



Annual Plan 2025/2026

Written Feedback

Waitematā Local Board

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Please double check your own waste, fraud and abuse first.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

Tell us why

Please leave the organization of similar events to the tourism industry to raise funds on their own. If there is indeed profit to be made, they will always find financial support. In a downtown area where transportation is obstructed everywhere and still under construction and improvement, holding such events holds little significance. Please do not exploit taxpayers under this pretext.

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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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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates are high

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Support

Tell us why

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Ask those residents

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Need more sport and recreation for people with less

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very 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

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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Support most

Tell us why

Still in the air about rates

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Do not support

Tell us why

I know friends who have airbnb and this might take away their business if the prices go up

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Other

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Think this is more a Rodney and Franklin area right of answer

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Support most

Tell us why

Not convinced about flood resistance, would like to see grants in this local board area as there are a lot of youth who need support

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Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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

Homelessness is about dignity/mana

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Less road disruptions

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Do not support

Tell us why

A lot of my friends travel into Aotearoa and I would hate for them to have extra expenses

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

My sister lives in Rodney so this could benefit her

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Support all

Tell us why

Lost my business because of the floods

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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

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

Very 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)

We need places to be active

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Grants, Local water quality activities

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Keep monitoring the water



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Support most

Tell us why

Support getting on with the basics - water and transport, but there is little investment in Rodney roads, with many, such as Puhoi road, still being unpaved. There is also no mention of a new harbour crossing in the city centre.

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Do not support

Tell us why

I think we desperately need visitors in NZ right now to boost our economy, but a levy may be offputting for an already expensive place to visit. It would make me reconsider visiting auckland at all.

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Support

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I don't know what the rubbish replacement looks like rurally in Rodney, where the community does not get kerb-side collection and have to drop their rubbish bags far from home to be collected. I hope this will result in kerbside collection instead of bags as hauling a wheelie bin to a local spot to be collected makes much less sense than a rubbish bag.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Rodney, Waitematā

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

Fairly 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

Fairly 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)

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Tell us why

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Less important

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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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Auckland central often feels unsafe, due to a combination of many many closed/abandoned retail shops, unsavoury characters and huge amount of roadworks that narrow footpaths or divert you to paths with very little street lighting (Pitt St upgrades). As a young woman living in the city center, I walk most places and want to feel safe as I do so. We need stronger police presence, less loitering around the city centre library (what's the point of upgrading the interior of the library if I feel unsafe

to go there?) And better street lighting. Also. No mention of a second harbour crossing? No mention of cleaning up our disgusting beaches of waste-water?

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

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Second harbour crossing. Make auckland swimable again. Pave our rural roads out west and up north (puhoi road & the roads that lead to the waitakare ranges). Auckland is far too fragmented and needs to get back to fixing infrastructure, rather than getting caught in community programs, arts & heritage, which should be managed by someone else.



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I don't know

Tell us why

I have just moved over from Australia so am just getting to know the city

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Support

Tell us why

If it's another way to bring about more money to the city, it would be good

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Tell us why

prioritise sport and recreation opportunities for groups with less access to activities

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

Very 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)

There seem to be a lot of homeless people in Auckland. I came from Sydney where the population is larger than Auckland, but for the size of Auckland there are a lot of beggars everywhere. They need help.

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 events,Sports and park activation activities,Youth activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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

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Not at this stage



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Property appreciation has not increased at the same rate as if the council had increased rates.

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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?

Tell us why

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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?

Waitematā



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?

Do not 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

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

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

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?

Tell us why

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

Wayne Brown appears to know what he s doing, whereas most of the other Councillors have no idea and should resign.

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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

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Local board priorities

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

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

The local council idiots in charge need to concentrate on the basics including reducing debt, before tackling frills.

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.

Less 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.

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)

Auckland Council has lost its way, trying to become omnipotent. Concentrate on the basics and leave the frills to private enterprise.

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

- support for ending homelessness in Auckland. This is NOT for a local board it is an issue which needs to be addressed at Council and National level.

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

I don't know

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

Ending Homelessness - this is not something that a local board alone can effect

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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, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Not enough money - rates are exhorbitant as it is. You can't keep ripping us off

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Too expensive!!! You cannot keep putting our rates up and up and up for your pet projects. It is not sustainable.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

To pay for and attract international events/concerts etc to NZ

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:

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

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)

I support ending the further housing of and moving out of the CBD those with drug/drink/mental health issues who are being housed in the CBD in the huge apartment blocks only a few hundred meetings from each other such as Haka Lodge/Te Matawai/Homeground and the lesser know buildings such as those on City Road - this is already far too much to put on a tourist/visitor destination that is Auckland CBD and the wider Waitemata area - many of what we think are homeless are homed but prefer to hang out on the streets nearby their accommodation as 'something to do' . I support bylaws to move these people on/back to their accommodation especially those begging and half undressed.

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

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Support

Tell us why

Those who visit and enjoy should contribute

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Support

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Do not support most

Tell us why

i think AT are slowing down Auckland with there Bike lane , new layouts of lanes. Not everyone sits at office desk all day, some of us has to get around the city for work from job to job. Spend 20 to 30 mins to get on to Ponsonby Rd because the lanes have changes has blocked 4 really busy roads. Its just dumb! spend the money fixing what we got!

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Do not support

Tell us why

What Council have done to western springs speedway is shocking. it a event that is for a realy wide range people , FAMLIES go to this event, Not just runners, or only Adults, It has parking its central ITS THERE so dont have to throw Millions of dollars at it. So more money to spend at other events!

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

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Local board priorities

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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

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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)

We need to look after what we have. Before we add to it.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Auckland is a lovely city, Council and AT need to work together , Its getting so expensive to live or visit the city. Do something about.



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Support all

Tell us why

De-carbonising our city is very important, and to continue improving our public transport system is a vital aspect of this. And to be far ahead of any other place in the country is fantastic for our water system.

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Support

Tell us why

Visitors to our city benefit from our city. It is correct that they make a small contribution while they take advantage of our hospitality, infrastructure, and our illustrious JAFAdom!

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Support

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Greenfield development is highly problematic for our city; those that chose to develop in these areas should contribute fairly to expensive infrastructure that is required to keep them connected.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Very important

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Fairly important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

I live in the Central City, and my primary school kids live with me when not in the care of their mother. I find the city very safe, but I know there is a false perception of danger, and it is very unhelpful when people are frightened of things that are not actually scary. A lot of perceived safety relates to the visibility of homelessness, which is actually a good thing. If our homeless population

was hidden, we could not help them. My kids are a little bit wary of them, understandably, but I intend to make sure they understand that some humans do not have what others do, and that we all deserve a respectable, dignified life.

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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private arena, unused cycle lanes, stuffing up pedestrian footpaths with scooters and cyclists, you will destroy a city that is in one of the most beautiful natural settings in the World. The destruction of which can be solely laid at the feet of successive Auckland Councils and their bureaucracy.

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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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You will rate many if not most business out of existence- STOP the frivolous wastage and get back to basics. The city will flourish without you.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

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Support

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Fairly important

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Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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

Fairly 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)

It is important that the Leys Library gets restored, as I'm a student and I really need the study space, the little library also doesn't have enough books and we need the Leys Library Restored.

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support all

Tell us why

Transport needs fixing (public and road). Water is a necessity and fairer community split only seems fair if we are all part of the Auckland city.

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I don't know

Tell us why

I do not have enough information to give an opinion.

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

I do Support community-based initiatives that question vague priorities like supporting ending homelessness as the potential for money pits of non-achievement of goals.

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Tell us why

In my opinion, the plan should never include a rates rise above CPI unless the council specifically holds a referendum and at least 75% of the voters agree on the reason for the extra increase. By not doing this you are making ratepayers poorer and poorer each year.

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Tell us why

It is not only tourists who enjoy the events, the event should pay its own way or you should identify all who profit from the event and levy them

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

I do not believe that debt levels need to be raised to the level indicated (+ ~\$4 Billion). Additional cuts from non-core services ought to be made in order to maintain lower debt increases. Alternatively, the proposed debt level could be maintained (or increased) to fund infrastructure and core services identified in the LTP.

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Tell us why

If Auckland Council wishes to run events, a user pays model should be employed rather than pursuing additional levies (visitor bed nights). A bed night levy does not target the event users resulting in inefficient outcomes for ratepayers. Event goers get a free ride while ratepayers fund foot the bill.

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I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

Flood resilience: These are permeable spaces that are unlikely to suffer severe damage even in severe weather events. Auckland Domain: The Domain has had little in the way of foot path improvements for many years, with the existing footpaths being degraded and unsafe. Removing thoroughfare access for vehicles should be investigated. Leys institute: The library is an important

heritage asset and community space. The area has been in need of a full-service library and community space for years, since the institute was closed. Support for ending homelessness: Auckland Council should play less of a role in these social interventions. They are costly, ineffectual and not part of the core functions of Local Government.

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Support most

Tell us why

The proposed rates increase of 5.8% is too high . When it was set 12 months ago , the annual inflation rate was 4% , but it is now 2.2% in the December 2024 quarter . Westpac forecasts a peak of 2.3% in September 2025 . Therefor , the 5.8% figure needs adjusting . If 2024-5 was inflation rate of 4% + 1.8% = 5.8% ; then 2025-6 maximum rates increase should be 2.2% + 1.8% = 4%

However, Council should take advantage of recent breakthroughs in AI and incorporate a modest efficiency stretch of 0.5%. Therefore maximum rates increase should be $4\% - 0.5\% = 3.5\%$

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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

There should be an exemption level for small Airbnb type operations (where collection of the tax would cost more than the tax in any case, very often). Council should remember that in most cases, Airbnb's were originally approved as family homes and their use is generally not greater than a family home would be - unlike a large hotel.

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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?

(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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Remove the following item from the Plan: Maori participate in overall outcomes , without restriction that I am aware of . A local government should not be providing additional benefits to individuals and groups based on their ethnicity. 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.



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Do not support any

Tell us why

If the council was run efficiently and the waste and woke was removed, and removing duplicating what central government was doing, rates could be reduced.

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Do not support

Tell us why

This just pushes up the cost of accommodation and introduces more red tape. Will just make Auckland less desirable and drive tourists and events to other locations. The events are already well marketed by the companies and supporters running the events. The council if will not achieve anything and quite possibly just send out confusing messages.

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Other

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Council needs to get back the the basics of running a council and get out of social engineering. Also allow businesses to be more involved (eg in rubbish management) to cut costs and give them certainty so they will invest in modern technology and practises.

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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 any

Tell us why

Stop the social engineering.

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)

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Support most

Tell us why

Don't think fairer funding for local communities should be of high priority with the cities infrastructure being outdated and not fit for the amount of people.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Not the correct solution to tax tourists for council short fall, accommodation is already expensive compared to global rates. Should be more lenient on permits and allow more events.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Proposed rates increases Not thinking about the basics Visitor bed rate will put off tourists

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Other

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Rates increase is too high to sustain

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Waitematā

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Local arts and culture activities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

More costs need to be cut.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Not a core role of local government. Get rid of the area.

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Tell us why

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Local parks strategy and planning

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Support

Tell us why

Those that stand to gain by funds spent on marketing the city and events must contribute to the cost

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Items 3 to 8 are all nice to have if and when the council is awash with funds and all other priorities have been attended to

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

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Support

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Very important

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I don't know

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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?

Do not 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?

(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, Aotea/Great Barrier

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.

Very 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.

Very important

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

Aotea/Great Barrier 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?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Fairly important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Very important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

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

Our infrastructure needs attention, and needs to be done once and for all so we get rid of all the road cones that slow our city down!

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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

Yes totally support as Auckland will become boring without big events. However please make airbnb directly pay the bed night levy rather than the poor people who own the homes - airbnb have added another tax last year so our charges are already through the roof and it makes doing airbnb not viable as we get rated as not being value for money.

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I don't know

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

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None

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Public transport should be cheaper to use. It should cost less than the cost of parking in the CBD for a day. This is essential to ease congestion within the city. Continue funding for projects allowing for active modes of transport, for example section 4 of Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path (Te ara ki uta ki tai).

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Do not support

Tell us why

I believe events should be funded via increases to council debt and increased rates.

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Support

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Residential rates should increase by a larger percentage to fund the city.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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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

Very 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)

Flood resilience is cheaper than the cost of repairs after a disaster. Footpath improvements are essential for encouraging active modes of transport.

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

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Taking on debt to fund capital expenditure is usually cost-effective in the long-term.



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Given the number of events it makes sense to find additional revenue streams to fund it.

