties.

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I don't know

Tell us why

Don't know

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

No

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

No

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

No

Question 5: Other feedback

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No you will do what is best



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Cultural and sport events and assets should be held in charitable trusts, sponsored by private enterprises. Auckland Council should not invest in any of these and concentrate on core functions only. Cultural assets should be brought under charitable governance and funding.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

Rate payers should not fund any non-core functions and activities. Cultural and sport assets and events should be governed and managed by charitable trusts. The asset may be subject to a lower rates regime.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Non essential functions and activities. Cultural and sport assets and events should be governed and managed by charitable trusts. Only core functions should be rate payer funded.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Only 6, 7, and 8 are core functions to ensure we have liveable and well managed habitats for flora, fauna and humans. The others are non-essential and should not be funded by rate payers.

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Giving more budget to Local Boards is wrong. We amalgamated the councils in 2010 for a reason: better efficiency, effectiveness and saving money. Giving more budget to Local Boards is returning to waste and inefficiencies we had prior to 2010. Local Boards should feed only core activities into the Annual plan and should NOT run any activities as it only creates disparity and chaos. Auckland needs a rigid plan and execution of that plan to achieve the best outcomes. We do not need different developments of infrastructure caused by local boards, we need ONE. Simplicity saves money. One direction saves money. Local boards should be brought back to the roots which is advocating improvement of habitat of their environment. That's it. ADVISORY only.



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Support most

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Support

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Whilst I understand the need to increase rates to fund future investments. I think a reassessment of CV needs to be done first our house CV is 130k over what our house would sell for therefore I'm already paying considerable amount more in rates due to an unrealistic CV.

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Support

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I think they have missed the mark for the area

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Fairly important

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Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

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Support

Tell us why

I would like to see we keep on having public events.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Less important

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Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

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Less important

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Seems like a clumsy and arbitrary way of gaining revenue. Council could be neutral on event promotion, until such time as there are carbon neutral ways of travelling to and from Auckland (and NZ)

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I don't know

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Support all

Tell us why

I think it is broad ranging with every community getting some improvements in the next ten years while also some awesome city wide plans that will affect the livability of the city.

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Support

Tell us why

It's a more targeted tax = and it's indirect which is helpful way of the city collecting the revenue.

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Support

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I think the user pays system for rubbish doesn't work, while most residents comply some others have no compulsion to spend their money this way and don't instead dumping litter ends up littering our most beautiful spots.

Rates increases are modest over time i believe rates should be more closely matched to inflation.

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Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**Support all****Tell us why**

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How important are these priorities to you?**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Henderson has been increasingly sliding into an unloved suburb with petty crime and Catherine place has felt unsafe to me even during the day. It needs to be given a character and vibe.

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

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Very important

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Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tauru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I use the tracks in the Waitakere ranges regularly - you can so easily connect with nature and forget the busy Auckland streets. I have been really encouraged by the ease of many of the walks now with broad paths and some off the ground. It would good to have an aim to make a few more of them disabled friendly - even just part of the walks like this - like the first 200 meters so that disabled people like my mum could be pushed a little into the bush occasionally.

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Support most

Tell us why

There are areas that are neglected such as wasp control. The methods of control suggested are totally inadequate. The potential damage to the bird life and other is understated.

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I don't know

Tell us why

I know little about this

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Tell us why

Not enough done controlling wasps and pet owners

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Priority on environment and social issues are un-balanced

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Arts funding- I'd like to support sustainable funding for Te Uru regional gallery as they provide a high quality arts programme for locals, that also encourages visitors into the area, which in turn brings economic value to the region. I have a residence in Karekare and regularly visit Te Uru who showcase high quality New Zealand art. I believe we need the arts more than ever to give us all an opportunity to see the world from new perspectives.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sarah Elsby

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

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Support all

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

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Very important

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Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Fairly important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Fairly important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

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Tell us why

because those using our council funded facilities and infrastructure should contribute to its upkeep

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Tell us why

Glen Eden mall needs a complete upgrade - baring in mind the massive increase in apartments that are popping up in the area - is the current mall fit for purpose?

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Tell us why

Auckland needs AI camera traffic control to ease traffic congestion which Wayne Brown wants to implement but NZTA refuses to implement indicating NZTA management in control of traffic management is brain dead.

It is obvious that the management who are refusing to implement AI Traffic control need to be dismissed as soon as possible as they appear to have the old negative attitude culture to resist positive change, which terminations would happen in a corporate environment.

I had the misfortune to travel by car into the central city last Thursday in peak hour traffic which I had not done so for many years & it was a horrific experience in grid lock traffic I have never seen it before as there were no accidents to cause it.

If this is not sorted out soon nobody will want to go into the central city by vehicle due to the congestion caused by roadworks everywhere, bus lanes everywhere with very few people using the buses probably due to unreliability for getting to destinations on time like the trains.

I was impressed with the patience & curtesy of the drivers in such congested conditions as they have obviously been used it for a long time.

I suggest tolling vehicles going into the central city & using the tolls to subsidise public transport into the city & out to the suburbs just as other major cities do.

I am in full support of Wayne Brown getting Auckland back to an efficient city.

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Support

Tell us why

User pay to fund improvement for the city, which is a small amount for users to pay.

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Support

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People should also be encouraged to keep gardens & use their own compost.

Community gardens could also be built into the plan

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The council & DOC should try spreading super phosphate on the Kauri forests affected by Kauri die back which could be done much cheaper & more effectively by top dresser planes flown from local airstrips, which was done previously in practical old times.

It would appear that overqualified people are not thinking practically & wasting a lot of time & money while the affected Kauri forests are dying.

I believe DOC is wasting significant funds & it would be far better utilized by terminating DOC who have become office bound employing consultants & contractors & diverting the funds to the local councils to distribute to local volunteer organisations, who have significant volunteerr labour & expertise, to do pest control, planting, track maintenance etc managed through local councils existing administration.

I have noted in our area that a local volunteer organisation, Te Henga Restoration Group, with older experienced people managing * teaching an army of young people, was shut down by a Dick Bellamy, a highly educated person, probably because they were showing his group up by doing a better job on pest control & track maintenance than they had done previously.

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Keep up the great work you are doing Wayne Brown with your positive change team, I am in full support of you, it is not an easy job changing the culture of an organisation into an efficient one.

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Tell us why

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Support most

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

I believe the key focus areas of the proposal are centered around supporting community-led events, delivering arts and cultural programs through art partners, and developing initiatives that serve youth, older adults, Pasifika, and ethnic communities. These groups, especially since the pandemic, have often been left to navigate challenges on their own. I strongly believe that investing in these areas is essential for fostering meaningful and revitalizing community engagement. The Waitākere Ranges is home to unique art partners like Te Uru Contemporary Gallery, and it's crucial that we provide funding to these institutions to sustain programmes that cater to all three of the initiatives outlined in the funding proposal.

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Very important

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Very important

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I find it incredibly important to support and accurately fund arts and culture institutions by the Waitākere Local Board, in particular Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Art Gallery.

As an active member in the community, I can clearly see how the gallery is a hub that attracts a large demographic and amount of visitors annually, creating a significant impact on the local community. Just as other art/cultural institutions around Aotearoa, they are key economic driver for businesses and organisations in the region and specifically Titirangi Village. Their contribution to the development of the arts is not only felt in the Waitākere Ranges, but the whole of Aotearoa, in particular I have to mention their recent exhibition of Gretchen Albrecht, a West Auckland local who until Te Uru hadn't had a solo exhibition in about 2 decades. Additionally, they play a crucial role in enhancing Auckland's reputation as a vibrant city to live in and visit - encouraging tourists to leave the city centre and visit out west.

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Just please stop putting in ridiculous roundabouts, raised crossings and speed bumps. They are only designed to frustrate people and waist time and money. God only knows what the emergency services think of them. In regards to the rest of what you do pales into insignificance compared to that disgrace.



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Absolutely appalled at the way the Auckland Council has handled the situation with Western Springs Speedway. As more information comes to light it has exposed that the council does not follow its own processes in this situation and looks like a lot of shady back room deals have been done. You are clearly not interested in getting all your facts together and hope by bulldozing through, that council can make decisions that effect all Aucklanders and just say that's how it is. Its just not good enough!



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The devil is in the detail . For example at the library, the lighting is in some places insufficient for 50 plus people to read properly. And not all lights are turned on.

Yet carpet gets replaced so many times, it is verging on wasteful.

With the changes to Queen St, it is now difficult to drop someone off outside of the town hall, and say to drive from the University, at nighttime, to the town hall. Not against everything, but blocking lanes on what used to be a six lane road it going too far. Its about judgment, reasonability, and accepting the we need a balance of people, public transport and cars. This is achieved in cities like Amsterdam, they are better at it than us.

Money: The rates increase is too high, it should be more like 3 percent, closer to the CPI.

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Support

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Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We need to develop a track to the South Titirangi park. It is totally unused. Talk to Sandra Coney about it. Access and parking is difficult though, and it needs a creative solution.

phosphate treatment is overdue.

The council's development at Glen Eden square is pretty ho hum. Maybe employ better designers on the next one.

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No but the awaiting more rail with baited breath. Have just come back from Perth where they have a great train system, in a city just slightly bigger than Auckland. Liaise with the next Labour Govt.

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Support most

Tell us why

Most looks good but I disagree with the rates increase method. 5.8 this year and an almost 8% increase is way above the inflationary rate and targets from the government.

I would suggest scaling council rates to property value exponentially. Currently a million dollar home pays around 3 thousand in rates while a 4 million dollar home pays under 10 thousand. I don't believe that is fair and if anything they can afford to pay significantly more rather than first house buyers carrying such a significant load.

This could also apply to a multi home levy where people who own multiple homes get a property value levy. the government just gave rental owners a tax rebate in the form of interest deductibility so there is a potential for a levy instead.

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Support

Tell us why

Would be great to see the people using these services paying for them rather than falling on the tax payers in the hopes that these people will spend more money at local businesses. Great stuff.

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Support

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Support most

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Support

Tell us why

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events should not be part of the rate funding and should be an industry cost

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Rubbish collection needs to go more on user pays. In other words the greater weight and amount pay more.

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Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Only one missing is the lack of open space in the board area. A part of their allocation needs to be put into reserve for the purchase of green open space/ parks

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Fairly important

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Fairly important

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Less important

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Very important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Fairly important

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Very important

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Less important

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

It is not the function of local govt to provide so much support for welfare, business and all community groups. However, support needs to go to those volunteer social and environmental registered charity groups that raise/ attempt to raise their own funding. Facility costs for these groups need to be much lower.

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Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

It makes no difference to the rate payers. You use our money to fund events that we cant afford to go to ourselves.

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It doesnt matter how you wrap the rates up in glitter and tie bows around them - they are still rates, we are still paying, and we are getting nothing for it except for wasteful spending.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Again - it all sounds good but its easy to spend other peoples money in an wasteful and incompetent way. You cant even fix the roads over 2 years on from the floods and cyclone. Its a joke.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Fairly important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Fairly important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Fairly important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Fairly important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Fairly important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Fairly important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Less important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

All are important but need to be done in a cost effective way. Our youth are the future - invest in them. A few dollars for youth programs is a far better investment than billions spent on / in the justice system and prisons.

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Cut the wasteful spending. Council employees wages are way too high. Too much spent on consultants, far too much spent on crippling Health and Safety. Get the basics right!



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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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incorrect decision making with acknowledging the long term effects. based on the current economy and the cost of living do you really think people

can afford this increase. you being on a higher pay end do not realise what's it like to live on the other side of the fence. even a \$5 increase affects people's lives

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Very important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

No rates rise

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Do not support extra taxes

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Do not support extra charges

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

We need more boatramps. Maintain the boatramps and carparks we already have

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Sort the dieback. Open the tracks back up

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Save Western springs speedway. Save history. Council mismanagement of the process was corrupt

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Support all

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Very important

Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations

Very important

Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction

Very important

Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.

Very important

Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

Very important

Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Very important

Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Very important

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Support all

Tell us why

All necessary for growth

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

I don't know

Tell us why

This would require further conversation with those most directly affected.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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no

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Funding across the arts and culture sector has dropped considerably - or more specifically not kept up with inflation. Entities such as Te Uru are essential for the area. It brings over 50,000 people therefore playing a vital role both economically and culturally. Also their education and schools programmes hugely benefit the community.

If we want the Waitakeres to thrive, fairer funding is essential.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

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Organisation (if applicable): Glen Eden Resident's Association

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Tell us why

The Glen Eden Resident Association wants to see Glen Eden become a vibrant place to live in, we want to see more community led events. The intensification in Glen Eden is ongoing, many hundreds more people now live in Glen Eden from all over the world, the celebration of these cultures is important in creating unity.