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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Fairly important

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Very important

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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.

Fairly 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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

Focussed and value for money

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Support

Tell us why

Support for such activities needs to be paid by users

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Ending homelessness should Central Government issue

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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

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Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly 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)

Housing is a central govt issue

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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

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Reduce waste and duplication



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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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

Less important

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety? How about spending the money on actually enhancing safety.

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

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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Tell us here

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan - you're putting my rates up in part to fund this to the tune of about \$150,000,000. Looks like the grifters will be lining up to get a nice chunk of 'redress'. Council has NO PLACE getting involved in and spending massive amounts of money on these political appeasement stunts. NO!



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Support

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Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community events

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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

Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

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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, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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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

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?

Waitematā

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Very important

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

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Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities,Community development and support activities,Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The Auckland council needs to concentrate on getting the basics right, improving transport (better roading, parking) stop with the cycleways and speed humps as an example. Improve water quality. We should have a clean harbour and beaches. Stop wasting money on Te Reo signage, language as another example.

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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 provide much needed revenue and I pay such charges when I travel internationally

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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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Fairly important

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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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

I would prefer my rates contribution to be spent on creating clean beaches (better water quality) within my region.

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

Local events,Sports and park activation activities,Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Get rid of AT



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I don't know

Tell us why

Ideally support all, but not at the expense of maximum positive impact given the available budget.

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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

Funding has to come from somewhere.

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?

Albert-Eden, 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.

I don't know

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

I don't know

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.

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.

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

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

Fairly 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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Our rates are far to high already, don't need an increase

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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?

None

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Support all

Tell us why

Balanced program that covers most vital areas

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Support

Tell us why

Visitors use facilities funded by the rate paying residents

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Support

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Rates through out the region should be levied on the same basis

Question 4:

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Waitematā 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

I support all except homelessness which is not a AC matter but central govt and associated charities. Councils need to stay out of housing in my opinion.

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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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

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Question 5: Other feedback

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Rates need to be increased by an annual amount that not only covers current needs but funds growth



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Support most

Tell us why

The replacement public staircase on Boylan St off Ring Terrace, St Mary's Bay should be on the capital items list. It has been there since 1890 and is an important part of our neighbourhood infrastructure. It was dislodged in the 27 Jan 2023 storm and hasn't been replaced. Our community sees this facility as a basic amenity for access to the motorway walkway. Just reinstall it!!!!

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Support

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Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

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Fairly 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)

Leys repairs and addressing homelessness in the City are priorities.

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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, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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See above my comments on the Boylan St staircase replacement. This is an URGENT matter.



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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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Rates are already too high and should not increase. What are the increased rates proposed to go to?

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

Waitematā

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Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Flood improvements always greatly necessary as well as opportunities for those with less. Helping those with lower income is crucial as a backbone to our society

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Please please please more funding for removal of pest species. Moth plant is rife at the moment and if we take no action now, we will only have to pay more money down the line



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Do not support most

Tell us why

The Council should provide Utilities and nothing else. The nice to do's should be stopped until the Cost of living is reduced. Stop all Climate change initiatives. It will be shown to be a scam. Stop all Māori privilege initiatives, we are one people not two. therefore equality & democracy is key, not ethnically based privilege actions. le:- only publish in English.

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Do not support

Tell us why

its another tax from a group that spends money poorly.

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Do not support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

We are in a Cost of living crisis. Regulation, Health & safety Climate change initiatives & Māori privilege is destroying the Council and the country. Please stop.

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None

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Please provide equality & Utility (Water, Sewerage, parks & Transport services only.



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Support most

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Support

Tell us why

Most overseas destinations charge a local tax - Auckland should be no different

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I don't know

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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)

The newmarket shopping precinct attracts itinerants that can be dangerous - it's not just perceptions of safety but actual safety that is important. Homeless people need to be placed in proper accomodation for the security of themselves as much as for the community.

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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 all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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I don't know

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Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

Waitemata local board: Prioritising sport/rec oppourtunities for people who have less, I have a lot yet I do not use those oppourtunities. I do not think people with less will use it. Possible a waste of money.

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

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

Seems to look at the main priorities taking into account the ratepayer.

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Support

Tell us why

Very important as its only the rate payer that is covering costs for others benefit - the user should pay. Also very important that this levy also applies to Air B&Bs as a lot of people seem to be doing well out of these

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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



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?

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

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

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.

Less important

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

in the past too much time and \$ have been spent on cycle ways etc disadvantaging local property owners/rate payers. Too much narrow minded mindset instead of listening to the c ratepayers who live in the area.

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Yes please please please bring Auckland Transport under control as they have wasted millions of \$ on unwanted cycle lanes, bus stops redevelopments all without listening to the local ratepayers. Just look at the mess made in 3 Lamps Ponsonby with the changes to the bus stops and off course the mess in Pt Chev and the massive round about a traffic disaster. In addition, as a ratepayer something urgent needs to be put in place to stop fare doggers on local transport. Today alone on buses to and from Auck Hosp 5 individuals boarded without paying with the bus driver doing nothing. It seems that if you are a certain race and dress roughly you dont need to pay.



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Support most

Tell us why

Transport and water - yes. Fairer funding for local communities - the local boards need to be held to better account and those on the local boards actually need to be representing their communities, not their own personal interests. The lack of accountability and ability on these boards is shocking.

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Do not support

Tell us why

There are alternative funding methods that have been presented over and over to Auckland Council that for whatever reason (politics?) are never genuinely listened to or debated. Bed taxes are not popular for good reasons.

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

I don't know

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

Homelessness - the local board has virtually NO influence or any genuine understanding of how the communities of central Auckland actually deal with the challenges this complex problem presents to residents and business owners. Until they start actually listening to the community (not their pet contacts), nothing worthwhile will happen. Western side of this local board has long been their key focus - anything east of Anzac Avenue and the Grafton Bridge is a lower priority and

virtually never considered. Heard Park redevelopment and footpaths in the Auckland Domain have become priorities NOT because of the local board, but because of lobbying from a business association and also the Domain Committee.

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Page 7 - CCO reform - Panuku has been disestablished. Be honest about it. By saying that funding has not been cut is a blatant lie. This is true for what has happened to Tataki Auckland Unlimited too. Auckland Transport can no longer invest in cycling and walking. Stop lying.



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Support most

Tell us why

fairer funding for local communities is not core local body business

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Support

Tell us why

Support because visitors pay for infrastructure.

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Disappointed with the withdrawal of bins in Orakei public spaces. More rubbish left and dog owners not bothering to pick-up as bins not handy

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Ōrākei, Waitematā



Ōrākei 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?

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

Fairly 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

Less important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Fairly important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Less important

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

Less 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

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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)

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

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

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I don't know

Tell us why

Haven't seen it in interity yet

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

Aotea/Great Barrier,Rodney

Aotea/Great Barrier 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?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Very important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Less important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

Fairly important

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

Rodney 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?

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

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.

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

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Ōrākei

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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?

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

Less important

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

Less 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

Less important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Fairly important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

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

Fairly important

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Fairly important

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Less important

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

Fairly important

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I want you to keep rates down, fix cyclone Gabrielle damage that is still not done eg St Stephens Ave, Parnell seaward end in the park where the walkway has not been fixed in the last two plus years. This is absurd and should urgently be fixed. Then reverse woke idiocy around Queen Street. The council alone has made this beautiful icon into a desert. A waste of space and utility. We are a smallish city internationally and need to be functioning for cars and residents. Please also follow through on the red cone removals promised by Mayor Brown. We spend a lot of time in Sydney. One job at a time is done. Always at night and it is generally tidied up by the next morning. This Helter/Skelter approach of starting five hundred jobs at a time and completing none for months is stupidity and effect in our ability to live in a functioning city. Finally please reintroduce East West access across the town. If you live in Parnell you have made it almost impossible to link through to Ponsonby. When next you dig up Quay street (again) put a two lane each way tunnel in and turn the ground level into your promenade or whatever you want. This should have been done of course when you put in the huge Vector Tunnel there but must be done to allow the city to flow east west.

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

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Albert-Eden

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Support most

Tell us why

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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.

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.

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.

Fairly important

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

Very important

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Support

Tell us why

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Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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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.

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Less important

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

Climate resilience programmes should be a priority The board needs to fund more in the environment space and less in the community space.

Waitematā 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?

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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

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

Climate change funding should be a priority for this board. More funding for environmental initiatives.

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local events

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Do not support any

Tell us why

The value of our property at 21 Viaduct Harbour Avenue has dropped sharply since the landlord VHHL/Tramco Group increased the ground rent by about 100% in 2019, and this is expected to increase further in 2026. You have valued our property at \$300,000, but the last transacted price is

half of that! At this rate our property value would drop to below \$100,000! We have raised this issue, but all you can say is that this between us and the landlord.

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Support

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Seems reasonable, but it depends on the overall view of the hospitality and tourism industry.

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The Council needs to get involved to ensure that the ground rent of properties facing the sea is reasonable and controlled. Otherwise, investors who purchased them would not be able to pay the Council rates.



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Do not support

Tell us why

Auckland is already expensive and tourists are eager to get out of the city to visit the rest of the country. We gotta find ways to make their stay longer in Auckland not incentivised to be shorter. Events should find financing on their own and we shouldn't unnecessarily and unfairly tax more tourists.

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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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Support

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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?**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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Support most

Tell us why

Good focus on growing city infrastructure. Funding a bit low for natural environmental, which supports community and built environments. Annual rate rises too frequent, and accumulates to very high rates 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?

Other

Tell us why

I support international tourist bed tax. But, Auckland also commercial center for Nz business activities. Need to ensure that small businesses are not over-burdened with more expenses when business is tough.

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Part 3: rates. Fair assessments of rates needs to be based on occupancy of the house, and the relative use of public facilities. Rates are currently shown to increase with the value of the house. A more expensive house does not represent the number of rooms or occupancy. A more expensive house does not mean the cost against public facilities is higher. A fairer assessment is required.

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Waiheke

Waiheke 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?

Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library

Very important

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

I don't know

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

Fairly important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Fairly important

Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.

Very important

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

Nurturing the natural environment is very important, especially since it is the main attraction for tourism and residents. Community connection is a separate issue, which is mainly instigated by the community without council involvement. Community facilities such as toilets and signage needs upgrading, and more maintenance.

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

We should upgrade the school pool to a community pool.

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Ltp needs more inspirational planning.



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Support most

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

I understand the need for the revenue, but Auckland accommodation (and NZ in general) is already expensive by international standards, so is there a risk of putting potential visitors off? And what are the alternatives?

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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 think this is one for Rodney and Franklin people.

Question 4:

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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?

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

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

Fairly 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)

They are all obviously important but the two I have ranked highest seem to me to be priorities because they both support high-value outdoor/natural environment factors that are critical for healthy city living.

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Lots of good talk, but, you/we need to make at least some of it actually happen.



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Support most

Tell us why

No major objections; would just like to see some things move faster and prioritised

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Support

Tell us why

Pretty standard for cities overseas and we need funds for improvements

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If I have interpreted the info correctly, then pending confirmation of revaluation amounts, I can expect approx 5% increase. That's in line with expectations, hopefully it won't be too much more than that.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Some make sense especially for safety and community, but upgrades for civic space and construction seem like nice to haves?

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

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

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)

Providing recreational facilities for those who can't access private facilities is important for our communities Less interested in some other upgrades that feel more cosmetic

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

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A lot of the items for Waitemata feel like nice to haves. Safety, homelessness, water quality, and community support are all much more important.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

I'm against raising rates by 5.8% while plenty of council staffers earn exorbitant wages. I haven't yet heard that significant number of employees are going to become redundant inc. senior management. So there is still plenty of space for optimization. Do it first and then ask for higher rates. Also there are plenty of unnecessary expenses in this plan. I'd like my rates were spent only

on essential things like core infrastructure, road maintenance, and water services. I'm against spending on: Funding for Destination Marketing and Major Events \$7 million budget for events like the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon, and Auckland Writers Festival. Cultural and Sporting Events Ongoing funding for events like Pasifika, Diwali, Lantern Festival, concerts, and exhibitions. Investments in Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and Maritime Museum visitor experiences. Increased Spending on Community & Recreational Projects Community arts and culture programs, including expanded library services, digital offerings, and community events. Expanded sports and recreation funding, such as \$16 million into Māori outcomes, including Marae infrastructure programs. Environmental & Climate Change Initiatives Expanding resource recovery facilities and waste minimization programs. Marine biosecurity programs targeting exotic species like caulerpa seaweed. Urban forest expansion and pest control. Public Transport Initiatives Beyond Core Infrastructure Continued investment in ferry electrification and public transport contactless payment expansion. Business & Economic Development Initiatives Supporting business associations and economic growth initiatives. Local board funding for business improvement districts.