We urge the Local Board to continue pressing for a liven-up for the Glen Eden town center. So many more people live in this area due to intensification.

We ask that the rail crossing which is a matter that is a continual source of concern for the Resident's Association, is raised at every opportunity. The light phasing in West Coat Road has not been altered and cars are now waiting 3 phases of lights to get thru.

We support the development of George Herring Common, Clayburn Reserve and Maywood Park and Sandy's Parade. We draw your attention the the high rate of skin cancer and urge that any new play grounds have a sun cover. We also ask that consideration we give to including equipment suitable for our disabled community.

We would like to draw attention the the road works taking place in Glengarry Road at present and the fact that the curb and channeling and footpaths are not being done at the same time to save money and disruption to the community.

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

See my comments above

Funding towards the Glen Eden Business Association is an important program to enhance the work being done in this area.

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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I think the replacement of bin tags to a set rate within the rates is absolutely ridiculous. Not only does it cost our household about \$300 more a year having it within rates but there is a significant increase in the number of bins out every week. Instead of waiting until they have a reasonable volume or mostly full bin it goes out every week. Because it's a hidden cost people don't think consciously about disposal and more cross contamination is likely to happen.

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Support most

Tell us why

Not in favour of sale of Auckland Airport. It seems likely to be as good an investment as anything else that a Fund might invest in, and also represents a permanent asset. If corporate bonds were issued the coupon would likely be comfortably covered by Airport earnings, achieving a similar financial goal for some urgent spending requirement, with more limited banking and related fees

plus with the possibility of bond buyback/cancellation in the future depending on Airport financial performance.

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Support

Tell us why

While businesses across the region may benefit from events, this does not obviously translate to ratepayer benefit. So it makes sense for council grants to be funded from outside of ratepayer funds as far as practicable. As an aside, council supported major firework shows really are funds going up in smoke, and are better avoided or minimised.

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Support

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Waste. Suggest monitoring of waste volumes, as an increase may be expected. The removal of rubbish collection purchased tags does remove incentives to recycle and minimise household waste.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

The maintenance of transport options is a top priority, particularly public transport (largely buses in Whau). This allows those unable to drive to get out and about. Cycling is more hazardous in the Whau area than near the central city, because of car speeds and rather narrow windy roads, but the hilly nature makes cycling a less than ideal transport method for those without easy access to a cycleway (I do cycle in Whau but more frequently use the bus).

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Fairly important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Less important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Less important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Fairly important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Fairly important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The key functions of local council are ensuring supply of household services (utilities, waste etc) and community activities dependent on volunteers, particularly those that really cannot run without some council support. However, such activities do need proper financial oversight, with clear accounting scrutiny.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Support

Tell us why

International tourists pay this in other countries and it would help fund.

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Support

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I support paying for what you throw out to encourage less rubbish for those who compost and recycle and create less rubbish. My rubbish charges have quadrupled with paying in my rates. Yes it reduces administration costs but I dont think it is as good for the environment

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Tell us why

Prioritising Nature and community and the arts aligns with my values.

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Very important

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I value nature and community

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Prioritise the basics or good roading, reasonably priced water, sustainability, caring for the planet and nature.



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I don't know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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I don't think it's a good idea to increase rates as everyone is struggling with the current charges.

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Tell us why

Council need to support residents who have a body of water running through their property to fix drainage and thoroughfare without the resident having to pay out or at least majority of costs covered by council.

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Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

What is FAIRER funding for local communities. DEI stuff? Rainbow crossings? Painting police cars in Rainbow colors? Your becoming a joke and the ratepayers are sick of minority b/s. We pay rates for core components. Water rubbish and roads. No more humps or CONGESTION humps. We want to get to work without being impeded by ideology

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Do not support

Tell us why

If your going to put our monies into CULTURAL events. Then tell us what they are. And if they're kupa huka or polynesian events Let the local or iwi spend there're monies on there events

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Waitematā

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Ending homelessness is a pipe dream and never going to happen. With closing down of mental institutions to save money you basically created an on going problem. Some of these people should never be on the street

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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Only do your job and stop wasting our monies on cultural pet projects. Remember Auckland belongs to ALL that live and pay rates here and I'm sure there's alot of wasteful spending that could be saved if the councils heard was in the right place. But alas that's a pipe dream and it's a fact of life that working for the council is just how the dock and post office used to be. Jobs for life.

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Support most

Tell us why

I believe the system for calculating rates is highly unfair and lacks absolute clarity about how the figures are constructed /calculated.

How can a 6.8% average equate to between 10.13% (mine) and up to 12.88% for five other properties in CLOSE proximity to my property, all of which are older than my place and in arguably worse condition; makes me wonder how many more properties I would have to check before I find one that is the 6.8% number or indeed one that is LOWER than the so-called Average?

The system is seriously flawed, pretty much totally lacking in transparency and arguably containing intended misinformation.

The system that uses land value, rateable value and capital value rankings is seriously lacking common sense and logic and I am certain is largely misunderstood by the majority of ratepayers.

I have made an earlier submission. In this version I wish to continue to be critical of the proposed increases in Rates, and how they are calculated from so-called Valuations. At present it seems likely we are up for a 5.8% increase in rates for the AVERAGE VALUE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ?

This scares the living daylights out of me and family and friends on the basis that if we use last year's numbers (a supposed 6.8% increase) which resulted in ACTUAL increases of 10.13% to 12.88 %, a simple arithmetical calculation could well result in escalation of rates between 8.65% and 10.99% for ourselves, family and friends in the immediate vicinity! AC's inclusionary use of the word AVERAGE is in my view rather shambolic; there is no evident transparency and/or clarity about how rates are ACTUALLY calculated so that the average Joe Public can follow the methodology. Information shrouded in secrecy is Misinformation!

'I have made two earlier submissions but now wish to expand my thoughts on the increase in rates and how they are calculated. I have been in regular contact with one of the AC team in recent weeks, Karin Gosselman, and she has been absolutely wonderful in attempting to answer all of my (many) concerns. Given that her responses are basically toeing the Company line as it were, I am not fully satisfied (NOT HER FAULT)!

Many ratepayers in Auckland have only superannuation as an income in their advanced years as senior citizens.

Never once have I experienced the situation where the Super rate INCOME covers the charges made by INSURANCE /COUNCIL RATES/POWER /PHONE BILLS/ INTERNET ACCESS/WATER RATES and GENERAL COST-OF-LIVING EVERYDAY EXPENSES.

All of these far exceed the Super Income increases, and I believe it is past time for AC to seriously investigate a reduction in rates for senior citizens.

Don't try to tell me the (in my case only very recently discovered) Rates Rebate will compensate for the stark differences between Income and All other Expenses.

I could go on much further (in fact I did so an hour or more ago but through the idiosyncrasies of modern technology, could not get the NEXT button to move, and thus lost the whole ***** lot).

Furthermore I will simply here repeat myextreme concerns about how AC calculates rates increases from what I would describe as very questionable (in terms of clarity and common sense and logic) means of land and property valuations. My recent correspondence with Karin Gosselman includes Rate values of 5-6 other properties very close and adjacent to mine, and there's visibly no sign of meaningful comparisons. I strongly believe this matter requires earliest attention from AC, to come up with more explanation and clarity of the methods used, than is currently and easily available.

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Other

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I suspect there's arguably a case for all of the greater metropolis of AUCKLAND to be charged on the same basis ?

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

(A) I continued to be bemused by how - and why- Auckland Transport (AT) seems to be operating as an independent entity that has no responsibility to anyone. Simplistically they should be under the overall control of SOMEONE or SOME BODY > In this case, in my view, the MAYOR of Auckland Wayne Brown. He is often reported to be at odds with AC over pretty much everything they do, yet - again in my view - he should be the one who has to approve (or otherwise) their every day actions and decisions! At present they are simply riding roughshod over everyone else

and just pleasing themselves what they do and when they do it. They are absolutely a Law unto themselves, and more often than not at a significant cost to the Ratepayers of our City. Their outlook on how anything they decide to do seems to be to ***** with the ratepayers let's just get this income source going at full speed. This covers driving in bus lanes, parking issues (in some cases targeting vehicles parked on their own property), camera-mounted AT vehicles covering delinquent parking in every nook and cranny in the City, and a host of other issues.

They should be accountable to someone other than themselves.

(B)Appropriate attendance to receiving payment of fines issued by both AC and AT, the continued proliferation of raised pedestrian crossings that are daily destroying every vehicle's suspension structure, the additional installation of Traffic Lights at what seem to be inappropriate sitings, the continued apparently excessive numbers of staff on Orange-Coned workplaces, and on the same matter the ongoing use of these road-cones, after Mayor Brown (and others) had pledged to reduce the numbers in use.

On the subject of staff numbers on road and water projects, there has been for years a saying among all of the population that most of them spend their day leaning on their shovels while others do the work. Today they simply lean on a Council vehicle talking on cell-phones, or sit on the grass embankments with their cell-phones (and not always at smoko or lunch times) or stand around in groups while a few others do the work. These situations are plainly and visibly evident on a daily basis!

The sheer numbers of staff employed on these projects probably suggests examination is necessary, as it is likely to be just another case of unnecessary expenses paid by the ratepayers; I would imagine the outcome of any such examination could be an eye-opener!

There are several other issues that I could easily raise if only I could find the time to look into them more thoroughly than my current time available permits.

It should be remembered by all AC personnel who are dealing with this Have Your Say project, that the full commitment of the population toward responding to the survey requires ENORMOUS time and energy by the time one reads all of the Plan documentation thoroughly to the point where they take it all in to the situation where they can contribute meaningfully.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The continued invasion of co governance is of great concern.

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Other

Tell us why

has positives and negatives. I think a tourist tax should be collected at the airport! For true tourist who are not visiting friends or family.

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Do not support

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I oppose proposals for more iwi input into the Waitakere ranges. The process for this happening is not clear and transparent.

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Tell us why

We have te Tiriti o Waitangi and legislative responsibilities to Māori across many of our functions and services. Our strategic and advisory entities help us to meet these responsibilities. (I don't believe this is a true statement!)

what is the cost of this? and if Mana Whenua want control of assets what assurance do, we have as rate payers, paying to maintain reserves etc of uninterrupted access?

I have concerns looking at the outcomes of the Urewera Forest moving into Iwi control.

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Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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So far, the Tupuna Munga Authority raised some concerns with the public about clear felling non natives off Maunga. Are we to see more of this type of decisions pushed by ideology and not common sense?

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Tell us why

The existing light rail to Swanson needs to have the passenger service extended via double tracks to Kumeu. This is a low cost, sustainable and environmentally sound option to allow Auckland to spread west. Also Auckland needs to follow the Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority and plan the city 50 to 100 years in advance in three dimensions. There are 6 levels of tunnel infrastructure in Singapore.

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Support

Tell us why

Agree with funding mechanism.

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Support

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Auckland Council construction related approval charges are too numerous and therefore too expensive. Record photos are sufficient for AC to avoid excessive inspections and costs for those needing inspections.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Seems only fair that visitors should contribute to the cost of the amenities they use when staying in Auckland

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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I don't know

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Tell us why

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The Waitakere area is unique for its forested environment and the highest priority is protecting and restoring that environment

Question 5: Other feedback

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

I'm concerned that as an Aucklander I would also be charged this levy. This is not very appealing to tourists if not all other cities have this charge.

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Support

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Question 4:

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Waitematā

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Very important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community programmes and services

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Pasifika - Niue Stage was let down on the weekend. The disconnect between the stage and the vendors was disappointing and discouraging for our vendors. There was no foot traffic passing through, no signs to direct passer Byers of the Niuean stalls. The Niuean community were left feeling unseen and disgruntled by the lack of planning that went into the layout of the Niue area especially compared to all of our pasifika counter parts. We ask that this is paid close attention in the next festivals.

There should be a 'community services' type of card for all community groups that are non profit that hire halls on a regular basis to serve their communities. Hall hire is a crucial part in holding these events, and what we pay for these are still unaffordable. Most of these events are held by volunteers, the council could contribute a little more by discounting our hall hire costs.



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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I appreciate the playground put in at George herring common, well done.

Id like to see some investment in dog exercise areas of which there are currently none in Waitākere.

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I hope Auckland Council will continue to provide operating funding to our city's anchor arts and culture organisations, including the Auckland Philharmonia which is enjoyed by tens of thousands of people across our city every year, in addition to being the largest employer of artists and creative workers in Auckland.

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How about, like Rotorua, we invest in outdoor activities such as mountain biking, walking and running and of course the beaches. Develop and use the outdoor spaces and native and pine forests to encourage people to come to Auckland. Provide public transportation to these places.

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding. The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control. I don't know

Tell us why

Sounds like corporate waffle.

Phosphite to treat kauri is fine but how about viewing the science already collected. The points about how of kauri with suspected dieback, only 23% actually have PTA.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Phosphite treatment is a last resort treatment. Fine try it, but the Waitakere Ranges needs to be opened up considering the science does not support the current narrative that PTA causes kauri dieback. This is clear when of all trees suspected with kauri dieback, only 23% have PTA infections.

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Encouraging local groups, neighbours etc to do this is an easy win.

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Whau Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Mostly good ideas

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Fairly important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Fairly important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Fairly important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Fairly important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Less important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Healthy active lifestyles should be for everybody.

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Tell us why

It seems a painless way on an individual basis to improve the funding pool.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

I have a particular connection to and support for the Te Puna project and it's inclusion of the Corban Estate. This needs intense LB scrutiny and ultimately funding support.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Community-lead projects are critical in a time of economic difficulty. We must keep our communities engaged and hopeful. Not easy.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control. Support all

Tell us why

The WRLB has a great understanding of the role of arts and culture and the need for this to community-lead but with solid support, including funding, from the board.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Arts and Culture: Specifically, support for Te Uru and the Upstairs Gallery and other arts organisations that cover the spectrum from community to higher end arts.

Very specifically, the Going West Trust and Shadbolt Project. These are both at a critical stage of development and can only progress with baseline LB support. The potential of Shadbolt House is equivalent to the flagship McCahon project with local, regional and national reach.

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

I want to reiterate the importance of the Going West Trust, which for over 25 years delivered the Going West Festival. The very profoundly in-depth work that the GWT has undertaken is leading to a programme of ongoing smaller events building to a potential new version of the festival by the end of 2026. Operational support is critical. Suggest \$20k for GW festival development and a continuation of \$20k for Shadbolt House development. These projects have strong links but will deliver separate but compatible programmes.



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Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

It's good to have constant growth, but not ideal that the tax payer have to bear all the cost. Increase of 5.8% rates is not great as we did not that much of salary increase, so how can we pay that much rates increase. Also why do we have to pay for people on benefit that are utilizing government housing at no cost.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Support

Tell us why

As said earlier we should bear any cost that my family do not have benefit

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Fairly important

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Less important

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

I really don't want council to increase the water and rates increase as it's not fair for tax payers to pay such a huge increase specially in this tough economy. Also what is the plan of council to manage their cost as we see there are some unnecessary cost specially the salary



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

With the growing population and building of homes in undeveloped areas it is imperative that infrastructure is kept up with the opening up of new areas...it has not been keeping up. Also with increased in fill housing in established areas the infrastructure needs to be able to adapt to cope.

Flooding like on Anniversary weekend 2023 could have been avoided if the infrastructure had been efficiently maintained like keeping streams and culverts

cleared and if Council had not allowed houses to be built on flood plains or near cliffs.

Also funding on big projects like stadiums...is it really all that necessary building big white elephants that cost the ratepayers so much, surely these can be funded by private individuals

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

We do not want to discourage visitors to Auckland and major events should fund themselves

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:**Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants

Very important

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Very important

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Very important

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Very important

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Very important

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Very important

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

Very important

Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Western Springs Speedway is a community group that the Council has continued to ignore and provided no support...this brings in a lot of money to the area and provides great entertainment to the local and wider community

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Western Springs Speedway is a community group that the Council has continued to ignore and provided no support...this brings in a lot of money to the area and provides great entertainment to the local and wider community

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Support all

Tell us why

Western Springs Speedway is a community group that the Council has continued to ignore and provided no support...this brings in alot of money to the area and provides great entertainment to the local and wider community

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community development and support activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

The future fund sounds like an excellent idea, while the rates increases seem fair and proportionate.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

This is a fair way to pay for events without overly disincentivizing the attendance of such events.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges



Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

The focus on local business to improve town centres seems like an excellent idea. Furthermore, fighting Kauri dieback is always a solid initiative.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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Tell us why

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

To support Tuvalu community with a free office building as the current office is very expensive



#6771



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

Focus must be on Environment while making the Ranges accessible to as many as possible.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks**

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Improving the quality of local outdoor spaces and facilities. Community is increasingly housed in dwellings that don't support family gatherings etc so public spaces and facilities / halls etc are vitally important.

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

Western Spring Speedway cannot be abandoned. It is a piece of built environmental heritage that is hugely important to my family and I. For Council to simply walk away from this treasure is shameful and insulting.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Seems to be a well thought-out proposal.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

Visitors to the city spend money here but also cost ratepayers. It is only fair to all ratepayers that some cost recovery in the best way that minimises cost to collect revenue.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Rubbish disposal needs to be linked to amount household throws out. Paying for bags was one way to encourage recycling and waste minimisation. Fly tipping needs to be better monitored, researched and fines imposed and enforced.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

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Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

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Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

I don't know

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

I don't know

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

I don't know

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

I don't know

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Love Your Streams is an incredible initiative that I think is very important given the recent destruction during floods in West Auckland. This initiative is the best thing that I know of to address the problem of increasing floods, slips, and other natural disasters. This initiative is effective at both educating the community on how to best manage our waterways whilst actually achieving real progress on restoring them, too.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

I don't know

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

I don't know

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

I don't know

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

I don't know

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

I don't know

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

I don't know

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

I really just wanted to shout out the Love Your Streams project as that has had a big impact on my life in West Auckland. I don't know enough about other initiatives to comment, sorry.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Leave western Springs Speedway alone.

Support large land owners to keep properties bigger than 300 acres with lower rates and more assurance and support to continue them through for future generations without restrictions. Encouragement needed.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I have been told that all recycling and waste to all go into the same tip so I am not sure

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

The Rodney Ward needs to be changed back to the boundary of Bethells Road and Waitakere River like it was a few years ago.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations

Fairly important

Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction

Less important

Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.

Fairly important

Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

Less important

Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Fairly important

Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

I don't understand Maori and we should have a complete English page for English speaking people and a Marie page for the half casts that want to learn Maori



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Organisation (if applicable): BirdCare Aotearoa

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

BirdCare Aotearoa supports the council's long-term vision to deliver programmes that create a beautiful, thriving and safe city for the people and visitors of Auckland. As a community-centred environmental charity, our submission focuses on the priority areas of Natural Environment, Community, and Built Environment.

In particular, we are in full-support of increasing funding and extension of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate- as this delivers funding to key community- and council- led activities in controlling, protecting and restoring Te Taiao.

We also commend the commitment to implement fairer funding for local boards, ensuring that local community-led initiatives are adequately resourced to maintain their unique expertise. This includes our avian rehabilitation centre, but also our peers in the pest-free movement, wetland and ngahere restoration, education/advocacy.

Note, these Te Taiao-focussed groups are often driven by, or in the case of BirdCare collaborate with mana whenua, raising Te Ao Māori aspirations for the region.

However, our concerns are:

(1)The proposal highlights the value of places stunning harbours, beaches, forests... without committing to protect the unique biodiversity. E.g., our bird hospital attends to several endemic and native avian casualties from Auckland; these species play essential ecological and tourist-attracting roles for said stunning natural environment.

(2) We commend the commitment to undertake marine biosecurity education- e.g. re Caulerpa seaweed. We also need to highlight the very real threat of exotic bird-borne diseases to the region (e.g., Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza), which arrive via seabirds. Please note that our hospital's urgent preparation for this disease was funded through Local Board grants (disinfectants, infrastructure upgrades).

Finally, we urge the council to thoughtfully evaluate Built Environment commitments relative to environmental impacts- e.g., Artificial Night Light Pollution, habitat loss with urban sprawl.

We strongly believe that a Te Taiao nature-focussed approach to Council investments is essential to maintain a vibrant city, with economic and social opportunities for current and future generations.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

We commend initiatives to attract short-term visitors, with potential to gain prospective long term external stakeholders to our city. Indeed, from our Hospital's experience, we host several domestic and international interns and visitors, attracted to Auckland's natural wonders and biodiversity (cannot comment on their major events interest). A levy to support the infrastructure and operational expenditure to sustain these activities makes good sense.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

We support an average increase of 3.5 per cent to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) for existing business property ratepayers- as ultimately, this programme funds the council's core Regional Environment and Natural Heritage operations> investment into local community conservation groups. We also appreciate the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR), as investments in the Healthy Waters programme and WaterCare feed back to our hospital through a) admissions of poor water quality (e.g., infectious diseases, including zoonotic like giardia; malnourished birdlife), and b) Watercare provides a grant-in-aid towards our annual Avian Botulism recovery programme. Thank you for ensuring that through these WQTR, NETR, and CATTR rates, businesses can return financial commitments to the protection of Te Taiao.

Question 4:**Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitākere Ranges, Whau

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

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Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Our strongest tautoko is for the priority to support Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Wonderful Waitakere Ranges

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Very important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Very important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Very important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Very important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Very important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Very important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Our strongest tautoko is of the priority to support environmental and ecological initiatives.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

While BirdCare Aotearoa is based within the Waitakere Ranges + Whau Local Board rohe (our property ridgeline marks their LB boundaries), our admissions are rescued from across the city. We have seen bird rescues/ bird-hero residents from all rohe with the exception of Aotea Great Barrier. We are in full support of each local board's environmental and local community-support initiatives. We will only comment the Waitakere Ranges and Whau LB priorities- as ultimately these are for local residents. We are very grateful that local boards from across Auckland support BirdCare through LG and QR grants (e.g., funding broad spectrum microbial disinfectant, infrastructure upgrades, and community-outreach initiatives).



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Having lived here in Waitakere ranges for the past 25 years it is fairly obvious that out of sight out of mind. There is no street lights, no drainage, no public transport, in fact we are seen as a revenue source only. I cringe when I see all the resource supplies to other parts of Auckland. But they call that progress.

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Other

Tell us why

These events are typically central Auckland. Of the monies earned very little monies finds its ways to the regions. The way the system now at least the regions get some monies and may not if it is more expensive for accommodation

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Other

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Decreasing the rubbish collection to fortnightly may result in more rubbish being dumped as for a typical family the bins are sufficient now for a week but not two. Soft plastics is our main source of rubbish but there seems to be no focus on this source of land fill.

Question 4:**Local board priorities****4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

The local board do a great job, while being as Hamstringed as they are by lack of finance allocated to this region. Maybe the Waitakere could be considered as a source of income.

This is done by residents having the number of established trees being credited with tax credits while those in city apartments and no trees have to pay a carbon fee.

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Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

1, 2, 5, 6 Anything supporting the whole community is supported.

3,4, 7, 8, these should be local community supported.

Unfortunately there is little support for West Auckland especially the Waitakere Ranges. I know we are seen as tree huggers but I was doing some dendrochronology studies ,Honest..

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

Don't really understand why this is necessary. but as a native New Zealander I can relate to some sort of respect for the Maunga should be provided



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Strongly support increased investment in Public Transport, Strongly support the bed night levy, as long as additional revenue is used to increase support for Auckland's permanent cultural institutions: Auckland Philharmonia, MOTAT, Art Gallery, Museum etc.

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Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Support

Tell us why

Additional revenue could be used to increase support for Auckland's permanent cultural institutions: Auckland Philharmonia, MOTAT, Art Gallery, Museum etc. as well as cover the shortfall of \$7 million

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Paying for rubbish you produce rather than a flat charge encourages less waste

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

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Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

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Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

I hope Auckland Council will continue to provide operating funding to our city's anchor arts and culture organisations, including the Auckland Philharmonia which is enjoyed by tens of thousands of people across our city every year, in addition to being the largest employer of artists and creative workers in Auckland.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I'm not a ratepayer

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

Support

Tell us why

It will go unnoticed after a while and is a good way to get funding to create a vibrant interesting city.

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Support

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No

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

for item #7 Phosphite please refer to Question 5, Other Feedback.

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There are two important items in the attached 'Upload any supporting documents' box.

#1. under Natural Environment heading

#2. under Waitakere Ranges Local Board, Environmental Budget.

A Kauri Rescue reference which in the discussion and conclusion refer to the Phosphite Trial as inconclusive.

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Have your say

- - Under the Heading -

-I Natural Environment.

Heading - 'What we are doing about Kauri dieback'

'Kauri is under threat'

Paragraph 3 states

'People are major carriers of the disease' (*Phytophthora agathidicida* - (Pa)).

This is NOT reflective of the science from the Waitakere Ranges Kauri Science Survey 2021/22

Which states in 3.5.3.1 that point estimates were near '1' which is the No Association Point.

Thus the data shows there is NO correlation of Pa with Tracks and therefore of people being the major carrier/vector.

Paragraph 3 reworded to read

'People can contribute to the spread of the Pa pathogen as do

The money spent from the NETR funds on expensive structures would be better spent on active and more frequent pest control across the Ngahere.