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Do not support

Tell us why

It will increase costs for renters (this levy will be passed to end user) and also increase inflation rate.

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Other

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These rates / fees are not essential and shouldn't be implemented. Some of them will be passed to consumers and increase inflation rate. 1. Business Improvement District (BID) Targeted Rates Establishing new BID rates in Takanini and Grey Lynn. Continuing funding for Hunters Corner and Māngere East Village BID (under review). While BIDs support local businesses, these could be funded by business owners directly rather than through council rates . 2. Dog Adoption & Veterinary Fees Fees for adopting dogs and vet services are increasing. Adoption and vet care costs could be handled privately by pet owners instead of relying on council-subsidized services . 3. Cemetery and Cremation Fees Some fees for burial and cremation services are rising. While cemeteries require maintenance, increasing costs could be seen as unnecessary ratepayer burden . 4. Bach Rental Fees Adjustments Realigning bach rental fees into different pricing tiers based on occupancy, capacity, and location. While this might increase revenue, council-managed baches are not essential services . 5. Staff Charge-Out Rates in Regional Parks Aligning staff charge-out rates with pay bands for services in regional parks. If staff costs increase, this could drive up the price of recreational activities, making them less affordable

Question 4:

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

please focus on basic things - fixing water pipes, roads, garbage collection and similar activities. rates are high enough already. for good to have projects please reduce expenses.

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Tell us why

Stop planning new stuff, just deal with actual disasters as they happen. Finish the current projects first and then consider what's next'. We don't need a flash new stadium on good foreshore when many Aucklanders are starving. We need good public transport and we need a good mayor and Council. Stop the big spends.

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Support all

Tell us why

This investment is needed and frankly likely needed higher rates rises. This covers the main issues facing Auckland now and into the future - looking after our environment, people, community, culture. Cycleways and alternative forms of transport are critical, and is key to having a proper city. great to see progressive plans in terms of libraries, arts, community services, environment,

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Support

Tell us why

It is clearly needed, as the visitors will be less and less impressed with Auckland. Other cities are stepping up their game. We need to support long term thinking and what visitors actually want (decent culture, facilities, environment, attractions, diversity and uniqueness, and experiences, etc.)

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Support

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Great to have consistency and standardisation. Fully support.

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Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Fairly 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)

Support and wellbeing support for homeless communities please, not punitive or police. Social workers or similar to address their issues etc.

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

Local arts and culture activities, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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Please look out for those in society doing it the hardest and prioritise them over privileged people like me who are really doing ok.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

Your document has the word cycling once and the word walking once. Council is choosing to neglect a major opportunity to: - reduce pollution - reduce cost of transport to citizens and for infrastructure - neglect the safety of the lives of cyclists and pedestrians by furthering the car dominance in Auckland - lock those citizens who would like to use active transport into car use

through the under provision of active transport infrastructure, denying them the opportunity to be active, healthy and safe while moving through the city. Years ago Auckland wanted to be the most livable city in the world. The route to that is through active and public transport not cars with 1.3 people per vehicle. This is 1980s thinking in the 21st century. Look at Vancouver, Vienna, Amsterdam, etc. etc. Current rates of active transport are in spite of council not because of it.

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Support

Tell us why

User pays.

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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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Apartment residents remain under-served by council. Paying targeted rates for services that they don't receive.

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None

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Stop putting a targeted rate on the central city for enhancements that serve those that commute into the city.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

I think the Rate payers are the easy target....Why not put charges on other things that involve traffic....toll charges and higher road use charges....the city is clogged with cars and pollution from cars....half the time the buses are empty when my friend travels down the motorway...she has to take her car to pick up grandchildren

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Support

Tell us why

Absolute target visitors who are always here using all our amenities and not having to pay much at all. I was a Volunteer at Auckland City Hospital and it was nothing to see travellers use Emergency for their trivial ailments when they could pay to go to 'User pay clinics'. They love our free system for Museum etc etc

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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 pay bags were fairer for lifestyle properties as most of the time they compost on their properties and don't use the same amount of service that inner city areas use....AND the rates in Rodney for lifestyle properties are already over the top huge when often there is just one dwelling using the services....so not fair in my view

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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

Community groups are all good enough no more spending needed. I think waterways are way more important than people's groups right now. People need to help themselves and not always be spoon fed whereas nature needs all the help we can give it...Waterways a top priority

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

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

Less 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

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)

I think its important to be all inclusivethink all the separation stuff is not conducive ...so many different races live in our city. Concentrating on Youth seems the most important and including their involvement with the elderly who have wisdom to share . Sporting fields out West and concentration on that area as so many needy families out there....inner city has all it needs....and I live in the central city so not bias

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NO



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates increases are too high, as are rubbish collection costs, climate and environment fees are a nonsense

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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

Events provided are poor quality for the price paid by council and don't appeal to many

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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Have the residents of Franklin and Rodney requested this service ? Or is it just more fees collected for a wasteful greedy council ?

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

All priorities are unnecessary, for example flood resilience means what ? The parks are parks and are undeveloped areas because they are prone to flooding and were left as parks for that reason. Focus should be on keeping existing stormwater systems maintained. Our property flooded and was severely damaged because of poorly maintained (blocked) council pipes it cost us over 30 thousand to fix the damage, council took 2 years to produce meaningful repairs to their system after 7 failed attempts by their contractors which were never going to work properly . There were no offers of compensation or even an apology from A city ...

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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

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

All the priorities are not core council activities We request quality and value Homeless are not a council issue, maintenance and care of council assets are council issues as is maintenance of roads (not destroying carriage ways with polluting concrete bumps everywhere) Cut your rules, cut your staff by 50% and cut your spending especially on overseas corporate contractors and consulting

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

Question 5: Other feedback

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Remove the Tupuna Maunga Authority completely it a stupid idealism



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Support most

Tell us why

Water should be prioritised

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Support

Tell us why

They will only be paying a little more to enjoy our great harbour city

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Support

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Question 4:

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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

Balance between sport and music/arts seems possible also focus on protecting Waitemata/Manukau Harbours

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.

Very 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.

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)

Eco is more important than entertainment/sport

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I would like more support to increasing public transport, reducing fares, and increasing safety around roads (For pedestrians and cyclists)

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Support

Tell us why

As long as less regulated players like airbnb and others like it are also charged, this makes sense and would support the city.

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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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A rate increase is need to support the council.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Albert-Eden,Aotea/Great Barrier

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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Less important

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

Community projects like libraries support low income and other vulnerable members of the community. These are the people who need the support.

Aotea/Great Barrier 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?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Very important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Less important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

Fairly important

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

More and nicer public green spaces in the city are a clear priority to allow for people to spend more time outside in nicer environments.

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Cheaper/free public transport allows access for more people to work as well as takes cars off the road. It is wasteful to collect fares for public transit as it's job isn't to generate income, but to reduce car dependency and allow transport options for all, not just those who can pay for it.



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Do not support any

Tell us why

There is NO WAY rates should ever increase at greater than the rate of inflation - End of Story. Further Pensioners should be limited to no more than 5% of their nett income being required for payment of Rates. By 65 most New Zealand residents have paid rates all their working life, (one way or the other), and have well and truly paid their share of Infrastructure costs and

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Support

Tell us why

It is fair and easily collected and accounted for.

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā

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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)

Most of the above options are NOT Local governments responsibility. Homelessness is NOT Councils' issue, neither is perceptions of Safety - we all know safety is a communist catch phrase to try and protect people who should be protecting THEMSELVES. I have NO IDEA what Heard Park is? Footpath improvements are simply NOT NEEDED = this is Auckland Transport Group Speak for We need work to fill in our day with.....! Sport and Recreation is Government responsibility not Council. Paddling Pool - We have beaches - What a total waste of our money!

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Rates increase above the CPI / Inflation are NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE. Council needs to STOP wasteful spending and only do the MUST Have jobs and not all the community based items that are NOT Councils concern. Certainly NOT with our rates money - Rates, and Council and Auckland Transport staff numbers and salaries are completely out of control. Close down Auckland Transport - Fire the staff, and reduce Council staff numbers by at LEAST 30%



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

My view is that Auckland needs significant investment in infrastructure (public transport, water and waste management, and cycling and walking provisions to drive a reduction in car-use) whilst maintaining a focus on the environment and community activities. This proposed plan seems to me to be working towards this.

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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

A small levy would provide the funds to support major Council events. Taxes and levies are a sensible method of acquiring funds to support a budget for important social 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:

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

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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?

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Fairly important

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Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

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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)

Homelessness is a blight on our society and whilst the major cause (low taxes and limited social support systems) is beyond the power of a local board, we can change our ideas and prejudices around homelessness and provide options for homeless people that are humane, compassionate, and have positive outcomes. We should look to Finland, for example, where homelessness is treated fairly and through programmes of providing homes until people are in employment and can

stand on their own feet again has driven an 80% reduction in homelessness. We should invest in communal spaces, shared social activities, and creating car-free, environmentally resilient spaces.

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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Other

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Local board priorities

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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

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

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

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?

Tell us why

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Public security, economy, education, tax cuts



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Support most

Tell us why

Largely the plan is good but there are some populist projects within it that should not be funded via the ratepayer. Browns Poo Pool / Karanga Plaza pool = What a ***** waste of money. Funds should instead be directed to community initiatives - that support the growth of community groups within Auckland. On a related vein - Fully support funding major cultural events - The ASB Classic

does not fall into that category though, and should not be funded by ratepayer. It has a corporate sponsor and people interested in it can afford to pay for it.

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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 need strong engaging events to make Auckland a place desired by many. However I do not support the ASB Classics being included in this list - It has a corporate sponsor and the people interested in it can afford to pay to attend. Ratepayer funds should instead go to events and or initiatives that benefit a wider range of Aucklanders - not to subsidise the wealthy.

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The Council talks about finding savings, but needs to be equally if not more prudent on what it spends money on. The Mayor's pet projects like the Karanga pool and events that can be made to fund themselves like the ASB Classics, should NOT be funded via the ratepayer.

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

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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)

Auckland Central needs more vibrancy, which means more things to do. What a waste it was, that during the Xmas season when the tree was up in Komititanga Square... you had masses of people out with their families at 9pm - with absolutely nothing else to do? No shops open. No food trucks or carts shopping craft wares. No businesses having the good sense to open later into the night. ANd then we hear the hospitality and retail industry whining about a lack of foot traffic and customers? What a shambles. The Local Board needs to invest in activities and events that make going out and about in Auckland Central an engaging, valuable experience. FOR Aucklanders first and foremost, stop prioritising tourists. Don't waste funding on enhancing perceptions of safety - as a city centre resident. It is unsafe. Address that and the perceptions will fix themselves. Ending homelessness - BY whatever means - will go a long way towards addressing the Perception of safety.

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Local events,Grants,Youth activities

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Tell us why

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Support

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Don't start anything new until you fix the neglect that blights too many walkways, paths and public areas: overgrown with weeds and fouled with litter. Clean up and maintenance must be a priority.

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Support all

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)

Continue to consider targeted rates to progress development in certain areas.

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Local board priorities

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Tell us why

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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

Continue to prioritise the City Centre Master Plan - do not deviate now after so much has been implemented to get to this point.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I agree with most of the mayors proposals under this annual plan however: 1. I don't agree with the \$50 capped weekly transport pass for those choosing to live in outer Auckland and I don't agree with Gold cards covering costs above what central government is willing to fund. 2. I don't

understand why Eke Panuku requires 200+ people to oversee 6 development areas. Hopefully the restructure will be able to reduce the head count.

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Support

Tell us why

I support hotel bed tax, I hope however this time it will covers temporary accommodation such as air B&B's this time.

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Support

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Re the community spend, 1. my understanding is library use is declining but satisfaction remains high so why are we adding services / costs. 2. Auckland has a massive deficit (compared to rest of NZ) of indoor court space but I see no mentioned of building new court space for basketball or

badminton. 3. Can I suggest any area where new and is purchased be double checked to make sure any over capacity land is disposed of at the same time.