Less cost on structures will mean less rate burden on future ratepayers.

The structures are also not following the principles of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act.

2. - Under the Heading - Part 2.

- Plans for your local board area
- Waitakere Ranges Local Board

Budget section

Environmental Budget \$1.4m

Bullet Point 7

Undertake NO spending on Phosphite dosing of Kauri.

Results from previous Kauri Rescue (KR) Trial reports note that the results are inconclusive.

Also once locked in to this spending there may well be an expectation for ongoing annual financial support. This conclusion is reached from the KR report which alludes to the dosing only being viable for up to 5 years even at the high dose rate.

\$1.4m better spent on more active pest control. This would benefit in a greater and more positive way to restoring the Mauri of the Ngahere.

https://kaurirescue.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Kauri-Rescue-NRT-Tools-final-report_25_03_2024.pdf



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Support most

Tell us why

I generally support investment in the seven areas identified for council activities. Especially transport improvements. it would be nice to see faster connections to the hubs for the outer suburbs so that commuting by public transport would be more accessible- travel times currently being a block. in general, the annual plan generally lack sufficient details to understand how some

of the objectives will be achieved. For example, it is unclear from the plan how Auckland Council's plan to achieve an additional \$47 million in 'efficiency' savings by 2025/2026, and how this will be affecting services. I'm also curious to know why the Fix & Finish fund will only target projects in the legacy Manukau City & Auckland City? The gains from the Auckland Future Fund should be spread to benefit projects across the region.

In regard of CCO reforms mentioned in the Annual plan is also unclear what mechanisms are in place to ensure that CCO such as Watercare don't continuously increase charges to the public. For example, the recent announcement of a 7.2% increase in water and wastewater from March 2025, less than a year from previous increase, which has come as a surprise. How has the cost from the proposed Huia wastewater treatment plant upgrade skyrocketed to over a billion dollars? There seems to be a total lack of transparency. Ratepayers need some certainty that CCOs cannot just keep increasing prices randomly at their whim. The council should ensure that these are kept within a capped maximum rate, or it becomes unsustainable for households to meet these increasing costs on top of already increasing council rates and cost of living.

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

Other

Tell us why

I only partially support the concept of a bed night visitor levy. If one is established, it should be kept to a minimum (i.e. less than 2%). While I understand that it is to cover the budget gap and further promote Auckland, it will not only affect visitors from outside of Auckland, but also Auckland rate payers from the outer suburbs, which can't reach home with public transport easily and safely after an evening event, and may have opted to stay the night in town. Also, Auckland is already really expensive to visit as it is, and it would be a pity if people are put off from visiting or staying longer because of a levy that is not charged anywhere else in New Zealand.

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3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I don't support the 3.3 per cent increase to the overall Waste Management Targeted Rate. The change from the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) charging model in my area has already led to a considerable increase in cost for waste disposal from my property. The new system removes the ability to make savings by minimising waste production.

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Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

First of all, it was disheartening & disappointing to read the statement that the proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control, before even reading what was proposed. What are these budget pressures that affect our area and not others (except Waiheke)? While I support the projects proposed, I would like also seeing investment in upgrading and opening more tracks, especially those that are still closed since cyclone Gabrielle. It is unclear from the documents the programmes and initiatives that will be supported. It would be ideal that future annual plans have more information, as the supplementary data file did not provide them either.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

All the proposed priority seem important. Priority2: Art & Culture programmes are essential for community cohesiveness. Priority 7: I think it is important trialling phosphite as it may provide a potential avenue for protecting kauri longer term and eventually regain access to more of the Waitākere Ranges. For Prority 4 it is unclear what is intended by community development, placemaking and activation, hence hard to gauge its importance. I hope that priority 6 includes investment in upgrading tracks.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

The annual plan is written at very high level with very little detail at times where the reader can understand how council will achieve the sought outcomes, and thus understand the potential consequences of selected activities. This makes it hard to provide feedbacks.



Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation.

The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue.

'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP.

I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned.

This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants**

Very important

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Very important

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Fairly important

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Fairly important

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Less important

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Less important

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

Fairly important

Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Support most

Tell us why

Western Springs Speedway should remain as an open wheel speedway. It has been a speedway since 1929. The speedway activities are enjoyed and well patronised by the wider and local community, offering family-based entertainment within our community. A March 2025 Westmere Community Facebook Page poll showed overwhelming majority of 63% wish to 'keep the current facilities for Ponsonby club, concerts & Speedway', with all other option receiving less than 17%.

Drawing in over 100,000 spectators in a speedway season benefits the local community. Many local businesses are involved in speedway through advertising, employing participants and fans with some business owners also speedway car owners.

Speedway at Western Springs is a multi-generational past time enjoyed by a wide variety of Aucklanders and attending races is traditional for many families.

Flood resilience is important for this community. Keeping Western Springs as a Speedway is ideal as its situated on the flood plane where expensive infrastructure and buildings are vulnerable to flood damage.

This community, Ward and Local Board should support the continuation of Speedway at Western Springs under reasonable operating conditions.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Local events, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

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Tell us here

I have serious concerns over the decision to consolidate Speedway from Western Springs to Waikaraka Park and am equally as concerned over open wheel speedways usage rights at

Western Springs Stadium and Speedway. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it.

Tataki Auckland Unlimited and the Auckland Council should negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the car owners and drivers of the sport through the Western Springs Speedway Assn. to remain operational at the venue.

Speedway should not be forced out of Western Springs and into Waikaraka as it will not fit. Speedway and Stock & Saloon car racing are not ideally compatible to share a venue, though forced to in smaller towns. There are health & safety concerns.



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Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Tell us why

Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund

cultural festivals and other significant community events. However, without a bed night visitor levy, there will be a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, from the 2025/2026 financial year. We continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation.

The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue.

'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP.

I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned.

This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants**

Less important

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Less important

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Fairly important

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Less important

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Less important

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Less important

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

Less important

Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Do not support most

Tell us why

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Drawing in over 100,000 spectators in a speedway season benefits the local community. Many local businesses are involved in speedway through advertising, employing participants and fans with some business owners also speedway car owners.

Speedway at Western Springs is a multi-generational past time enjoyed by a wide variety of Aucklanders and attending races is traditional for many families.

Flood resilience is important for this community. Keeping Western Springs as a Speedway is ideal as its situated on the flood plane where expensive infrastructure and buildings are vulnerable to flood damage.

This community, Ward and Local Board should support the continuation of Speedway at Western Springs under reasonable operating conditions.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

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Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

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Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Do not support the Pest Management Plan, kauri dieback management and marine biosecurity. And do not support the Economic and cultural development plans including the bed night visitor levy.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Not everyone using short-stay commercial accommodation is a visitor to events, possible regressive tax.

Do not support public funding for international events, only local events should be funded.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā, Whau

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

I don't know

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Very important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

I don't know

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

I don't know

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services,Local parks strategy and planning

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Very important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Very important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Fairly important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

I don't know

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Fairly important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

I don't know

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support most aspects of the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026, particularly the focus on infrastructure investment, storm resilience, and fairer funding for local boards. These priorities are important for building resilience and supporting communities.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I support most aspects of the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026; however, I'm concerned about Auckland Transport's ongoing neglect of road reserve assets in the Waitākere Ranges. It's appalling that, more than a year after the storms, some slips under houses remain untreated—covered only with matting and with no real stabilization. This poses ongoing safety risks and shows a lack of accountability. Proper remediation of these slips should be a priority.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding. The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control. Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support most of the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 because the priority should still be on fixing storm damage and making properties more resilient. It's unacceptable that many affected areas, particularly in the Waitākere Ranges, still have unresolved slips and unstable land more than a year after the severe weather events. Until these fundamental issues are addressed, other investments should take a back seat.

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Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support any

Tell us why

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation.

The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue.

'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP.

I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned.

This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Do not support any

Tell us why

Western Springs Speedway should remain as an open wheel speedway. It has been a speedway since 1929. The speedway activities are enjoyed and well patronised by the wider and local community, offering family-based entertainment within our community. A March 2025 Westmere Community Facebook Page poll showed overwhelming majority of 63% wish to 'keep the current facilities for Ponsonby club, concerts & Speedway', with all other option receiving less than 17%.

Drawing in over 100,000 spectators in a speedway season benefits the local community. Many local businesses are involved in speedway through advertising, employing participants and fans with some business owners also speedway car owners.

Speedway at Western Springs is a multi-generational past time enjoyed by a wide variety of Aucklanders and attending races is traditional for many families.

Flood resilience is important for this community. Keeping Western Springs as a Speedway is ideal as its situated on the flood plane where expensive infrastructure and buildings are vulnerable to flood damage.

This community, Ward and Local Board should support the continuation of Speedway at Western Springs under reasonable operating conditions.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Sports and park activation activities

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I have serious concerns over the decision to consolidate Speedway from Western Springs to Waikaraka Park and am equally as concerned over open wheel speedways usage rights at Western Springs Stadium and Speedway. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it.

Tataki Auckland Unlimited and the Auckland Council should negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the car owners and drivers of the sport through the Western Springs Speedway Assn. to remain operational at the venue.

Speedway should not be forced out of Western Springs and into Waikaraka as it will not fit. Speedway and Stock & Saloon car racing are not ideally compatible to share a venue, though forced to in smaller towns. There are health & safety concerns.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I didn't agree with selling the airport shares as they formerly belonged to Manukau so should've been spent solely in that area. I would've preferred part of one or two of the 13 golf courses on council owned or managed sold. They don't pay much in rates. I agree with capping transport, opening up the waterfront and reducing corporate emissions. I'm not convinced about the CCO

reform yet or the savings as losing jobs is tough for those affected and has consequences for spending in the economy. I agree that areas of deprivation should receive more money, especially Manukau as mentioned,

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

Support

Tell us why

Many countries pay a bed levy. It's not much in an overall holiday package and it means that visitors share the burden of staging the event they've come to see. I have volunteered for many years at the Writers Festival and it's of huge benefit to the vibrancy of literature as well as inspiring children.

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I preferred purchasing stickers for bags because it encouraged me to save as much rubbish as possible from the tip to cut costs. If it's a payment through my rates there's no incentive to reduce rubbish.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

However, though a new pool is planned at Westgate we still need another major pool and sporting facilities at the Avondale racecourse. West Auckland has only ONE pool. There are queues out the door every weekend. The Avondale Racecourse would be ideal because its near transport and lies between New Lynn and Avondale where there is a large population

If you compare areas they range from 11 pools (South), North (6), East (2), Central (11) to ONE in West Auckland. And this is where the population growth is occurring. This isn't good enough. It's made worse because other areas are allowed to use West Wave due to the nature of the . deed it was set up under.

West Auckland also desperately needs EV chargers. The government has failed in its promise to build 10000 EV chargers.

Scenic Drive has been mostly closed for over two years which reflects the lack of willingness to provide us services. There is no footpath for most of the road, few proper drains, narrow twisting roads that are poorly maintained, poor bus service. It's also frustrating meeting large buses and trucks driving up Shaw Road which is barely more than one lane in parts. On many occasions I've had to pull over or back track to let a rubbish truck or bus pass. It needs widening. The electricity lines should be buried underground as we have many electricity outages due to the trees. Vector says this won't happen because of the roots. Yet Watercare managed to replace a pipe and Chorus to install fibre cable so I don't see this as a true impediment. I would also like to see fewer townhouses built. This is where most of the density is happening but we've only got one pool, a small hospital, poorly maintained roads. I don't agree with special character areas. This is

NIMBYISM by another name. Devonport, Ponsonby, Remuera etc should all have more highrise buildings as they are closer to amenities and transport.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

A community voice should lead any development because we live here. We have a strong Maori voice with the Hoani Waititi marae and Waipereira Trust (which I found very efficient during the pandemic) I was disappointed that the government abandoned 3Waters but the separation should give Watercare the funding it needs. I think looking after our rivers and streams is essential to ensure our fish stocks for future generations.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

We have a wonderful facility in Te Uru Gallery and the Corban Arts centre which should be cherished and helped to deliver programmes.

I live on a section with 30+ kauri trees so which I've had checked for Kauri Dieback. Continuing to support research and treatment for our iconic trees is essential if we are to retain them. The cleaning stations on tracks and wooden tracks are essential to stop the spread.

I would like more footpaths on roads like Scenic Drive, more EV chargers, and a better bus service.

I hope there never is any plans to mine our black sand beaches.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

As already mentioned I have many kauri trees so treatment and research and the provision of cleaning materials to prevent the spread of Kauri Dieback are essential. Parks are important because trees provide shade and lower the ambient temperature, provide a home for bees, birds,

insects, provide a source of tree bathing which is restorative, provide beauty and a place to relax and exercise.

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Housing: As you know the government has tightened the criteria for getting emergency housing in dereliction of their duty and homelessness has increased in Auckland. I would like to see ghost houses taxed to force landlords to rent them. The council should either provide charities with more money to provide housing or build accommodation itself. This is an important issue as homeless people die much younger due to tough living conditions, poverty and neglect. Young people in particular should be housed first.

I would like the number of houses people can own be capped. I believe that landlords have driven up the cost of housing so it's almost impossible for people to own a house in Auckland. All young people with houses that I know, had to have parental help. If your family isn't able to do this then you're locked out or condemned to expensive rentals. Housing shouldnt be seen as an investment.

I think the council needs to have a genuinely poor person give feedback on all your issues in council. That kind of person isn't likely to have a computer to participate in online feedback.

I'm happy for local Maori to manage the maunga in Auckland. However, I think that there should be a longer time-frame to allow for a transition from exotic species to native ones. I recall going to Kai Iwi Lakes one summer and the council had cut down every tree. Campers had no shelter for many years as a result and it looked ugly. So a gradual tree planting replacement plan should be presented.

Auckland Central. The mayor of Paris has increased bike lanes and banned cars from central areas. The key street in Seoul had its stream daylighted and a canal formed leading to a 'canal main street' and tourist attraction. It also provides a cooling device and water soak helping to create a spongy more resilient city. Just imagine Queen Street with its stream daylighted, running down to the sea.

GE technology. The government is planning to introduce GE technology. I think it's important that Auckland takes a precautionary approach. We don't want to kill the farm goose that lays the golden egg. Many countries that we sell to want GE labelling which at the moment isn't included in the government bill. I saw a film Percy vs Monsanto where the farmer was sued by Monsanto for not

paying for their seed. It turned out that their seed blew over the fence to his farm and contaminated his crops. For decades NZ has successfully marketed itself to the world as 100% Pure NZ. If we introduce GE tech this won't be true and we'll lose market share, especially in Europe where many countries have banned GMOs. I'm happy to introduce GE tech for medical purposes as this is contained in a lab scenario and not in the open air.

Charity Hospital. Christchurch has one, Wellington is going to set one up, perhaps it's time for Auckland to also consider this as waiting lists and wait times extend further and further leading to people dying waiting for heart scans and so on.



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Supporting the community enriches the lives within our local area, whether this is through community led events or creating a local community space, specifically in Kelston. This will help keep our local youth safe (increase in school violence or targeting Kelston students via school rivalry), a place to feel free to express themselves through youth led activities, sports etc and most importantly a place they can all grow, learn and develop better skills and opportunities.

Also, an increase in Pasefika cultural focus is an amazing opportunity and another top priority. These types of events help prolong and strengthen our community relationships, these events bring people together in the best possible way. Inspiring our children to celebrate themselves, a place to be proud of who you are etc

Overall, all these events, activities and community spaces will bring in more people, which equates to traffic for our local businesses.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1. High salaried Auckland Council staff particularly in the top bracket over quarter million salaries and higher can be stabbylised or controlled . Council runs like a efficient business rather than blow out salaries Savings from the salaries cuts to offset the deficits without increasing rates 5.8% . Perhaps a more manageable rates increase of 2%

2. Stop Fluoridation of water supply .

3. Public Transport over private vehicles clogging roads in peak traffic periods. Yes support the \$58 capped public transport costs/week. but need more incentives, tax on private cars in

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I don't know

Tell us why

1, Small operators like Air BnB and BnB will be equally taxed with major hotels and accommodation global or international companies. That kills business initiatives at the local level, entrepreneurial ventures that grow local economy and provide local employment, generate tax revenue for national budget. This is unfair levy imposed without grading of accommodation.

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Support

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

1. Need to programme a cleaning of Otara and Papatoetoe town centres, backstreets of town centres, shops and even front of shops areas badly in poor hygiene, rubbish accumulation, even businesses like tyre shops, panel beating and mechanics yards are congested and spilling over the roadway blocking traffic that the police or NZTA do not check on to direct remedial action. this is dangerous and risky for public access and motorists.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Ensuring Māori culture and the values of mātauranga Māori are visible in public spaces

Very important

Addressing safety concerns in neighbourhoods, common areas and town centres

Very important

Delivering on increased local economic outcomes

Very important

Supporting small businesses to act on environmental sustainability

Less important

Progressing the planning for options to address community service needs in Old Papatoetoe

Very important

Supporting local environment groups to work collaboratively with community volunteers in efforts to clean, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces

Very important

Planning for the delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Manukau Sports Bowl

Do you support prioritising the planning for delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl?

(This may include exploring alternate sources of revenue, such as a targeted rate in future years)

No

Tell us why

Hunters Corner Business Improvement District

For the 2024/2025 financial year, the Governing Body did not set a targeted rate for the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District. This was due to the Hunters Corner Town Centre Society Inc (HTCTS) not complying with the BID Policy. If the HTCTS remains non-compliant with the BID Policy by April 2025, council will not set the rate for 2025/2026.

Do you have any comments on the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District?

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities – opening hours and services, Youth activities

Which three of our services are least important to you? (select up to three)

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers, and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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Tell us here

PAsifika Festival MUST BE FOR PASIFIKA AND BY PASIFIKA FUNDED BY AUCKLAND COUNCIL AS a MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT. AUCKLAND is the BIGGEST PASIFIKA CITY in the world and it must GROW THIS FESTIVAL ACCORDINGLY, NOT ISOLATE PASIFIKA INTO A MINOR EVENT funded by private entity that neglects the rich pasifika culture heritage, knowledge arts and literature. WE NEED TO HOLD MORE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PASIFIKA FESTIVAL 2026 TO ENSURE IT DOES NOT MORPH INTO A FESTIVAL OF ALL CULTURES ETHNICITIES. YES WE WANT TO SHOWCASE ALL PASIFIKA TO OTHER CULTURES AND ETHNICITIES. THEY COME TO ENJOY PASIFIKA IN OUR PASIFIKA FESTIVAL.

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

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Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Buy rubbish bags and pay only what you use.

Targeted. rates penalizes those with low rubbish output, composting efforts etc

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Cost exceeds benefit to me as a ratepayer

A healthy environment more important too me than business and community interests.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

I don't know

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

I don't know

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

I don't know

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Less important

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Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Not very clear/specific on what is actually being proposed.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I am not in support of the Consolidation of Speedway at Waikaraka Park (WP). There was no consultation by this Local Board with the open wheel speedway community fans and stakeholders in accordance with Auckland Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, March 2022 and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). The Waikaraka Park Master Plan's intent has been changed significantly and these changes had no consultation.

The WP Speedway footprint is too small to meet the current and potential attendance at the current venue and would therefore diminish and hurt open wheel speedway to be forced into a smaller venue.

'Like for like' open wheel events have been run at WP that failed to draw the usual Auckland open wheel attendance and were not successful, proving open wheel speedway will not be successful at WP.

I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it. This decision should be overturned.

This is not-with-standing that I do agree that WP Speedway is in need of an upgrade and that a redevelopment for Auckland Stock & Saloon Car Club purposes is in order.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Do not support most

Tell us why

Western Springs Speedway should remain as an open wheel speedway. It has been a speedway since 1929. The speedway activities are enjoyed and well patronised by the wider and local community, offering family-based entertainment within our community. A March 2025 Westmere Community Facebook Page poll showed overwhelming majority of 63% wish to 'keep the current facilities for Ponsonby club, concerts & Speedway', with all other option receiving less than 17%.

Drawing in over 100,000 spectators in a speedway season benefits the local community. Many local businesses are involved in speedway through advertising, employing participants and fans with some business owners also speedway car owners.

Speedway at Western Springs is a multi-generational past time enjoyed by a wide variety of Aucklanders and attending races is traditional for many families.

Flood resilience is important for this community. Keeping Western Springs as a Speedway is ideal as its situated on the flood plane where expensive infrastructure and buildings are vulnerable to flood damage.

This community, Ward and Local Board should support the continuation of Speedway at Western Springs under reasonable operating conditions.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

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I have serious concerns over the decision to consolidate Speedway from Western Springs to Waikaraka Park and am equally as concerned over open wheel speedways usage rights at Western Springs Stadium and Speedway. I have concerns that the Ombudsman has taken up this matter and that the Serious Fraud Office are looking into it.

Tataki Auckland Unlimited and the Auckland Council should negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the car owners and drivers of the sport through the Western Springs Speedway Assn. to remain operational at the venue.

Speedway should not be forced out of Western Springs and into Waikaraka as it will not fit. Speedway and Stock & Saloon car racing are not ideally compatible to share a venue, though forced to in smaller towns. There are health & safety concerns.



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Do not support most

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Tell us why

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

Rodney Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**Improving services for all communities by enhancing libraries art and youth programmes**

Fairly important

Promote physical activity and recreation by increasing play opportunities in more locations

Fairly important

Support community groups, volunteers, and mana whenua to enhance environmental protection and restoration efforts, particularly for waterways and wetlands, while promoting waste reduction

Less important

Increase maintenance service levels, such as more frequent mowing of high-profile reserves, pest control, and repair of tracks and car parks.

Very important

Support Rodney Greenways Plans to facilitate walking, cycling and horse riding

Less important

Prepare and review plans for reserves to identify gaps to meet community needs

Fairly important

Improve the safety of our community and environment through increased education, monitoring and compliance.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**Question 5: Other feedback****Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

Speedway at western springs should stay, the move to waikaraka is completely unnecessary. Car owners and competitors were blindsided by current promotion at western springs. WE DO NOT WANT TO MOVE !!!



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Majority of the plan looks good.

Would also like to see a commitment to less traffic lights, more roundabouts.

Waste catching nets at outlet pipes to catch rubbish.

KEEP indented bus bays - without them there is more dangerous driving to avoid being stuck behind buses, and they result in poor flowing traffic.

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Support

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Question 4:

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Less important

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Fairly important

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Very important

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Fairly important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Very important

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Less important

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Less important

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I would also like to know why there is no say on Western springs stadium as it falls within our area.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

2- Important that Te Uru Gallery in Titirangi receives sustainable funding, for its future and development. It offers the community and wider area, art education and school program's. It also adds to economic development in the area by bringing 50,000 visitors through – most of whom are travelling to West Auckland to visit.

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I particularly disagree with increasing charges for rubbish collection including food scraps collection being compulsory when a ratepayer does not use the service. I have been home composting for over twenty years resulting in growing a garden in previously unusable land. This is a much more productive use of my waste than paying to have it taken away,

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Support

Tell us why

Agree as long as the resulting funds are not diverted to other areas. There seems to still be a lot of waste within this council e.g. consultant fees for work that does not ever eventuate. And overseas jaunts for staff.

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Do not support

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I have commented on the waste collection above in an earlier response box.

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Tell us why

I have commented on the Waitakere Ranges in a separate document. It is difficult to respond as this document cannot yet include regular changes made by our current incompetent government which may impact on this document e.g. RMA.

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Protection of the Waitakere Ranges is critical including from development via the new RMA.

I would be very supportive of changing local area names back to their original Maori names eg Laingholm, Glen Eden etc. Have heard no consideration of this and would like to see it promoted.

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Support most

Tell us why

Heaps of money is being wasted

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Rates are very high

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Tell us why

Council does not have money

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I don't know

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Dont increase rates cause most people cant afford



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Tell us why

In the priorities below there is no option for no support at all.

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Where I live I don't believe we need council funded street parties. What we desperately need is regular clearing of road drains to prevent more slips and safer roads. I strongly support funding for pest and weed control in the Waitākere Ranges.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

It's too expensive any way you are just turning tourist away

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Do not support

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Look inward before looking outward at the rate payer.

Example before 1 person on a Honda cub with a bin at the back picking up rubbish NOW 3 utes in convoy with the passenger in the front ute jumping out picking up trash. Go figure

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Tell us why

Ken Turner needs to be listened to

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Fairly important

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Keep diversity out of council. Be more frugal when dealing with the environment it doesn't need an army of fluoro vests to do the job.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

It's like the old departure Tax at the airport its just not right.

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Other

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I like in Titirangi 3 mins from the village and we have to pay rural fees? not right

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Where does the constant increase in rates stop?



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I don't know

Tell us why

Need more communication, information from local communities.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Need low costs.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

Apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to pay for council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

People want to live in low cost areas. Auckland is expensive to live in.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Fairly important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Fairly important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Help our youths to a better future.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding. The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

3. Programmes for our Pacifica groups to broaden their community awareness

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

I don't know

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

I don't know

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Seen too many homelessness need a community area to accommodate homelessness reasonably living standards

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services,Grants

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here
No further comments.