Question 4:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I have specific reasons why I don't support most of the initiatives: a) I don't care about flood resilience of parks, if anywhere is going to flood its a good place. b) I think the footpaths near the domain are fine c) I don't think construction needs to start on Leys institute soon, just start when we have the money d) I agree with prioritizing sport and rec opportunities but not just for people who have less (who are people who have less - this should be made clear). Central Auckland has fewer indoor courts than almost anywhere else in NZ why is that not a priority. e) I agree with investigating changing Grey Lynn paddling pool to a splash pad area on basis it will reduce staff. f) I don't agree with funding unknown 'community service programmes' g) agree with ending homelessness in Auckland, but it should be acknowledged that the responsibility should be shared with central government..

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1. I would like Leys Institute to be redeveloped along the line of its original purpose of providing sporting facilities. 2. I think the Grey Lynn paddling pool is fine as it is, however I have seen very good splash facilities in other countries which might also negate the need for council paid supervision.

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

We support all of these proposals because they directly address the needs and concerns of our local community. It's essential to ensure footpath pathways are safer and more accessible for pedestrians. Additionally, I'd like to see designated paths for scooters to keep them separate from foot traffic, improving safety for everyone. We support the goal of ending homelessness, but I believe it's important not to concentrate all housing solutions in the city center. We should focus on providing support and housing options in a way that's spread out across the region, ensuring a more balanced and sustainable approach.

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland - because the place is overrun with anti-social, menacing individuals. Continual threatening behaviour and crime including mailbox theft, drug dealing in the street, graffiti and general anti-social menacing behaviour.

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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,Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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More time, money and resources spent on crime prevention and community safety.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I'm interested in the airport shares

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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

What happens with the cruise ships?

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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)

Seems strange that other people pay for their rubbish bags when we have bins that work well

Question 4:

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

More sport and rec activities

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

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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

I use the parks for my niece and would need to know more about the splashpad versus the swimming pool there

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

Community programmes and services, Grants, Youth activities

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I don't know

Tell us why

I'm not familiar enough with it to say

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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's an insignificant amount to add to short stay accommodation, and tourists should contribute to the events going on in the city

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I don't know

Tell us why

I don't have a standard, or other options to measure these proposals against. Could they better? How do I know?

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

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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

Very important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Homelessness: ending homelessness in Auckland should be an absolute moral priority, far outweighing any other priority on this list. I would be willing to forgo every other facility available in order to address homelessness

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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,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Local events

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

A lot of European countries do that anyway do it's not uncommon.

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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

The rates are too high already and should not be increased again.

Question 4:

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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Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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Local arts and culture activities, Community development and support activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

Good management

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Support

Tell us why

Overall a lot of major cities do this and think it would be good for auckland as people would still visit

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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

Long term decision making in a voter elected council will always be difficult, but it is essential to have robust financial planning in place to ensure growth needs are met.

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Support

Tell us why

The amount proposed will not deter visitors at all.

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None



Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

I dont think the increased operational expenditure is warranted against supposed cost savings via shared group services and other savings which dont seem to be being progressed quickly enough. I also dont support the changes to local board funding - it should be based solely on population as

it is not the job of Councils to fix economic deprivation- that's a central government task and Council needs to stick to basics.

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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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None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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Do not support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Very important

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Very important

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Equal distribution

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I dont support: bed night visitor levy... it will kill the hospitality industry. Rates increment. Life is going up and you guys just want to increase it, it's not fair. Money should be well spend without asking the poeple for more and more.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Hospitality is not in a good situation. Visitors don't want to come to NZ because it is hard to get visa... and on top of that want to charge bed night visitor... it will keep killing it.

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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?

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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 programmes and services

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Haven't seen any improvements

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Tell us why

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Support

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Needs to be the same all over Auckland

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Sport is good for all who take part

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Do not support

Tell us why

This would shave another 3% off our profit margin. We have just had the GST extension so would not support another levy. You can argue that we pass this out on to the consumer but with a cost of living crisis this isn't going to make our rates attractive.

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Support

Tell us why

I'm cautious that amount of the levy might make people decide not to stay in Auckland. I wonder if there is room to introduce this part of the plan with a lower levy, say 1.5% to 2.0%.

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Support

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Keep up the good work Wayne and don't let those idiots at AT off the hook. AT needs to be prevented from undertaking their silly ideas with cycle ways, raised crossings and hindering vehicle access to shopping areas.



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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Local events, Youth activities

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Tell us why

I would like to see budget to improve public transport operation model to bring down the fares. The current fares are still way too less attractive than driving and parking, which doesn't make any sense to invest in public transport if not enough people use them.

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Do not support

Tell us why

This doesn't make sense to me as if these major events are financially healthy, why we have \$7m shortfall? I would like all events which need public finance support to be reviewed and approved based on the financial return.

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Support

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The current red bin sizes and charges are confusing. I don't see it would reduce the overall rubbish. I don't think the fee structure are fair and would encourage people to reduce rubbish. To encourage that, small bin charge should be significantly less. The food scrap bin is till useless as I can see so it is very unfair for households who are already composing. I also would like to see much more investment on recycling locally. What's the point when people take time to recycle but council sends excess to landfill at back?

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Please please please prioritize the budget onto what we need and need urgently, NOT what we want. Some fancy ideas could be good only after we've catered for our essential needs.



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I don't know

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Support all

Tell us why

They all sound well worth doing.

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I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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I think the most important thing is to complete the CRL and gauge its impact on how people move around the city. It may centralise the city around the CBD so more resources will need to be invested there. On the other hand, people may use it to get from one end of the city to the other and the various town centres will maintain importance.



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Support all

Tell us why

It's sensible and addresses the key issues facing Auckland

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Support

Tell us why

It's common practice around the world

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Support

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Support all

Tell us why

They all seem sensible proposals.

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Very important

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Why isn't improving the footpaths on Nelson Street & Hobson Street a priority - this area has the highest population density in NZ?

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

In general it is alright, but need more investment into events, arts, urban regeneration and active, public transport.

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Support

Tell us why

I fully support a bed night visitor levy, and would also support more substantial levies on AirBnB businesses. Additionally, I do not want cuts to event activities, and would support a rates rise if no bed night levy is implemented.

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Support

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I would support higher rates increases to ensure services are not cut. Additionally, I would support a higher Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate to ensure important projects are not cut due to any central government funding shortfalls.

Question 4:

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Support most

Tell us why

Better transport, better/new water systems/Pipelines around our area. For fairer funding for our locals/community.

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I don't know

Tell us why

Unsure how that will help our community

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Support most

Tell us why

It's proactive & bright people have come up with the concept.

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Support

Tell us why

We don't want rate payers contributing more - higher CV's will bust the economy ... no money over after mortgage payments. We are a low average income country paying insane accommodation costs!

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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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Population growth is relatively static so the \$ pool is stagnant.

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

I don't know

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

Homelessness - never ending? Most homeless are pretend homeless. Auckland Central is party central until you crash somewhere. Like cockroaches, those who move on are replaced by others ***** bent on sleeping over, begging, doping up, trashing public facilities & tagging their patch. IT IS THEIR RIGHT. & they adore being on stage with overhang shelter. Don't feel sorry for them & ignore their plight - it's manufactured extortion. FORGET ABOUT THE HOMELESS!! It's imaginary.

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Transport needs focus

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Support

Tell us why

Auckland needs to have events and as visitors benefit from these free events, it is fair for them to pay a levy for them

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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)

Stop raising rates so much. People cannot afford them. Charge a fee to renters also.

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Local board priorities

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None



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Do not support most

Tell us why

Council remains profligate with almost no evidence of cost control or delivering value for ratepayers 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

The Council should cease ALL funding of these activities. There is no evidence of a commercial return but just a number of 'feel good' or general statements about tourism. There is zero evidence this spending delivers anything but employment for Council staff

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)

Overall rates increase of 6.8% is well above the inflation rates in your own supporting documents. A real increase of 4% is not justified. The Council should be targeting rates DECREASES at least in inflation-adjusted terms - i.e. for 25/26 the maximum increase in spending should be set at 3% (or less) then cut the budget accordingly. A 10% reduction in Council employment numbers would be a great start and show to ratepayers that the Council is serious about controlling its costs

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

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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

These are meaningless projects just keeping Council busy spending money. Stop ALL this spending and deliver rate decreases. Stopping ALL nice to do activities and only focus on core services and essential works None of these priorities are defined clearly enough and not costed - so none can be supported by anyone who understands use of funds - ask yourselves a simple question: Would you spend this money if it was your own? If not - then do not spend it because it is Other People's Money.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

All of these are unnecessary activities. Stop them all and save ratepayers money. Disband the local boards as these are just a waste of time and money. Council have ruined the CBD amenity so no need to do it elsewhere - unless the objective is to make Auckland close to an expensive unliveable city. Local Board dealing with homelessness - seriously? This is NOT part of the Council's activities. Seismic strengthening of Leys Institute - really? Complete waste of money - the geological setting of Auckland is such that seismic events of any magnitude are very unlikely. Community climate action and sustainability - this is just feel good waffle - stop it entirely.

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Auckland Council continues to lack any financial constraints and the default position is ongoing rates increases in real terms rather than controlling spending. The Council is run for the benefit of employees with scant regard for ratepayers money. Eventually the socialist Councillors driving this will run out of ratepayers money.



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Support all

Tell us why

Seems fair and balanced

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Support

Tell us why

Should help to secure funding for future events ; and typical visitors to such events won't be put off by 3 % taxes.

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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 most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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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)

Greatest need n(homelessness) should be the priority

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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More focus on environmental improvements including tree planting and cycle lanes.

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Support

Tell us why

It makes sense to charge visitors a small cost to help fund making Auckland an attractive destination.

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Support

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

The Leys Institute has sadly been left to deteriorate for too long. This building is much cherished and loved institution that needs to be preserved for future generations. What is missing from the plan is a focus on more safe cycle lanes in our community especially for Ponsonby Road. I would also like more street tree planting in the area to help with climate change.

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There is no mention of creating a safer neighbourhood such as slowing traffic down on Richmond Road and Ponsonby Road. More speed control measures.



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Support

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I don't know

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.

Less important

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

I would prefer the board focuses on maintaining infrastructure and ensuring efficient delivery of core services- transport, refuse collection, libraries etc.

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

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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

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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:

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None

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Support most

Tell us why

I mostly support the above investment in Auckland's resilience and vital infrastructure - particularly water infrastructure. I am worried that the bed night levy will detract visitors considering cost of living is already very high at the moment. I do not support it. I am happy if we do not market events further in Auckland to those around NZ

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Focus on environmental sustainability, restoration, waste minimisation, resilience, infrastructure, and water etc.. Things that benefits the most amount of people in Auckland, NZ = best value for money. Surely footpaths in the domain and destination marketing etc. aren't that important in the grand scheme.



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Support all

Tell us why

Makes sense to what you said you would do

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Support

Tell us why

Also makes sense to me

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Not in this plan but I would like someone to check the plan and more so the costs of refurbishing the small section of land behind the railway station in the central city. What I read about this a few weeks ago Orla absurdly slow and expensive are us rate payers getting value for money as it doesn't look like it to me.



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Support

Tell us why

It will bring in extra money for the city and for those who do Air B+B etc and don't want to pay the fee, their property will go back to being a regular rental home hopefully.

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Support

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Question 5: Other feedback

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I don't know

Tell us why

I own a unit at *** Street Auckland, unit number ***. Previously, I was able to claim remission rate for my unit. The remission was supposed to be for 10 years, however, it was discontinued with effect from last year. I am not sure why this was discontinued. When I asked Auckland Council via email why it was discontinued, no reason was given to me. My name is ***.

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Please keep Auckland Council rate affordable for those who own units at short stay accommodation. Owners own their units, however, these units are leased to operators. These operators decide on the daily rates for guest to stay, not owners. Owners are paid a fixed amount each year for leasing these units to operators as part of the T&C of the lease. The Auckland council rate is not paid by the operators, the rate is paid by owners. The one that makes the profits are the operators, from the daily rates these operators charge guest who are staying in these units. By charging a levy for each day of stay, the operators will be contributing to the revenue for Auckland Council, instead of making owners bear 100% for the revenue for Auckland Council. Thank you. *** Email ***



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

Safety is the foundation of everything else. There's currently an overly bad perception for safety in this area which gets in the way of it's development and people enjoying the city centre. There's also some reality to this perception - particularly due to homelessness.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Not enough emphasis on investment in infrastructure. Too much finance going into events and cultural initiatives. more control required over the CCOs

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Do not support

Tell us why

Who collects the Levy ? How do we know that it would be spent on maintaining core Events (Tennis, Marathon,)? Reverting to Targetted Rates is not equitable as once a property is labelled for the Targeted Rate how is that removed if the property reverts to its primary use - eg residential?