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Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Please do not cut funding to libraries. The Auckland library system as it now stands is a vital resource for communities. The services on offer and the welcoming staff make the local library a place of learning and enjoyment in a safe environment.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

It makes sense

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Flood protection is as priority.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Very important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Very important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Very important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Water care management is vital.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

Protect the arts. Such a soft target and so easy to cut funding, case in point, Kumeu Arts Centre.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

I don't know

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

I don't know

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Fairly important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here



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Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

There appears to be funding for events etc the mayor likes, but to ***** with everyone else if you don't enjoy what he does.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Would like to see some information around any actual studies for this.

Is increasing the cost of accommodation going to hinder people coming to these events?

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitematā

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the planned upgrades to Waikaraka Park, and the clear lies which has come out of this process.

Council, TAU and the Mayor are treating speedway fans like we are morons.

No detail has been given around how much of the \$11 million will go towards Speedway at Waikaraka Park - we keep talking about the precinct.

The Mayor's video was just a slap in the face to the rate payer - treating us like idiots and telling half truths.

Much like saying Life Savers are just baby sitters.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Continuing to support community groups and community-led activities through our local community grants

Continuing to build the capacity and capability of local community and sporting groups through our strategic partnerships programme

Activate our local open spaces and facilities, through council-led activities and assessing what amenities our spaces need, such as toilets and power outlets

Empowering community groups and organisations to deliver community events through sustainable funding models

Consider funding activities that increase our community's sense of safety, working with community groups and business associations already delivering safety initiatives

Continuing to support initiatives that deliver outcomes with and for youth, such as our Youth Empowerment programme, and Tiakina te taiao and Ope programmes (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools)

Collaborate with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to protect and restore our waterways, particularly the Tāmaki Estuary and Manukau Harbour

Consider a review of Te Oro Music and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains welcoming and responsive to the community's changing needs.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

Tell us why

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the closure of Western Springs Speedway, and the clear lies which has come out of this process.

Council, TAU and the Mayor are treating speedway fans like we are morons.

No detail has been given around how much of the \$11 million will go towards Speedway at Waikaraka Park - we keep talking about the precinct.

Why do we need another stadium? We have multiple, but only 1 world class open wheel speedway track.

There are plenty of places AFC can play soccer, it is not a good look when the Mayor is filmed every 5 minutes in his AFC gear, and dancing with AFC fans.

Open wheel and stock cars are different - if TAU and councilors actually listened, they might have a clue.

The Mayors video was just a slap in the face to the rate payer - treating us like idiots and telling half truths.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Prioritising and investigating flood resilience actions for our parks such as Western Park and Grey Lynn Park

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Point 5 - you are removing a sport ground for Speedway, while planning to build another stadium for sports where we have other options.

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

Wayne Brown and TAU need to front up with their lies. the comment around 12,000 attendees to speedway last year was a complete miss truth. If closing speedway at western springs is truly the best option, why do you need to misrepresent and lie?

Why not let stakeholders who are pro speedway speak?



#7675



Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Rates are already too high.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Question 5: Other feedback

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#7680



Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable): SCOW Incorporated (Save Cornwallis Old Wharf)

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Very important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Very important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tauru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The phosphite trial needs to be conducted scientifically, including with a control group of trees not receiving treatment.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025-2026: Waitakere Ranges Local Board

Submission by SCOW Incorporated

Thank you for continuing to fund the activities of our trapping group, the Cornwallis Petrelheads. Your support is essential to us maintaining the network of traps we have across the peninsula. In so doing you are helping protect the colony of grey-faced petrels and the nesting sites of reef herons as well as enabling the regeneration of our native bush and bird life.

Thus we support the priority in the annual plan to fund "environmental programmes that help protect and restore the Waitakere Ranges", particularly grant programs that fund volunteer groups across the Board's area.

As part of the capital spending we ask that improving the footpath along Cornwallis Road from Firebreak Rd to the Wharf be included as a project. As we've discussed with you many times, Cornwallis Road is being used by an increasing number of vehicles, especially large vehicles towing large boats, which encroach on the opposite lane and shoulder. This is very dangerous for pedestrians. Council estimates over 450,000 people visit Cornwallis every year. Many try to walk along the road. Our lack of a decent footpath is becoming an increasing safety issue.

Not mentioned in the proposed budget is allocating funding for cleaning out storm drains and removing weeds from the road reserves and regional park land. Some of our storm drains have been improved recently but will only be effective if they're maintained regularly by Council, including removing leaves and debris that accumulate in them. We ask that you make improving storm drainage maintenance a high priority in your discussions on the appropriate Council contracts.

Similarly, Cornwallis property owners are being targeted by Council and required to remove weeds from our properties. We find it frustrating keeping our properties weed free when we are surrounded by extensive areas of Council land, (the road reserves and regional park land), in which weeds proliferate. Again we would ask that in discussions you have with Council departments on weed programs, that removing weeds from the local road

reserves and park boundaries with private land be made a higher and visible priority.

And just as an update, we continue to work with Council staff to ensure ongoing adequate maintenance of the Cornwallis wharf, a capital asset serving the wider Manukau Harbour community.

Thank you for considering our submission.

[REDACTED] Chair

SCOW Inc (Save Cornwallis Old Wharf)

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It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Less important

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

In view of the large numbers of people who rent, consideration should be given that land owners should not have to fund all rates. Some form of taxation should be applied so that renters have to pay their share of rates too.



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Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

It seems fair enough. Need to be careful about the local board changes.

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

Support

Tell us why

Those visiting the city are using the facilities and I don't think for the most it would deter them from coming to Auckland.

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

We live in a town house with communal rubbish areas and collection (in Glen Eden). With the increase in developments like ours, is this taken into consideration with the cost of collection and is it reflected in the amount charged?

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Waitākere Ranges

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Very important

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Fairly important

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Fairly important

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Fairly important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Very important

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Very important

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Very important

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Fairly important

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Need to ensure the beauty of the Ranges is maintained.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Less important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Less important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Devonport-Takapuna, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most **Tell us why** Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below. **How important are these priorities to you?** **Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub**
Less important

Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces

Fairly important

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

I don't know

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Very important

Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information

Less important

Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice

Very important

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community climate action and sustainability activities

Waiheke Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library

Fairly important

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

Very important

Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan

Less important

Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall

Fairly important

Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate

Less important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Fairly important

Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Community Pool Development

You have told us a community pool is a priority however building and running a community pool will involve significant funding. A targeted rate for Waiheke residents is one way to fund this development. The board will also explore partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?

No

Tell us why

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Very important

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Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

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Less important

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Very important

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Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden, Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

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Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

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Very important

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Tell us here

keep Western springs speedway as it is. do not destroy 96 years of history. It is clearly evident that the vast number of aucklanders and overseas supporters want it kept if you read all the comments on social media. also all the llies that the auckland council have told during the whole process. listen to aucklanders as you are supposed to support us and not overseas people who come in with large wallets



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

You're unable to contain costs and are passing on increases triple that of inflation. You're making Aucklanders poorer every year and what do we get in return? Artificial congestion, roads unrepaired for 2 years after the floods whilst going on an expedition of replacing pavements on streets where no issues exist. The waste and incompetence is astounding.

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

Do not support

Tell us why

You're unable to contain costs. No matter how much more you take, you want more the following year. The council needs to learn to operate within its budget prior to adding more sources of revenue.

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3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Removing the price to put rubbish out is ignorance at its finest. I've watched the number of waste bins on my street increase on rubbish day while food scrap bins and recycle bins have decreased.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

Tell us why

We live in a multicultural city. The obsession with the first colonizers of New Zealand over all others is disappointing. Why not promote the culture of those who are the biggest contributors to each area, easily identified by who the business owners are.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Fairly important

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Less important

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Less important

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

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Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Why is my rate payer money being wasted on a single racial group when we live in a multicultural city?

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Our roads are flood damaged from 2023!! There are multiple roads closed or operated through traffic lights in Titirangi, Laingholm Scenic Drive. Where is the priority?

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Congratulations on the focus on more than 1 racial group, however this needs to go beyond ethnic and pacific. We are a multicultural city and focus should be on all, especially the biggest contributors to rates.

For areas of the Waitakere Ranges to be closed for years is unacceptable. You want a bed tax on tourists yet keep many of the walks shut.

Question 5: Other feedback

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If so much money has been spent on Electric Buses and a climate focus, why would we allow the increase of pollution with the artificial congestion? There are now over 20 speed bumps from my house to the closest supermarket, meaning I brake and accelerate an additional 20 times. This takes more fuel, more fuel is more pollution. This is basic stuff! Traffic lights with a phase for each direction and for pedestrians, causes vehicles to idle at the lights longer, again increasing pollution. The council seems obsessed with increasing both air pollution but also sound pollution, with speedbumps causing a disruption to those living nearby. My local accountant has moved offices to get away from the speedbump installed outside the office as it disrupted work.

I used to love living in Auckland, but like many, can't wait to leave.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

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

Support

Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden, Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

I don't know

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Less important

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Very important

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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continue funding for the Waitakere arts as its a very important part of waitakere and has been running for so many years. keep Western springs speedway going. it is such an important part of Auckland city and is up there in the world. why take away a community and try to recreate it at Waikaraka park where they dont want us and it will never be the same. there is nothing in writing for western springs speedway to exist at waikaraka. So many lies and deception from auckland council. listen to what the people of auckland and what they want as the council is supposed to support us and not give in to an overseas person with a big wallet,. dont be bought out



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Support most

Tell us why

Mostly like your leadership Wayne - I want to see the Portage licensing Trusts removed completely and more emphasis on public safety. West Auckland feels like its been left behind as far as investment, we have a spread of really good people, property and business, the licensing trusts is holding us back big time and the travel times to get to and from new Lynn, Titirangi etc. are insane.

For example we leave Glen Eden and we zig zag all the way in - mostly avoiding motorways - hitting every light on the way.

Public places - IE Glen Mall, New Lynn, Henderson, often feel unsafe and no police presence. And to be fair I would hardly use glen mall if I could buy beer or wine at the super market...

Overall you're doing well - I think West Auckland needs some work though.

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Support

Tell us why

Visitors can pay - locals should see benefits and cost savings.

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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Tell us why

as per previous question

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Less important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Less important

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Focus on safety first. Rest will follow.

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Tell us why

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Question 4:

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Your mismanagement and lack of accountability in following a proper process that you legally must follow when deciding the future of Western Springs has raised many concerns for me. How can we trust a council that cannot follow a legal process by properly consulting the public ethically about such a big investment. Leave Western Springs Speedway alone and go utilise North Harbour Stadium instead.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Some of the key issues for residents are cost of housing and transportation. There does not seem to be much focus on reducing the cost of living for Aucklanders. This can easily be achieved by a slight increase of taxes on multinational companies and corporate landlords that have been inflating the real estate prices and thus overall cost of living.

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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waste management proposal: This seems like a step backward. It does not encourage reducing waste and effectively increases rates for most residents.

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Local board priorities

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Tell us here

1. Privatisation of Auckland's public land and infrastructure is destructive to the long term prosperity of the city and its residents. Private and multinational corporations do not have any incentives to provide the same level of service that the city council does for Aucklanders. Please stop auctioning off the city to greedy corporations.
 2. Making public transportation affordable if not free must be a top priority for Auckland. It helps all residents and encourages use of public transit over polluting the air, congesting the roads, and causing more accidents (which also reduces the need for road-side emergencies and associated cost to the public).
 3. Helping reduce the cost of housing must be constant focus for the city. Imposing additional taxes on speculative real estate activities is a must-have to discourage it and to combat inequality and poverty.
- All three points above help make Auckland a more equitable, healthier and happier place to live. It reduces crimes stemming from poverty, which is a win win for everyone including businesses.



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Support most

Tell us why

Ensuring infrastructure is solid should be no 1 priority - eg sewage disposal. Every time it rains beaches are closed because of contamination. Growth must be based upon a solid base of infrastructure ahead of cultural or entertainment important as they are

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Support

Tell us why

It is appropriate and necessary step. Major events especially any with ratepayer input need to be financially justified by expected returns - ratepayers need to understand how this is calculated.

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Support

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Level of rates increase are in excess of inflation so that impacts. Businesses can pass on cost, individual ratepayers cannot. All costs need to be reviewed. The right step was taken in reining in Auckland Transport. Expensive bike parks have been built at train stations, eg Sunnyvale, The trains have provision for cyclists onboard. Why build bike sheds when they are not needed.

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Tell us why

Again focus needs to be on infrastructure. Roads, footpaths and more bus routes - perhaps smaller buses serving rural areas and connecting with transport hubs and railway stations

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Fairly important

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I don't know

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Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Intensification of housing means families need open spaces within reasonable distances. Public open spaces need to be enhanced.

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Progress with the Future Fund needs to be advised, and its impact made clear.



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Support all

Tell us why

A good range of worthwhile services and activities

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Support

Tell us why

Trickle down from tourism probably isn't happening. It's great if the benefits of tourist dollars can be shared and enjoyed by all residents of Auckland.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

there is too much beauracracy and waste in Council provided services plus any fees charged are at an absorbadent rate of almost \$200 per hr

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

Do not support

Tell us why

Already get taxes and rates

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

It should just be a part of general rates

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Investing in local is good

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Less important

Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Less important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

I don't know

Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We cant be all things to all people so funding the majority re age / demographics seems OK

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here

We should have a special tax on new builds that subsidises social housing in our cities



#8002



Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Auckland Transport needs to become more directly controlled, to use less intrusive approaches for safety (eg. cobbles rather than raised platforms), and to design simpler cheaper solutions.

I am generally against sale or recycling of assets but can tolerate this on two conditions 1) a strongly guarded Future Funding trust generating returns not just spending proceeds and 2) this is an advantageous time to sell Auckland Airport.

Rates increases are unpopular but appear necessary.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

Tell us why

Funds raised from a levy will enable Auckland to fund & support an increased number of events, position Auckland as a vibrant & popular destination, and help restore the blighted downtown area.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

I support the Te Hono community hub in Avondale. (Though the project should be identified more clearly including its location).

I do not support a future Whau aquatic and recreation facility, as public pools already exist in Henderson and Mt Albert. This is an unnecessary expenditure of ratepayer's money.

I support investigating/ offering spaces and opportunities for youth, as a proactive measure to improve the community & reduce crime. As well as spaces and sports, practical skills are important.

The Whau Board should take measures to improve safety & reduce crime. These should be both positive/proactive (spaces, recreation and learning facilities) and preventive (wardens, security guards).

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants

Less important

Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project

Fairly important

Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim

Less important

Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.

Less important

Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere

Less important

Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale

Fairly important

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

Fairly important

Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations

Fairly important

Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

Less important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

This survey should have a Not important option to answer. Generally I think efficient & effective spending is important and this list is very wooly.

I do not support an Avondale/Whau swimming pool as this is a huge amount on money to waste when there are perfectly good pools in Henderson and Mt Albert.

I support Te Hono Avondale library & community center.

I support investment in positive activities for youth -- engagement, recreation, practical activities, learning.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

Tupuna Maunga should stop trying to clearfell trees and kill native birds. Phased transition to natives over decades is fine. The mountains have been there for 10,000 years, you don't need to chop all the trees down tomorrow; show some respect to nature. Water reservoirs should be retained because water is crucial for life.

Auckland Council construction permitting activities are extremely expensive for the value they provide, and should be redesigned. They are a major contributor to the excessive cost of house building.

The Annual Plan 2025/2026 'Key areas of spend' graph (Consultation Document, page 13) appears to graph Built Environment opex incorrectly. It states \$98 million, but shows a bar of similar size to Water which is \$853 million.

Annual Plan 2025-2026

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Don't agree in the increase of rates

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

Tell us why

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3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Do not support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Tell us why

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Very important

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Very important

Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Fairly important

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Fairly important

Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

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Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

No



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey



Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead

Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)

Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area

Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza

Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

Do you have any other feedback, including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026 (page 33 of the Consultation document)?

Tell us here



#8423



Annual Plan 2025-2026

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Question 4:

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4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

Kia Ora,

I request Auckland Council to include in the annual budget a \$30k fund for collaboration with other councils on the risk of GE/GMOs locally.

There are regional protections in the Unitary Plan that we need Council to defend, not sit by and have them removed without compensation or other protections, by the Gene Technology Bill.

These were researched and developed by an Inter-council Working Party, which needs to be re-activated to address risks to the region in the Gene Technology Bill.



#8516



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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Question 5: Other feedback**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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Tell us here

Please allocate 30 K budget for Auckland council to be able to review with other councils potential local risks from the Gene Technology Bill



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I am not in good health and my eyesight is not good enough to read any newspapers or articles.

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

Support

Tell us why

It is beneficial to New Zealand's tourism and development.

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Protect the environment.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

Tell us why

Create a beautiful, prosperous and safe environment for Auckland residents.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.

Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.

Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.

Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.

Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

I support the New Zealand government's concern for people's lives.



#8922



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Auckland needs better facilities

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Support

Tell us why

Need finance to build better facilities

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Henderson-Massey



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Support all

Tell us why

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Need another swimming pool in West Auckland. Westwave is not enough



#9016



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

It will benefit both sides as it is only a small portion they will pay, and it will also put less pressure on the budget making it possible for these events to happen.

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3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

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I support this movement as s retired couple we sometimes we forget to pay our rubbish tags

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Support most

Tell us why

Its 50/50 there will always be people who are unhappy with changes to rates.

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We must respect the people who come here before us so i support anything that will help them.



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Support

Tell us why

So events come to life

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Tags were annoying to buy all the time

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Support all

Tell us why

Good for everyone to have long term plan for Aucklanders 1 year plan for local Council

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Support

Tell us why

Good for Auckland to look into Marketing for its benefits and for the people.

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Good but low-rate fees are preferred focus on low-rate incomes not to affected but to leave well

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Support all

Tell us why

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All good. Perfectly a good idea for the Auckland Council to meet the Tuvaluan community on Thursday 13/3/25 at Tuvaluan EKT Hall Henderson.



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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Well established plan for the benefit of every Aucklanders who lived in the city well done

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Support

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Focusing well for all your plan for the people, low rate, and zero fee is the best for everyone

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EKT Hall in Henderson



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Support

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Hall Henderson



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I would like to make a comment for the Waitākere Ranges Local Board. I would like to applaud them for their long term commitment and far sighted support for the Going West Festival - since the formation of the Super City, and through the challenges of COVID and now as the festival focuses on finding a new way forward in an environment where so much funding has dried up, or greatly reduced, for community arts projects.

However, I was pleased to see in the plan for the 25-26 year that the WRLB has committed to deliver arts & culture programmes through our community arts partners and would strongly encourage them to continue to include Going West in this delivery.

Going West is a flagship event for the Waitākere Ranges - one that contributes to the sense of identity and belonging for those that call the West home. It honours the stories and ideas generated by the writers, thinkers, artists and poets of West Auckland and from around Aotearoa/NZ.

Now more than ever we need places where community can come together to hear and experience a diverse range of stories, learn about our past and create shared sense of hope for our future in this place.

The festival is slowly taking shape again in the aftermath of COVID, the necessary pivot to online delivery and funding cuts from the likes of Creative NZ - a previously reliable source of funds but no longer (the case for many other incredible long-running projects around the country too). At the heart of Going West is the rehabilitation of Maurice Shadbolt's house in Arapito Road. With the local board's support, alongside others, this house will become a treasured taonga for the area, much like Colin McCahon House. It will become a Writers Residence, a launching pad or finishing post for important new works of literature and journalism. A place where community can gather for salons and workshops, book launches and poetry readings, mini happenings in the home of one of the 20th century's master NZ writers, and in the heart of the Waitakere Ranges.

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Summary of Attachment:

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Kauri dieback management: Urgent need for annual budget for phosphite treatment and support for Kauri Rescue Trust.

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2. Economic & Cultural Development

Visitor levy: Support for a bed night visitor levy to fund destination management and major events.

3. Well-Managed Local Government

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SUPPORT proposed 3.5% increase to NETR but we consider that the NETR rate should be increased the same amount as the general rate (ie 5.8%) not less. P143

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Submission by Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association on Annual Plan 2025-26

26 March 2025

From: Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Assoc

Contact: [REDACTED] Chair

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Thank you for the opportunity to present **Titirangi Residents & Ratepayers Association (TRRA)**'s submissions on the **Annual Plan 2025-26**.
- 1.2. This submission is made by The Titirangi Residents and Ratepayers Association, a non-profit incorporated society formed in 1987 to promote and represent the interests of ratepayers and residents in the Titirangi area. The Association can be traced back to the 1920s when an unincorporated society is recorded as lobbying Council regarding roads.
- 1.3. We wish to speak to our submission if that opportunity is provided.

2. Key Points

2.1 Natural Environment:

Meet council's obligations set out in the Regional Pest Management Plan 2020-2030 and increased funding and extension of the Environment Targeted Rate in delivering pest plan, animal and pathogen control and restoration activities. - SUPPORT.

- However, this must include a increased budget for weed and pest control in Regional Parks, especially the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.
- We also consider that Council should be socialising the need for using 1080 to control pests effectively in the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park.

Coordinate and implement the kauri dieback management programme to protect our kauri forests - SUPPORT.

- However there is an urgent need to include an annual budget for ongoing phosphite treatment on parks (Regional & Local) otherwise all currently infected trees will die - and this will mean the upgraded track infrastructure will go through dead and dying forest with huge H&S implications.
- Plus increased financial support is needed for Kauri Rescue Trust's services for private landowners with kauri dieback. This is only service in the regional that helps landowners to keep their infected trees alive (rather than letting them die) and provides outreach and education about the disease and preventing its spread. There is a huge demand but services are severely limited by budget which has been cut by over 50% since 2022-23.
- Additional funding must be provided to Regional Parks, specifically to fund repairs to the damaged tracks as a result of the cyclone. There is up to \$10M of unfunded work that needs to be done to enable tracks to reopen to the public. This cannot be funded from savings within Regional Parks or it will take decades to complete. The public funded these track upgrades via the NETR targeted rate, they deserve to have them repaired not remain shut indefinitely.

Not mentioned but needs to include:

- More budget for Compliance to investigate tree issues (and other things) especially re damage to scheduled Notable Trees, trees in Significant Ecological Areas, Coastal Zone, Riparian Margins & in parks.
- Budget for effective management of the Schedule of Notable Trees, including proactive adding of trees to the schedule and review of scheduling criteria to make it easier to protect more of Auckland's mature trees.

2.2 Economic & cultural development:

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

2.3 Well managed local government:

Progress towards achieving the asset recycling target of \$300 million set in the LTP - The TRRA does not agree with "asset recycling" which actually means asset sales. We think this practice should be stopped.

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 - SUPPORT

2.4 Community:

Fairer funding for local boards - no Board should get less funding as a result of this policy. Those not getting enough should have their budget increased, but not at the expense of other boards & their communities.

Deliver differently by transitioning of the Parks and Community Asset portfolio to a lesser dependence on assets and more innovative ways of delivering council services

- What does this mean??? It sounds like the potential for asset stripping, asset sales, privatisation by stealth and a lack of necessary investment in parks and community assets required to maintain them appropriately. We DO NOT SUPPORT any of these realities. Parks and community assets are some of the most important and accessible services that Council provides to ratepayers. They must not be degraded by a lack of investment in them as assets.

Enhance animal control services through increased resourcing, improvements and increasing capacity at our animal shelters - SUPPORT

- This also needs to include a budget for dog control on beaches and in parks to protect wildlife, including signage.

Expand Auckland libraries' physical and digital offerings, including e-books and e-magazines, to meet growing digital demand - SUPPORT

2.5 Rates payments

Penalties on rates not paid by due date

These penalties should be calculated on an annual, not a quarterly basis. Many ratepayers prefer to spread their payments over 12 smaller payments rather than four large ones during the year. At the moment this approach incurs financial penalties. This is unfair. Penalties should only be calculated at the end of the year based on whether the full rates have been paid, not based on how the ratepayer chooses to pay them during the year. A single calculation per year would also be cheaper to administer than four. P159

Discount for paying rates early

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SUPPORT Water Quality Targeted Rate P143

SUPPORT proposed 3.5% increase to NETR but we consider that the NETR rate should be increased the same amount as the general rate (ie 5.8%) not less. P143

SUPPORT Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (extending regional networks for Urban Ngahere) P144

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2.7 Waitakere Ranges Local Board P89

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services:

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I was filling out the Long Term Plan consultation and was shocked to find that the Local Board has as prioritised funding another year for

Trialling Phosphite of Infected Kauri on selected Parks.

I strongly oppose this because we have already trialled this project to the tune of \$800,000 for this project and it was a disaster. Furthermore there are conflicts of interest with the person being funded via Kauri Rescue.

I bring to your attention Kauri Rescues report on their research. [Link](#)

Their report states There were multiple obvious errors in the original data, especially that collected or entered by citizen scientists, and many trees were discarded from the analysis in a data cleaning exercise. The citizen scientist data used for this investigation is therefore highly sanitised. There are likely to be undetected errors in the remaining data, perhaps increasing the 'noise' and blurring potential differences between treatments.?!!

Their data shows that they didn't do the work and almost everyone dropped out of the project, even though Kauri Rescue was still being paid nearly quarter of a million dollars per annum to collect the data.

At the beginning of the project there were 109 participants and 3,163 trees on between 5-10 properties.