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Can you demonstrate the overall benefits achieved with using Targeted Rates, especially the BID ones?

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Tell us why

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Why are only these specific projects listed ? More priority to be given to ending implementation of new cycle paths

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Reprioritise infrastructure over cultural need. Include the planning for another harbour crossing Show the budgets for the operating, repairs and maintenance of the CRL Restrict the control of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to the care of the mountains and not dictate who can and who cannot utilise these facilities



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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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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)

Community development and support activities, Local events, Grants

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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

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Do not support most

Tell us why

i dont want higher rates- you cant even clean up k road

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Why do you let so many criminal live on k-road, i have seen them robbing small business mulptile times. they *****, vommit and ***** on the footpath in broad day light. they harass people all the time. they smoke and inject meth in broad daylight. its actually insane how much they don't care. they don't care because they know no one does anything. When I saw a guy behind the counter trying to steal from the till from the Thai restaurant in Lim Chour, people were eating, and no one did anything except me. the haka lodge and that coffee place, you allow these places to exist, they all congregate, buy and sell drugs off each, fight each other, walk around like little gangs intimidating people together. its just so yuck. what is the council doing? those security guards just drink energy drink and vape all day. u need to do more u need to clean up k road



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Support most

Tell us why

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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

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.

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

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

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)

Arts and Culture are very important to me. I have significantly benefited from Te Uru as an art institution. I have shown at the Gallery, and it has been vital in creating a sustainable career in Contemporary Art. Its continued funding is very important because I want the opportunities I was offered to be offered to other artists,

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Support

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Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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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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

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Other

Tell us why

This has been unfairly carried out already in many apartment buildings across the city that has left many owner occupier owners fighting to get their rates switched back to Residential. The rollout was not carried out fairly, some of my neighbours use their apartments part time like some kiwis use beach houses and it's very very poorly handled. If the Council make a mistake in commercially rating a property, the change should be made immediately not waiting until the 30th June for the change over. This is simply not fair when the Council start charging commercial rates effective immediately. I support the bed tax on genuine short stay properties that are used for more than 6 months a year by short stay providers.

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

Homelessness and rough sleepers now have shopping trolleys added to their mixture of personal belongings and I've noticed a few tents popping up in Victoria Park. These items need to

be removed immediately so copy cat behaviour doesn't happen. There needs to be harsher bylaws around beggars and people drinking alcohol outside shops and in community places, pour it out immediately. I have noticed a real improvement in the safety and general vibe of the city since the presence of the heartofthecity guards, Auckland Council guards and Police are present, thank you! More of this please, perhaps more around Karanagahape Road!

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

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Support most

Tell us why

Transport is important! Just not clicking all because, in honesty, I skimmed the plan so can't say I support it ALL.

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Support

Tell us why

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Doesn't affect me so don't have anything to say

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Support most

Tell us why

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Other

Tell us why

I don't think it's a bad idea, but I do think that it increases administrative complexity, and potentially does adversely affect any stay-cationers / will result in that fee being passed on to in-Auckland visitors somehow. I don't think that there's a particularly elegant solution to this. I think that this particular visitor levy (if implemented), needs to be carefully examined such that it doesn't turn into another burden for Aucklanders. I don't think that an additional 3% charge will deter anyone from visiting however, so as long as the above criteria are met, this feels like a free-roll.

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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'm a big fan of increasing rates. It's important that Aucklanders are the ones who pay for Auckland's success. I don't like the idea of residents within this lovely city of ours complaining because they can't afford rates. Stop drinking the additional box every week and you'll be able to.

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

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

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

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.

Very important

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

I plan on moving to Panmure soon, and I think that ensuring that it is a safe place to live for years on end, is a critical need to rehabilitate its current image. To do so, it's important that we take care of the youth who live there, it's important that we make it a cultural centre, and it's important that it remains safe, and has nice, available, and usable public amenities.

Waitematā 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

Resilience planning is absolutely critical for Auckland at this point in time.

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

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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

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)

Can't win them all. Think that the pool + groups who have less considerations aren't the ones you can focus on right now for economic prosperity. Let us make some money, and then spend it on the less fortunate.

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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, 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

It's surprisingly good. Well done.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

more public transport please :)

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?

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?

Waitematā

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

I don't know

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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

Less 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 climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Need to reduce expenditure. Cut 25% of staff and projects. Go back to basics.

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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

Stop adding taxes. Council are terrible at spending money. Most is wasted on overheads and consultants. Get out of the way and make council as small as possible.

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

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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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Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

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

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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)

Stop wasting money on construction projects which you are terrible at. Get more police patrols to take homeless off streets to somewhere safe and return any extra money to rate payers

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local events

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Tell us here

Please make an effort to reduce expenditure. Council are a huge drag on economic growth and one of the main sources of inflation and key reason for high cost of living in Auckland



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Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Support the investment into our transport and water infrastructure and predominantly the rest of the split. I don't seem to read anywhere an investment or direction to utilising more intelligent technologies and/or practical Smart City solutions to optimise the delivery of public services and save money.

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

Definitely, it's done all over the world, and most tourists that come here probably expect it anyway given it's commonplace globally. Yes Yes Yes

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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)

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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

Community programmes and services, Grants, Local waste minimisation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

It add life to our world! Those that dont want that can live outside of the city circle...

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Very important

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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.

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

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Local arts and culture activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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Support most

Tell us why

Its great to see continuing investment in projects to reduce emissions and improve transport. A few things: -we are yet to see the final state AT will take once its reformed; its important that functions taken from them are about stages in the process, rather than modes; transport is a multi-modal system, planning needs to be done only by people who understand all modes and users and how

they interact, then design, then implementation, operations needs to be the same. Whatever parts AT still manages, they need to manage for all modes. Enough of the 'silos' of people scrapping over road space for different modes when it all is one integrated system. The mega-projects need to stop. We need to understand the term 'opportunity cost'. The Eastern busway, supposedly about buses, but strangely big on car capacity, is way over scoped - they should have tried simpler bus priority on our existing streets first! That must be the last mega project, before we move onto making better use of existing streets by reallocating space to walking, cycling, and clever PT tweaks. In terms of cycling, we need cheap concrete separators on existing roads, rather than mega projects like GI to Tamaki or New Lynn to Avondale shared path type things; those budgets go far further on existing streets! In saying that, where is the money to finish the cycleway network? We won't see the benefits for most of Auckland until the network is more connected! unlock the benefits of the projects we have already built. Also, I would like to thank AT for once - after years of misleading community about upcoming projects, they are finally building some good stuff in 2025! I can't believe we're still spending John Keys 2016 Urban cycleway fund! Please find out who has been making things happen over the past year and ensure they keep their job. Also make sure those who wasted our money and time delaying good projects is removed in the restructure

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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

Tourists should have to contribute a bit more to visit our great city - its very affordable by international standards

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?**

Waitematā

Waitematā 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 support the flood resilience work and ending homelessness, and increasing perceptions of safety to a lesser degree. Some people don't understand the importance of 'ending homelessness' because they concentrate largely on the benefits to the homeless people. I think the story needs to be told strongly about the benefits to everyone when we don't have people sleeping on the streets and increased antisocial behavior - these things have a real impact on the perception of our city and on what/where people are comfortable going. I don't understand the importance of the other 5 priorities yet. I believe more effort needs to go into improving our streets, particularly for walking, cycling and bus priority, and that the local board should support that in every way possible. The Waitematā local board already has very high usage of each of these modes due to our short commutes, high densities, confluence of routes, and that we don't have as much fully subsidised car parking. There's huge potential to make that far greater with appropriate infrastructure, like the upgrades to Queen St in 2023, Te Ha Noa, Meola Rd, Vic St Cycleway extension, Project K, and Great North Rd. Bus lanes can be so cheap. Protected cycleways often can be cheap too - look at vic st cycleway extension, or upcoming plans for Canada for affordable quick projects. Raised tables may be out of fashion for arterials, but are great on side street entrances - especially when designed as a 'continuous footpath'. On arterials, we can have lane narrowing (using islands) and chicanes to control speeds without the downsides people talk about with tables.... it's a cheaper solution too! We also must avoid shared paths, especially at intersections! We don't talk enough about the importance of 'separated footpaths' for pedestrians, especially those less able. We can't continue to normalise scooting and cycling on footpaths, or shared paths which are visually the

same. We need separated footpaths and separated cycleways, with at least a short mountable kerb between them, like whats on K Rd. We also need to focus on connecting the projects we do build - they aren't very usable until they connect. Im a civil engineer and am really keen to help with local understanding of how to build quick, cheap projects to make streets actually work for all modes - please get in touch if you'd like me to detail this content more, or help in any other way sam.hood1@me.com

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

A lot of people are quite put off by homeless people in the City Centre, the most visible street in Auckland. This should be a regional top priority, given its the busiest street in Auckland, the centrepiece of the economy, and where those visiting auckland spend much of their time We have opportunities to help them, plus all Aucklanders, plus safety, perception and business by helping these individuals off the street Really like recent work to have more security around the city centre - seems to be working well Wondering if you are able to add that I request the Local board champion Access for Everyone. As a city centre resident, worker, and shopper - Im really looking forward to council and At getting on with plans to change vehicle circulation and fully pedestrianise the Queen Street Valley.

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local events

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Tell us here

I would like to thank Council and the Mayor for pushing back against government trying to take control off Aucklanders. Please keep fighting their motorway plans eg Mill Rd and east west link - they will increase congestion, sever communities, raise emissions and reduce transport choice. Please fight to keep our public transport frequent and affordable against their plans. On that - please make AT install more bus priority; the best way to reduce costs while increasing revenue. Please push back on the Government pushing changes to speed limits. And finally, please ensure the Mayor and his team are re-trained following the embarrassing mis step about the victoria Street Cycleway extension a few weeks ago. Mr Brown Claiming not to be able to find out anything about a very well consulted on and popular project made him and his team look out of control and incompetent. Its especially embarrassing because it turns out the project is actually the pinnacle of the mayors ideology about quick, cheap, effective changes.... a very short link on a street with way more lanes than it needs, connecting Queen St to the entire cycleway network, timed with scheduled road maintenance



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

They quality and amount of service hasn't increased so there is no enough reason to increase rate for council's own bad management.

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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

Increase the visitor levy paid will drive up the accommodation cost which make Auckland less attractive to stay overnight.

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:

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

Waitematā



Waitematā 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

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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

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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

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

7. Enhance perceptions of safety. The crime had increased significantly in the recent year. It made residents no longer feel safe live in the community any more.

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Please do something to control the crime.



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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

We need more international events to generate revenue for NZ business's/ domestic tourism

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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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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

Fairly 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.

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

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Grants, Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities

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Support most

Tell us why

Living in Parnell our rates are extremely high already and seeing this money go to silly road non issues is not how I want to see money spent. Adding speed humps in low traffic areas, footpath widening, silly red painted areas is just ridiculous. We have bigger issues to think about like ensuring infrastructure (water, waste) is future proofed and nature/parks and rubbish are

prioritised. Instead of the extra money Parnell pays in their rates and that money being spent in Parnell specifically. I would like to see this money spent for the greater Auckland. Additionally a 5.8% increase might seem small but on top of everything else, its a lot. At least spend the money wisely. I need to learn about the transport component here.

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Support

Tell us why

Sounds like a good idea.

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Support

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Support all

Tell us why

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Very important

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Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

I don't think local councils should be prioritising sports and recreational opportunities for groups that have less. Whilst I love this idea, I think this should be done through private organisations and

not for profits. I would rather councils focus on items that effect everyone - key spaces for everyone, improving infrastructure, preserving heritage etc. Ending homelessness on the other hand is a big issue where this does effect everyone - it would improve safety for those using space and for those that are homeless. I would need to hear more information on the community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety to make an informed decision.

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

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

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Less money spent on silly cotton wool roading issues and more money on bigger key issues.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Very important

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

As Curator at Te Uru, I am prioritising Arts Funding. This is a major driver of visitation to the area, including local and international visitors, which benefits all businesses and provides vital opportunities for international exposure. Te Uru builds upon the existing cultural reputation of the Waitakere Ranges, which has a proud history of resident artists (many of whom are internationally renowned), extending this into global networks. We offer crucial time and space for social engagement, reflection, and education across our exhibition and public programming, which bring local dialogues and concerns into conversation with international communities, fostering inter-cultural exchange. At a recent panel discussion with Gretchen Albrecht, over 120 people attended. Examples include our dialogue exhibitions which pair local and international artists, and our Visiting Curators Programme, which invites international curators to Tāmaki Makaurau to meet with local artists and establish opportunities overseas. Upcoming is an exhibition pairing senior Maori artist Peter Robinson and renowned Italian artist Giorgio Griffa. Most organisations would not take such initiatives without specified funding, which illustrates Te Uru's commitment to extending beyond its immediate remit to benefit the local community. Importantly, Te Uru is a safe space for everyone to

ruminate and converse about pressing issues, without which, we are more at risk of alienated experience and impoverished attitudes. Since joining Te Uru, I have seen a drastic rise in attendance, and also in our international profile—especially from esteemed artists and colleagues from Australia, Europe, and America. Te Uru is uniquely placed to go even further, and could become one of the most respected art institutions in the region. To do this requires further support from the Local Board in the form of enhanced belief in the value of our contribution, and commensurate baseline funding—budgets at Te Uru are well below those of similar arts organisations, which applies undue stress on operations and unfair expectations on employees of the organisation who are working tirelessly despite obstacles. The current model relies on in-kind work and contributions from employees, artists, and collaborators, making it unsustainable. Artists and arts workers are tax-paying members of the community and deserve to have their work acknowledged and ruminated fairly, especially given the importance of their sociocultural duties and far-reaching impact on perceptions of the local and national community. I encourage you to speak with any member of the arts community in Aotearoa, who I am certain will relay the excitement around our programming and ambitions.

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Wasteful spending on cycling lanes Wasteful spending on bus lanes spending \$60 million on something that is meaningless wast what public need is good quality roads hood quality footpath not third world.

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Support

Tell us why

As long the levy is fix price don't over charge Auckland Council get money hungry

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Support

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It's fair

Question 4:

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

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 most

Tell us why

Funding should be based merit bases not on political merit what important to to use as ratepayers that fect our delay lives like extremely disrespectful roads dirty streets streets lighting when this complaint only then Funding should located for others thinks at no extra cost to ratepayers

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

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

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.

Very important

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

Provide more facilities in parks more to do this meaningful fun enjoyable keeps public health

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Support most

Tell us why

There definitely needs to be more investment in transport, particularly public transport.

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Support

Tell us why

It works well in other places like Barcelona.

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I don't know

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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?**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.

Less 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.

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)

My main concerns for the local area are around safety and supporting local businesses.

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Support most

Tell us why

I generally do not see the value relative to the rates we spend - most of the transport things that occur seem pointless.

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Do not support

Tell us why

We have higher priorities than this

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Support

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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

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The council needs to urgently cut costs dramatically. There is no justification for the proposed rates increase given the level of unnecessary and wasteful spending.

Question 4:

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

I do not support the City Centre Masterplan as this contains a raft of measures that are not needed or wanted by most citizens of Auckland. In particular the plan to turn Victoria street into a park is a terrible idea that severs one of the main cross town links. Queen Street and most of the CBD has become a no-go area based on the implementation of the plan so far. It is difficult for Auckland's to engage with these plans in any meaningful way due to the scale of the changes involved and the monstrous bureaucracy that is pushing them forward without any real buy in from Aucklanders. This survey provides a link to a Consultation Document that has only a brief paragraph to summarise an enormous amount of information that is difficult to locate and engage with for most Aucklanders. I have no confidence that most of the plans have any real support in the 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

Less 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

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)

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The budget for this should be slashed dramatically to focus on the basics. The current plan shows an exorbitant budget without proper attribution of how this is being allocated. The council should not be funding most of these activities.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Our rate payer base is not large enough to support these activities.

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Support

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Tell us why

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

Grey Lynn Park is on top of a swamp. If there is another flood event it will flood again. Leys Institute - we need community spaces in Ponsonby. It is densely populated area. We need an emergency hub and this building is ideal for it.

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

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Tell us why

The annual plan is massive. Needs a significant amount of time to even try to digest, let alone understand in detail.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Centralised planning and spend is always a disaster.

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Support

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Council needs to cut spending massively and get more out of the spending it does retain. Cut rates, focus spending and tighten procurement/contracts.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

1. Talking with young people and children...—of course. But why is this a key project/activity? It's BASIC outreach. 2. Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks EXCELLENT 3. Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre. EXCELLENT 4. Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres EXCELLENT The rest are gibberish word salads. I think they are presented intentionally as vague as possible. Let's see some concrete examples of what is considered appropriate to fund and what isn't.

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.

Less 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.

Very 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)

Recycling has to WORK and actually be sustainable. Also our environment is terrible. Polluted and overwhelmed with runoff, rubbish, chemicals and other pollutants, council needs to take a very tough line and invest in prevention of pollution and mitigation of existing polluted land, walkways, streams, water, etc. Also, ban use of pesticides and sprays, opting for completely natural solutions to weed control etc.

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Auckland Transport is not fit for purpose. The planning, design and implementation of AT objectives are absolutely terrible. Delivery is shabby at best and most often design is world-losing. No comprehension of best practices available from other countries worldwide AT spends way too much for far too little. Abolish AT and start again. Focus on active modes of transport, public transport that is convenient, fairly-priced, and frequent, then people will naturally gravitate to it rather than too much disincentive to use other modes. More carrot and less stick. Watercare are

not fit for purpose and need to be disbanded and started again. Focus on healthy water rather than using toxic treatment such as fluoridation which should be immediately halted and opposed at the relevant political levels and courts. Council needs to focus less on income from its natural monopolies like water, and focus on quality of product.



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Question 4:

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Waitematā



Waiheke 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?

Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

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

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?

Tell us why

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I would reduce or even eliminate the UAGC, while keeping the total Auckland-wide residential rates the same. This would make rates a less regressive tax, since the UAGC means that the rates bill as a proportion of property value is higher for lower-valued properties.

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I don't know

Tell us why

The fact that we are trying to fund our events more seems like a good idea, but I am not too sure whether visitors would be pleased with the idea of paying for not staying as long. There could be better ways to solve this issue rather than making people pay up.

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Do not support

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Support

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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

Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

A big thumbs-up to focusing our transport budget on ways that help Auckland meet its climate commitments.

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Support

Tell us why

A good way to fund major events and to capture some of the benefits of those events that accrue to accommodation providers. Please consider applying a threshold to avoid imposing costs and admin overheads on, for example, Airbnb providers that host only a handful of paying guests.

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Support

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Albert-Eden

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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

Definitely support the community programmes that are delivered by our libraries example Tai Chi. I attend both the Mt Albert and Epsom library Tai Chi groups. Embracing all cultures is important to community well being. Support most other initiatives they all make sense. Increasing the number of local events arts especially in local parks. Talking with young people to find out what is important to them will help to get buy in from them.

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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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.

Very important

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

I attend Tai Chi at both the Mt Albert and Epsom libraries. I am a senior citizen and appreciate the funding given to the libraries so that I can enjoy this activity which is vital for my health and well being.

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

The only part me and my house hold/ community group, strongly disagree with us spending any council money on purely Maori based grants or outcomes. This is race based spending. Why would we pay for marae things at all when we don't pay for church repairs?! Any grant/scholarship

should be open to all and the most deserving person gets it. Not based on gender/sexual orientation or race! Ever! This is racism.

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Support

Tell us why

This will bring in more money for Auckland and the greater Auckland region. The main thing is always return on investment with the different events council support or contrite to.

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

If they are apart of Auckland then they pay Auckland rates

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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 any

Tell us why

Only if we have the funds should we always contribute. No blank check we just can't afford it. Community groups / charities may have to self fundraise this next year.

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

Very 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

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

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)

Firstly can we please have all questions all words in English and Maori. Otherwise how is it fair for EVERYONE to fully comprehend each question or statement. If Aucklands budget is in the red we need to get that health again so we can pay for more of the nice to have things. We shouldn't be borrowing for these things that isn't health and safety. Any funds given should have actual accountable outcomes/can confirm deliverables. No more blank checks.

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The whole document/presentation needs to have a full English version including place names. Not all people know the new Maori names so have both. English and Maori. Get Auckland to a state where we can drive around without all the road works. Get Auckland safer with a stronger fight against crime, drugs and alcohol. Why is there no laws imposed on KRD and Queen st? Why can the homeless trash anything, do drugs on the st/drink and steal and have no punishment? They threaten kids walking to school or people going to work. They make the city unsafe and for such a small group of people doing so much damage it's disgusting. Our clean green image is a joke! In an ideal situation I would 100% back all community events and the arts but we just can't afford it. People will need to self fund until we have the cash to do so. We need to be able to feel safe and clean, this should be priority. What we spend council money on should be able to see the actual return on investment/result. People need to be held accountable for their spending/usage/actions.



#2071



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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:

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Support all

Tell us why

I support the focus on infrastructure investment via the Auckland future fund, the repair of pot holes in 24 hours, the improvement to recreational facilities, the focus on active and public transport and the drive for efficiencies to keep rate rises reasonable.

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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 proposed increase per night is negligible. Raising revenue in this manner is equitable as it is more closely aligned to user pays and does not pass the burden of funding major events such as the America's Cup across the rate payer base and onto those least able to afford it or not interested in the event. It is a model adopted by other countries and NZ is too cautious about adopting visitor levies. Tourists have free access to a host of wonderful attractions from the Waitakeres through to heavily subsidised DOC facilities..

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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:

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

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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I don't know

Tell us why

Not knowledgeable in this area

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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

Help fund more events to keep Auckland lively and growing

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)

Not knowledgeable in this area

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Manurewa, Waitematā



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?

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

Fairly important

Improving sports fields including maintenance, sand-carpeting and lighting

Less 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

Less important

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

Fairly 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

Fairly 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

Less important

Scaling up the work being delivered to achieve environmental outcomes

Fairly 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

Less important

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

Less important

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

The roaming dogs and crime are massive issues in Manurewa, please stop this.

Fenced Dog Exercise Areas

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

No

Tell us why

The people who own roaming dogs don't care about them, they just let them breed and sell them. Providing spaces will not help the issue and responsible dog owners look after their dogs responsibly and don't let them roam. Target illegal breeding and ownership, be stricter on penalties for bad dog owners

Waitematā 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?

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

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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

The homeless are killing Auckland's night life - even day life, hurting businesses and the community. I avoid leaving my house past 6pm due the fear of being attacked or robbed by them as I have witnessed (and reported to police) many instances of illegal and violent behavior by them. Also please police K road as there are many antisocial and violent people there.

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 events, Local waste minimisation activities

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

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

Tourism is vital for our city and economy and we need to find a way to fund the attraction of visitors to our city. Tourism is a huge opportunity for Auckland city and the wider region, particularly with the issues in North America and other parts of the world.

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?

Waitematā



Waitematā 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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Very important

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Less important

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Less important

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Very important

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

I live in Grey Lynn and support the Local Board actions for Waitematā, I particularly support prioritising flood resilience actions for Grey Lynn Park which constantly has water issues. I would like to see part of this park returned to a natural waterway to accommodate the water issues. I would like to see development of a Council recreation centre/pool for my area, we do not have one.

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Tell us why

Don't support the the 5.8 percent increase in rates, as this will uave a negative impact on renters as well.

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Support

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Ōrākei

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?

Support all

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

Fairly 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

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Fairly important

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

Less 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

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Support most

Tell us why

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I don't know

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Local board priorities

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Waitematā

Waitematā 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

SUPPORT: Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain. Some areas of the footpaths are difficult to navigate and their need to be better cycle paths too. Support for ending homelessness in Auckland. Unsure about other proposed changes that are not close to where I live e.g Grey Lynn 'Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety' should be enhancing safety not 'perceptions' of safety. How do perceptions of safety help?

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

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly important

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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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Community development and support activities,Grants,Local waste minimisation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

Once again the council staff have made it so hard to wade through the multiple pages of council speak that it puts a lot off contributing to this exercise. Of course the initial welcome to do so is in Maori which very few citizens understand, another way to dissuade people from making their views heard. I'm assuming this is the aim.

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?

I don't know

Tell us why

I dont want my not inconsiderable rates being spent on feel good events and cultural festivities that should be funded by the persons wanting to attend them. I want you to sort out the roads, water buses etc. Stick to the basics. If you did this you would not need a bed tax

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.

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)

Taking rubbish away is your business. If you didnt waste money on stupid feelgood stuff you would not need to tax the Franklin/Rodney citizens

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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

Stick to the basics. Water roads rubbish. Not pump tracks and allowing the grooming of infants in libraries by transvestites. Stop the unelected zealots in Tupunga Maunga chopping down healthy trees in public parks. Social engineering is not the business of councils. Stop unelected bureaucrats from banning meetings in public places if they have alternate views.

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.

Less 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.

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.