After cleaning (the data), 1442 unique trees had been measured more than once (i.e. an initial assessment and at least one subsequent assessment). A total of 552 trees had been measured four or more times.?!!!

The data collection was so bad as to be laughable. Over half the trees had been measured more than once?! And 20% measured four or more times.

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For example, The Basal Bleed chart shows that in year 1, 35 Untreated trees with lesions recorded, but in year 2 only 1 of those trees data was recorded and in year 6 only 2 trees data was recorded.

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167 trees with Basal bleeds treated with level 4 phosphite were observed in year 1, and in year 6, zero trees were followed up. 452 Level 4 treated trees with no lesions were observed, but only 22 trees were followed up in year 6.

I will repeat again that they were paid \$200,000 per year and their sole job was to observe and record these trees.

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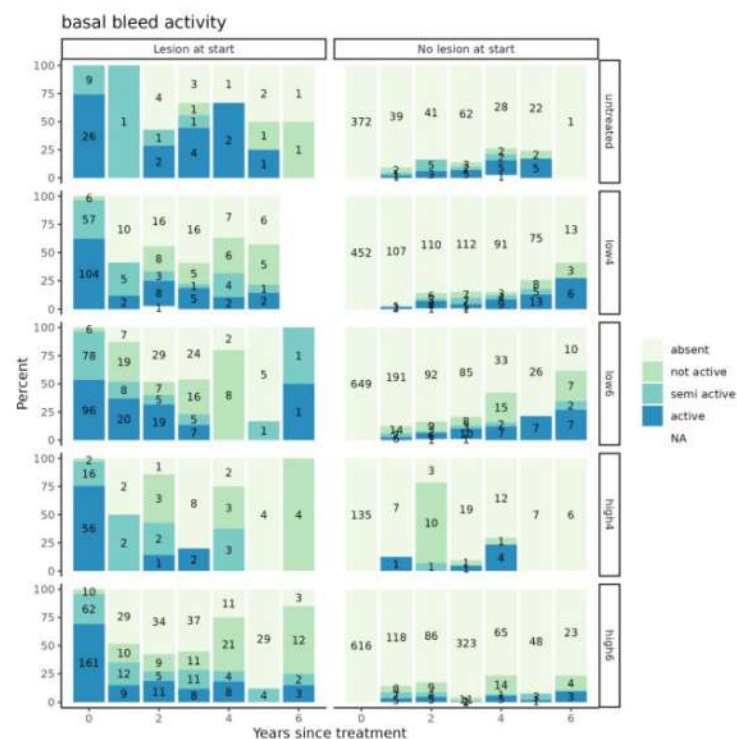


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Annual Plan 2025/2026 Auckland Council**Submission**

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25 March 2025

Firstly, I wish to complain about the lack of specific detail in the consultation material. I am particularly interested in regional parks and the NETR. In neither case was there comprehensive budget detail to make any kind of assessment about what Council was proposing to spend in these areas.

Through the online portal I requested a budget for regional parks and a breakdown of expenditure on the NETR. Neither was forthcoming; neither was there any explanation as to why I could not see these budgets.

My submission applies to a few matters:

- Regional Parks
- Track repairs following cycle
- Fire risk at the Taitomo Block
- NETR
- Other fees
- Waste charges

1. Regional Parks

On amalgamation the Auckland Council inherited 28 regional parks. Four of these parks – Te Rau Puriri, Pakiri, Te Muri and Te Arai – were new purchases by Auckland Regional Council and require substantial development eg toilet facilities, roads and parking, and campgrounds where appropriate.

In the 15 years since amalgamation, virtually none of these improvements have been made and it seems there is no immediate plan to do so. For example, for Pakiri FY25-FY28+ there is \$20,000 budgetted for “design and install new signage which clearly defines park boundaries and public access routes”. Still no parking, toilets or campground.

For implementation of the Regional Parks Management Plan, no budget is provided for 2025 and over the following four years \$5,900,000 is allocated which will not go very far. For Te Rau Puriri, \$220,000 is allocated for “development” to “improve park Infrastructure”. This is called “provisional

allocation anticipating the need for investment". In other words, it is initial design stage and will not provide any substantial development.

No development is Identified for new parkland at Te Muri and Te Arai.

It is impossible to see just what the budgets are for regional parks because budget lines are bundled up with cemeteries and "residential and commercial leases" and for "development" with cemeteries, crematoria and slip prevention.

I am seeking that the Annual Plan include a substantial amount to begin development on the regional parks at Te Rau Puriri, Pakiri, Te Arai and Te Muri, such as roads, parking areas, and campgrounds etc. This will enable the parkland to grow alongside the growth of the population of Auckland.

2. Track repairs following cyclone

I understand no additional funds have been allocated for track repairs in the Waitākere Ranges Regional Parkland following Cyclone Gabrielle. The Council has not and does not intend to allocate any additional budget to repair storm-damaged tracks. Regional Parks has been told it must reprioritise within existing capital works budgets.

Further, I understand it is estimated that the cost to repair these storm-damaged tracks in the Waitākere Ranges is cumulatively \$9.8 million indicative cost.

Many of these tracks are closed and have been for over two years. At Piha, people regularly ignore the closed track signs and climb over fences. Rescues by helicopter have been necessary in some cases. If someone dies it will be on Auckland Council's head that deaths occurred.

It is completely unreasonable that a Council of the scale of Auckland Council cannot find this amount to enable the tracks to be repaired. Given the history of the park and the fact that some of it was made up through gifts of land, it is insulting that Auckland Council is happy to leave prime tracks in this damaged condition.

The blurb accompanying this consultation proclaims that "We are creating an Auckland that is beautiful, thriving and safe for all Aucklanders", but I don't know what councillors mean if they can leave the tracks in the Waitākeres in the states they are in.

The Waitākere Ranges Regional Parkland is within less than an hour for most residents of Auckland. This is a key recreational destination for many Aucklanders as well as an opportunity to experience and gain respite from the wilderness.

As well, the loss of these tracks means the Hillary Trail is not functioning, yet this is a peak recreational track for Aucklanders, especially youth, and tourists.

I note that not one of the "major projects in progress for 2025/2026" (page 14) for West Auckland, include anything in the Waitākere Ranges.

I am seeking that the Annual Plan include \$9.8 million to enable storm-damaged tracks in the Waitakere Ranges Regional Parks to be repaired.

3. Fire risk at Taitomo Block, Waitākere Ranges Regional Park.

At [REDACTED] Piha, I am a neighbour with regional parks with long boundaries with the Taitomo/ Tasman Gap and Lookouts in the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park. For some years I have

restored and cared for part of this parkland between Tasman Lookout Track and my boundary, carrying out weed control and planting.

Fires in 1994 and 1997 entered my property from the parkland and caused extensive damage. My family restored this land and some adjoining parkland. In 2017 fires were lit in the parkland and entered my property and caused further extensive damage in regenerating parts of the property.

During public hearings on the Taitomo Variation to the Regional Park Management Plan in 2016, I and others made submissions about the need to restore the new land before tracks were built and also the need for a firefighting plan for the block. The commissioners agreed with us as submitters and it was recommended that water tanks be installed in the area where the fires have occurred. Unfortunately, the tanks were installed higher up, at the entrance to the block on Piha Road, so are not fit for purpose for accessing water for fire fighting in the lower area.

In the meantime, the Tasman Lookout Track which provided some access from Marine Parade South to the parkland was severely damaged in Cyclone Gabrielle and is closed so that firefighters cannot use it for access. In addition, following Cyclone Gabrielle, the service road from Piha Road to The Gap is damaged and only able to be used on foot. Consequently access to the area where fires have occurred in the past is severely compromised and fighting a wildfire would be very difficult.

The Regional Parks Implementation Plan July 2024- June 2025 mentions a Regional Parks Risk Reduction Plan and parks- specific fire plans for Duder and Waitawa. (page 11). Page 15 says a fire plan for Piha would be completed by August 2024, but I have not seen it.

I am seeking urgent action to ensure there is a plan for fighting fires in the Taitomo Block and that the necessary infrastructure is put in place.

4. Natural Environment Targetted Rate

I object to the NETR being used to help keep down the total rates. The NETR should be increased at the same rate as the general rate. What is proposed is that the general rate go up 5.29%, while the NETR goes up 3.5%. Then the total rates would go up 5.8%. I have been unable to obtain how it is intended to spend the NETR, but it is one of the main methods by which the environment is protected and enhanced and it provides the main source of funds for supporting volunteer groups who undertake pest control on parkland and on private land.

The Consultation Document (page 10) talks about “increased funding and extension of the Environment Targeted Rate in delivering pest plan, animal and pathogen control and restoration activities.” This is not even proper English – it is Natural Environment – and pest plant - but it is completely untrue that there is increased funding and extension of activities. The Council falls well short of what is required under the Regional Pest Management Plan.

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5. Changes to other fees and charges that are over and above inflationary adjustments

On page 134 it is proposed to change the charges for people hiring one of the baches on regional parks in the Bach Escapes programme. A few of these are going down, but it is proposed that the charges for the following venues go up:

Awhitu House

Barr Cottage

Courtyard House

Coldham Bach

Graham Bach

Keddle House

Moonlight Bach

Schiska House

Tawharanui House

Te Kuiti

Te Whetuki

Vine Cottage

Waitawa House

Wenderholm Cottage.

There is no case for increasing these costs. The programme was designed to enable Auckland families to enjoy a low-cost traditional holiday at a beach or park. It was not designed to make money for Council.

I am seeking that the rates for the public renting these properties not be increased.

6. Waste management

The move from user pays for rubbish disposal to a single scheme for the whole of Auckland has resulted in very increased costs for households in Waitākere who are modest producers of waste. This includes single person households, people who compost or bach owners who only occupy their properties for about one-third of the week.

Under the old system that would have cost around \$59.50 a year (17 bags @ \$3.50 each, bought in lot of 5). Now the minimum cost is \$143.71.

One of the problems is that the smallest size - 80L or 70 bags - is too big for residents who only generate a small amount of waste. Consequently, they are paying a lot more than they would have under the old system, more than double. When the Governing Body adopted the new scheme in June 2022, they did not specify a size of bin. The resolution only talked about "A choice of three bin sizes to accommodate different household needs." The size of the smallest bin available need to be reduced to accommodate such households.

I am seeking that the smallest size of bin (and smallest number of bags) is reduced to accommodate households which generate little waste and who are being seriously over-charged with the current scheme.



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Other

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Support all

Tell us why

The funding choices will help myself, my family and my community

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Support most

Tell us why

concern regarding the rising rates in our community and the significant impact on the cost of living

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Support

Tell us why

Best to take from people coming in, then our locals who are already bearing the impacts of high costs of living

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Support

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Strongly support

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Support all

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I don't know

Tell us why

Will this deter people from staying? Be more expensive for locals to have a 'staycation'?

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3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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I don't know

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I don't support this system at all. As home owners we don't use the system regularly. If people used weekly, then great! What about those who don't use it, they still have to pay! I think this is a stupid system that only benefits a portion of people/society.

Question 4:

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Making the area safer is important, especially with a young family. Ensuring parks are upkeep, that community events that promote a sense of 'kotahitanga/unity' and then there are opportunities for

connection. Arts is incredibly important ensuring that creativity continues to develop. Looking after our environment for future generations is important.

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Support

Tell us why

Everything's supported

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Support

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Good that put on low fee rates.

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Tell us why

Local boards work for the wellbeing of people in the area (local) sounds every movement on track.

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Tell us here

Make more time to meet with the Tuvaluan community is the best. Thursday the 13/3/25 it was good time thanks



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Well, done with all your hard work in making our Auckland city looks perfect.

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Support

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Good, but put down all your fees/ charges low income is in your priorities.

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Tell us why

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Make it your time to small community to hear their voices.



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Support all

Tell us why

Good to have a long-term plan, it's benefits everyone. Also 1 year plan for the Council.

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

Support

Tell us why

Good that set goals and plans for the benefits of every Aucklanders.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?

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Support

3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Be mindful for the wellbeing of our people. Low-rate incomes will affect when fees and rates are increase.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

Good proposal and benefits everyone in our local areas.

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 5: Other feedback

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?

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All good the Auckland Councils met with the Tuvaluan community on Thursday 13/3
/25 at the tuvalu EKT hall Henderson.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Good that something which is gaining our Auckland in marketing and in business related.

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Support

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It's a good way that the Council benefit, but not to high rates and fees to low incomes,

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

Because transportation is related to people's lives.

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Support

Tell us why

Increase government revenue and make people happy in their daily lives.

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Support

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

yes i fully support this to help our events showcase their cultures and so is all the other important events planned by council

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Support

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Should be a good dialog with the communities

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Do not support

Tell us why

We are in difficult times. People are struggling to survive

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Do not support

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