Less important

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

If having pedophiles grooming children in libraries is part of this stop it now! and allowing unelected zealots to chop down healthy trees in the public parks is so wrong.

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Mayor Brown is fantastic. I will vote for him again.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I have a concern about funding for parks and libraries, mainly because I don't understand what the plan means in real terms. I view these facilities as being of extreme importance to people's mental health and I'm worried that the public would be asked to pay to access.

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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

Supporting local cultural groups ,(,people-focus) is more important than attracting visitors (money-focus).

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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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Waitematā



Waitemata 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 believe that higher priority should be given to actions that proactively (not reactively) address climate change issues and that provide benefit to all members of the community. This means that I do not agree with reducing funding for many of the items in the second list. Indeed, most of these items should, in my view, be prioritised.

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

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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 climate action and sustainability activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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Support most

Tell us why

we should change the balance of what we spend on by making the city less car centric. this would allow us to reduce the amount we spend on transport and allow for more spending on the natural environment. there is an ongoing need for pest control to be able to match the achievements of

Whanganui a Tara in this area, while the weed problem is spinning out of control due to underfunding.

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Support

Tell us why

Take care to continue and extend the smaller community-based events, such as Music in Parks and Jazz at the Rotunda

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Support

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

A priority that is missing is the environment. Supporting Urban Ark and other individual environmental initiatives is super important

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Support

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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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I don't know

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Very important

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Less important

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

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Build light rail out to the airport already



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I mostly support the annual plan but want to see more investment in public transport, cycle-ways and greenhouse gas emission reduction

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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

allows for better funding of events, event management and destination marketing. It is common and accepted visitor funding levy that is used throughout the world to promote cities

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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)

While not a specific proposal - I also support an increase to resident parking zones annual fee. It should be increased significantly (100%) At \$70 p.a. it is very low. The increased revenue could be used to fund public transport

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā 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

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Question 5: Other feedback

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I am mostly supportive of the annual plan however recommend in addition that the council should increase above annual budget amount additional spending in public transport, cycle-ways and greenhouse gas emission reductions that the current proposed spending in the 2025/2026 annual budget Increase above the annual budget amount additional spending on the removal of level crossings on the western line in the 2025/2026 annual budget



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Support

Tell us why

because it would draw more people to auckland, because in the end a lot of our city income comes from them buying stuff and not from taxing them.

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

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Support

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Homelessness is a problem where I live. I don't want to be asked by a random person asking me to pay for a vape while I'm walking to school.

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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

I strongly support this. This provides a massive tangible benefit to Auckland and is something that many visitors would consider as a barely noticeable cost. Yes please

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Support

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Very important

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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)

I would love to see projects like the Grey Lynn paddling pool upgraded to a splashpad, however the paddling pool already provides considerable positive benefits and is a pleasant place to be around for all. I think it is best to focus more on high impact projects, and ones that are more important, rather than focusing on improving things that are already good.

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

Community development and support activities,Local events,Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

seems decent

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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've visited plenty of major cities where they had a bed tax and it never put me off. New Zealand is not a cheap holiday destination, so I doubt anyone travelling here will find the cost to be exorbitant. It makes perfect sense to charge a bed tax to help support tourist and event infrastructure, given in a lot of cases they're the ones benefiting.

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?

Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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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.

Less 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.

Fairly 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.

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)

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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

Other cities do it, why not, especially when people travel to Auckland to attend these events

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Disapprove of any changes to Grey Lynn paddling pool

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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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

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)

Grey Lynn paddling pool: it's great as it is, there's other splashpads people can go to not much further away. It's a unique offering that doesn't need to be modified. Community services programming/support for ending homelessness: don't know how much Auckland council can do just by itself given these are issues fed by larger government policies, but it's the main thing people seem to complain about when they talk about the central city - or at least parrot what they've heard from others.

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

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Yes - I would love there to be some focus on improving the livability of the central city to its 40k residents. We endure hours of loud music from buskers who should be limited to specific areas and times and managed better - they should be paying for their licenses. There should be camera-based fines for cars playing music at ridiculous volumes on Friday and Saturday nights. Other cities have these! People revving engines and blasting music through the night makes it so difficult for inner city residents to sleep, and Auckland desperately needs people to a) embrace high density living and b) live in the central city so we don't experience the donut effect and it is a safer place to be with more community. Noise control is not an effective solution. This kind of thing could be legislated and enforced as it happens, and it would make a huge difference to the lives on inner city residents



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I want to see a repurposing of council owned golf courses. Presently there are 13, covering 535 hectares of prime land. We need to open these spaces up to build new, quality suburbs to take the pressure of the housing crisis. We could also convert some of these into parks for everyone to

enjoy, not just a relatively tiny group within our city. We could also look at selling some of these to help finance regenerating desperately neglected assets like Pt Erin.

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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

I support as long as it doesn't deter visitors

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?

Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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.

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.

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.

Fairly 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.

Fairly 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)

I really want to see some investment in Pt Erin Pools. This is a much loved asset but it's really showing a lack of investment. It needs to be revitalised like the Tepid Baths were. A complete success IMO. I totally support an upgrade to the paddling pool in Grey Lynn. If anything, it need to be converted into a full public pool

Waitematā 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.

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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

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

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Fairly important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Very 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)

Ending homelessness should be top priority. Grey Lynn Paddling pool should be made into a public, heated pool (Tepid)

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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,Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

Please repurpose council owned golf courses into housing and public spaces for everyone



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Support most

Tell us why

Would love to see even more money and support for public transport and more details on next steps for improving/growing the system after CRL

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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

Do what is necessary to attract more events and culture to Auckland, use these funds to drive farther tourism and cultural 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?

Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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?

Support all

Tell us why

Love the local libraries and community centres, focusing on increasing their resources is money well spent. Thanks!

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Waitematā 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

Footpath improvements in the domain are great! Now please crack down on people driving their cars through the lawn. My family nearly got run over on New Years Eve because people were using the Domain lawn as a car playground.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

It seems like a good idea, and as a local I enjoy those 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)

As long as the cost is not unreasonable I think it makes sense for rubbish / recycling to be consistent city-wide. I do not live in those areas however. I live in the CBD and wish that there was food scraps collection here.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

All seem like positive steps :)

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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

All these things sound good, though I've never noticed the deficiencies of the footpaths in the Domain - but if it's needed, it's needed and hopefully it can get done.

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities

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I generally support rates going up so that the Council has a larger operating budget. I would like the food scraps program to be more reliably offered in central Auckland /CBD - I live in an apartment building in Eden Terrace and it is not offered.



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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Many cities around the world do this, and it is just an expected cost when staying there.

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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)

5.8% rates increase seems large when property values have increased so much anyway.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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Fairly important

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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)

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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

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Completing Transformational Move 8 from the City Centre Master Plan 2020. When work begins on demolishing the Downtown Carpark, the Hobson Street Bridge (ID:01052) should be removed at the same time to reduce disruption. Reinstate the Sturdee Street ramp to Fanshawe Street for active modes and wheelchair users, and complete north-south stitch to the waterfront.



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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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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

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

Less 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)

We should live in a city that has little to no homelessness, I have see tent citys grow in american citys an it puts people off visiting, we need to work to support before the home is lost.

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

Community programmes and services,Local events,Youth activities

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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

Accommodation providers benefit from visitors attending events so should contribute something towards the costs of organising and running 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.

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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

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Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

The Leys Institute was a popular and well used and loved community facility - from pre-school users to retirees. The gymnasium was also well loved and used. It is a facility that can be used in all weathers by all. Only having a small temporary library in place of the Leys Institute has been a gap for some years and its restoration should be a matter of priority.

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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, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

I haven't looked at the detail but that sounds like some good priorities.

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Support

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?

Albert-Eden, Devonport-Takapuna, Waitematā

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.

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.

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.

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.

Fairly important

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

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?

I don't know**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**
Fairly 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

Less important

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Fairly important

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Fairly 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

Less important

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

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,Community programmes and services,Local parks strategy and planning

Waitematā 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?

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Grants

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I am in a one car family due to living in the Grey Lynn area. To save time and get a little bit healthy i choose to ride a bike into the city for work most days of the week. I ride an ebike as am to lazy to go up and down the hills. The stupid thing is i have no where to park my bike securely. I've had 2 bikes stolen from ponsonby after popping in after work for a beer. I've had one stolen from the north shore. And another from outside my other office in Mt Eden. It is crazy how we don't have any proper secure bike parking in the central city. And by this i don't mean cycle hoops . It's not the 70's people. We need proper self locking docks, like they have in Christchurch. My friend saw them in New York where they've started installing them. If we are to stop the mental gridlock in Auckland this is a vital part of the puzzle that we can easily fix . I can't lock my ebike to any of the existing bike parking as it is not secure. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE CCAN WE SORT THIS OUT



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Support all

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

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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Local events,Local parks strategy and planning,Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?**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

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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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, Community programmes and services, Youth activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I strongly support Projects like the CRL, Eastern Busway, Brown's Pool, CBD to Mt Roskill stormwater overflow tunnel and the like. However, I am strongly against the majority of work that is happening on behalf of Simeon Brown (Raising speed limits in Pakuranga, removing speed bumps etc.)

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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

Sounds like a decent way to get tourists to pay a bit more as they are having a luxury. I've seen this kind of thing implemented in other countries that have a large tourist economy with somewhat decent success. If it means more events and infrastructure I am all for it!

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)

I strongly do not support the urban expansion as it will lead to more sprawl that Auckland already is having trouble dealing with already. Even if the people out there fund their own services. Their presence in such a distant area will wreck havoc on already overloaded roading. We should build upwards, not out and connect it with reliable public transport.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Hibiscus and Bays, Waitematā

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 most

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

1. Youth is extremely important as we are doing horribly when it comes to their suicide rates. Making communities better and more suited to them would greatly help change this.

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

The area sits dormant. It could be utilised for a medium density mixed zoning area to help ease the housing crisis alongside a minimalist busway to shuttle residents to the existing Albany Station and mall. Alternatively, get more gigs happening so the land generates some actual revenue for council.

Waitematā 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

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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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Less important

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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

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)

1. We can't allow what happened in the previous floods to happen again. Simple as that. 2. Auckland Domain is already one of the nicest places in Auckland to walk in. I don't see how improvements need to be made. That is unless you're talking about a new path from the Parnell Railway station. 3. The library works already doesn't it? If it's going to become dangerous it needs to be redone but otherwise it works fine as is and is already a nice building. 4. Heard park is really nice as is. Doesn't really need an upgrade. 5. This is nice but it doesn't take over other priorities such as safety, homelessness and public transport. 6: I don't know what this is 7: I'm not sure what kind of services but services to make the streets safer are extremely important. 8. Definitely need to stop homelessness. Some landlord control would be nice.

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Community development and support activities, Local events, Youth activities

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Get the CRL done, get the eastern busway done, get the CBD to mt Roskill overflow tunnel done and then build the ***** southdown to Avondale Railway already. P.S I think Mayor Wayne Brown is doing a pretty good job!



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Its a good idea

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

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Local board priorities

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

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Question 5: Other feedback

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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 levy should be distributed among all hospitality businesses, transport, restaurants, attractions etc. The fund should be collected at point on entry, airports. This levy should have more clarity behind it, what are considered short stay accommodation, does it include Airbnb for example? AKL airport and the monopoly that it is should also be a significant provider to this fund.

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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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Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support the bed tax.



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Support most

Tell us why

There are some clear priorities here with water, transport and housing. More funding for local culture, community and governance is good, but big international events are less important.

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I don't know

Tell us why

I'm concerned that this will apply to (for example) people in emergency housing paid for by the government - if that is the case then I would not support it. Maybe if there was an exception for these situations.

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Support most

Tell us why

Support for homelessness and funding for water infrastructure needs to be prioritised.

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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)

Heard Park refurbishment is totally unnecessary. Supporting homeless and flood resilience need to be prioritised.

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Youth activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi



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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

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None



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Support most

Tell us why

I do not support any of the areas where reduction of spending is proposed - I think if all of the improvements suggested are to go ahead, the parks/areas must also have events to utilise these improvements. I do however support the reduction in grants.

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Do not support most

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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

Locals will still be able to enjoy major events, whereas the visitors would be expected to spend a bit more if they're coming from overseas.

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?

Ōrākei



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?

Support most

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

Fairly important

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

Fairly 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

Less important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Less important

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

Very 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.

Fairly 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?

No

Tell us why

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 want to see continued investment in key long term priorities, balanced with efficient delivery of services and keeping costs under control.

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Support

Tell us why

Good to target visitors to help pay for key events

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Waitematā



Waitemata 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?

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

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly 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)

Reducing homelessness should be a major priority, both for the purpose of looking after our citizens and for ensuring the centre of the city is safe and attractive to visit

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,Local events

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

We are on the right track on these matters

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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

Auckland needs events for Aucklanders enjoyment and of course the many outsiders who arrive to share the excitement. A no brainer.

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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 most

Tell us why

Always a good community focus.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very 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)

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Grants, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Auckland is now on the right track to get Aucklanders in a good space with these initiatives and taking common sense approaches finally.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

-Remove all 'Net Zero'-related actions unless it saves money -Cut ALL DEI staff, programs, policy etc and focus on meritocracy -Remove any race-based policy or positions -Focus on delivering core services, stop funding ideological or frivolous 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?

Other

Tell us why

I support the levy to reduce rates and pay for core services, but am very skeptical about 'picking winners' when choosing events. When we have 'trans' activists in the war museum canceling profitable JK Rowling events because of ideology, how can we be confident you have staff who can competently select profitable and beneficial events rather than ideological and radical events to suit their personal (unelected) agendas?

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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?

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

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.

Less 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.

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.

Fairly 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)

Point 3. The upper Symonds St/ Newton rd/ Mt eden Rd are prime residential area but slashed by the Newton/Khyber pass road. Please look at limiting private vehicle rat-running (with one way streets and traffic calming) to allow for more pedestrian and public transport for people who live there to access the uni, hospital and now both the nearby CRL stations. Point 5. Please increaase police foot patrols, and dog patrols of parkss and pedestrian areas and reduce the antisocial activity around Edinborough Castle, street dealers etc. It's unsafe after dark.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Other

Tell us why

Being part of the accommodation sector, I would prefer this to be a national approach if it has to go ahead, so that it is fair across the board and doesn't put Auckland at a disadvantage to visit. All other funding avenues should be explored firstly. As a nation, we already have many barriers for attracting international visitors and high costs to get here/once here, so this needs much consideration.

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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

Tell us why

Put simply small Airbnb operators such as ourselves are already having to pay GST to booking sites even though we have never reached the threshold, 8.5% gets refunded by the site, so already we are losing money. The NZ economic situation is such that small families are not able to afford to travel - these are people who wouldn't stay in hotels with small children, babies, elderly etc who want to have kitchen/laundry facilities within their accommodation. We have been doing short-term for 10 years and this year is the worst ever with just a handful of bookings between now and the end of the year. For us, an additional tax when we cannot increase our nightly rate makes it not worth doing and talking to other providers they agree. Surely there could be other ways to fund events from other areas of council spending!

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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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)

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

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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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

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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?

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

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)

Rivercare is an essential service to protect and revitalise our waterways. Their work is so important to make the streams and rivers clean and able to be enjoyed and used by the whole community.

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)?

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

It's all very important to me

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's important to me to do my bit

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)

No comment

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

Worthy

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.

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.

Very important

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

All of the above

Question 5: Other feedback

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No



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

I see what's been happening in Wellington and don't want Auckland to follow suit

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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 might determine some visitors but we need the money

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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I do not like the food waste collection. I think it's a waste of expenditure.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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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?

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.

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

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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)

Funds are limited. We need to make sure whatever activities and construction are not 'wokey'(for the former, and done efficiently (make sure we have local contractors who are competent and fair in their quotations)

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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

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Support all

Tell us why

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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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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

The levy should be distributed among all hospitality businesses, transport, restaurants, attractions etc. The fund should be collected at point on entry, airports. This levy should have more clarity behind it, what are considered short stay accommodation, does it include Airbnb for example? AKL airport and the monopoly that it is should also be a significant provider to this fund.

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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

There are a few things that I would like to see more effort spent on. In particular making all alternative forms of transport other than private cars more attractive. And especially finding ways to make the rail services more reliable and usable.

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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

I support this so long as it is not a charge to be paid for by the people offering short stay accommodation. People offering short stay accommodation are already subject to tax and additional rates fees - which I broadly agree with. But I would not like to see this levy affect them further. It should be paid by the tourist and be clearly marked as a tourist related tax.

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Very 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)

I fully support the items to address safety and homelessness. However, I hope that these result in solutions that address the many issues of homelessness rather than simply tackling the inconvenience of having homeless people in our neighbourhood.

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,Community development and support activities,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

a number of plans include expanding cycle ways. existing cycle ways continue to be a hazard and are hardly used.

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

the tax will deter visitors, the administration involved will be onerous and collection and enforcement will cost a significant amount.

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?

Waitematā



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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

can we get more clarity on the costs associated with planning activities (\$10.5 million)

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly 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

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)

ending homelessness in Auckland is ambiguous - there currently is ample available emergency housing that could remove the homeless nature of people on streets.

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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,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

Looks mostly well thought out and achievable

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

Tell us why

Should be funded by people who will benefit from it

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)

People should pay for what they use

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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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

Most do not provide benefit for the whole community

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How important are these priorities to you?

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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)

2 should be council priority 3 Waste of money 4 This has already wasted millions of dollars with no result and will have very little benefit 6 Heavily used by young kids as is and should stay 7 and 8 Not local board issues and will waste money

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

does not tackle waste and competencies of staff

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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 cannot see the tax and anything other than a disincentive to visitors

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)

the current system works and is well accepted

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waiheke, Whau



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?

Do not support any

Tell us why

it will lead to factionalism, favoritism and sloth

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

Very 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

I don't know

Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall

I don't know

Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate

I don't know

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Less 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)

The Council is trying and failing to be all things to all people. basic services as in 1 above is its primary responsibility and because it is spread so wide in its endeavors it fails at even that

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

User pays is the fairest solution

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

Despite its title the Board does not represent not communicate with its ratepayers.

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

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.

Less important

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

All of which is Council overreach. Stick to the basics please

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

More work/ investment in the city

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Less investigation, let the bidding contractors do the investigation.

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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

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)

Heard Park? Surely there a greater priorities

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

Local arts and culture activities,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

good idea

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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 always do.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

Albert-Eden, Devonport-Takapuna

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 all

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.

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.

Very important

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

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 all **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**
Very 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

Very important

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Very important

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

Very 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.

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, Sports and park activation activities, Youth 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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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

I would like to see more cycling investment. Current cycle paths are disjointed and not well connected enough for most journeys.

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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 would like to see more cycling investment and traffic calming measures.

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

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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

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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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

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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, Waiheke

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?

Support most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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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.

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

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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.

Fairly important

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

Waiheke 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

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Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall

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Less important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Less important

Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.

Fairly important

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

Community Pool Development

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Do you think we should investigate a targeted rate to progress development of a community pool?

No

Tell us why

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Fairer funding for our community groups. Being a youth social worker and the current government cutting funding it is harder to find community based programs and groups to help out our rangatahi

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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

Every \$ counts to help those that really need it especially our lower income whanau. Maybe a koha for those that can afford it

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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?

None



Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

If you fall into a minority of your demographic within your local council i.e Polynesian living in central Auckland - your requirements are much different to the European demographic.

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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

These major events cause much disruption & inconvenience when put on.

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?

Waitematā



Waitemata 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

One major project is the major focus i.e Leys Institute. Don't get me wrong that's a great project whoever there's a lot more happening which would benefit a lot more residents than the local library.

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

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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

Very important

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

Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Community programmes and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

You are doing an amazing job

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Support

Tell us why

Anything to better our community

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

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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

I have no problems

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Very important

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Local arts and culture activities, Sports and park activation activities

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Support most

Tell us why

I do not support anything Auckland Transport does, it is a money sinkhole literally, the board and advisors should be sacked. Wayne Brown has not delivered on substantial reform, I mean, why does AT need to advertise walking??? Indeed why does AT need to advertise? Money down the

clogged drain. An orange cones? Job placement strategy by Goff and Labour to employ those that cant. WASTE!!

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Do not support

Tell us why

Marketing is a waste of money, Americas Cup giant waste of money, use the money from this to get the city working. Umm where are the trains in the CRL????

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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)

Fire the liberal ideas-men that came up with the green food waste bins, and fire the team that came up with the ad to get people to recycle properly to save \$30 (?) million, you could get that firing the AT board. Cmon Wayne, we voted for you to do this mate

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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Fix the potholes on the route 30 bus down Khyber Pass and Manukau Road. Take some of the money wasted on road cones and AT board and sink it into potholes. Stop over compensating on road safety for useless projects, how stupid do you think people are?

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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.

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.

Less 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.

Less 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.

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)

social engineering of the type started by Labour with wedging at risk council people, homeless into established neighbourhoods is a recipe for disaster, cease and desist please.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Fire the AT board, get real with road safety, lose the road cones, stop wasting money on glossy ads about how great we are and just get the place moving. Stop virtue signalling and playing to the lowest common denominator, treat rate payers with the respect they deserve.



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Support all

Tell us why

The Auckland transport system needs to stick with those new improvements they promised recently.

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I don't know

Tell us why

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I don't know

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support

Tell us why

This is a great way to raise revenue and support the vibrant cultural life of Auckland. I support any moves to encourage Central Government to implement the necessary legislation.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Less important

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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Waitematā Local Board is home to both extremes of wealth and poverty, particularly within the one kilometre radius of the Sky City Casino. All measures to end homelessness get my full support. This means working with health and addiction specialists and offering opportunities for people experiencing homelessness to get out of the concrete jungle to some of the beautiful places and spaces in Tāmaki Makaurau. The centre city is improving, but a lot more green and wilderness spaces are needed. Investment in these mauri enhancing spaces would contribute in so many ways to the health and well being of our people and whenua. Invest in quality water- sensitive design and permeable paving to improve the sponginess of our urban environment. Create

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Community development and support activities, Community programmes and services, Youth activities

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Support most

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Support

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Community programmes and services, Local events, Local waste minimisation activities

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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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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

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

Fairly 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, Grants, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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#2882



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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?

I don't know

Tell us why

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Support

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Nil

Question 4:

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None

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Support all

Tell us why

Seems a reasonable blend of activities. Waste water improvements are included. Keeping funding for Zoo, Museum, Gallery. Section on rate rises. OK.

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Support

Tell us why

Bed levy - yes. But what about parking enforcement (after 6pm and in St Patrick's Square)? There seems to be more to-do about driving 20m in a bus lane than in driving the wrong way up Wolfe Street's two one-way legs into Federal Street. Let alone buses jumping the red lights on the pedestrian crossing as they turn from Wyndham Street into Hobson Streets. Priorities.

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No.

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Local board priorities

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Support all

Tell us why

Seems fair. One of the three largest operating spends. Could be offset by more parking enforcement and a congestion charge?

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How important are these priorities to you?

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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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Street sleeping in Auckland Central during the day, and street violence, need continued attention. People won't come in or stay late if they don't feel safe.

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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, Local water quality activities

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Do not support

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None

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Support all

Tell us why

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities

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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?

Support

Tell us why

In addition to these events, the bed levy should support the greater arts, culture, and event activities that make Auckland great.

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Support

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Tell us why

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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

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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.



#2942



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

The CRL will increase more use of public transport and therefore is a vital asset to the community especially for those travelling to and from work. However Auckland Transport and Kiwi Rail will need to be more reliable in the operations of trains running to time and less cancelled services leaving people stranded! I bike most days to work and prefer not to take a chance on catching the

train because invariably when I do there is always an issue. The best water quality is essential for all the community and upgrades and storm water improvements are a must. Fairer funding for local communities is important for progress so no one group is more disadvantaged than another.

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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

If visitors are enjoying the events that Auckland offers, from concerts to outer island ferries etc then I think a levy is fair because they are using those facilities and I do not think that Aucklanders should have to fund their participation/enjoyment by hiking our annual rates.

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?**

Ōrākei

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?

Support most

Tell us why

Maintenance of sporting facilities is important for community enjoyment and participation. Pest management is crucial for the health of the environment as is water control and upgrades. Creating village hubs in each suburb helps to connect the community who live there contributing to a sense of belonging and wellbeing.

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

Very important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Fairly important

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

Very important

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Very 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.

Fairly 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

The harbour is a gem in Auckland's identity as the City of Sails therefore seawalls and sand are part of maintenance, stormwater flows further out to sea are less likely to impact the tidal area where marine life lives and are crucial to maintain that ecosystem.

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Tell us here

Please can you look at bike lanes to link up around Auckland, I cycle from Parnell to Ellerslie Medical Centre and back for work and there is not one bike lane to keep me safer. I try to take roads that have less traffic and in the morning I leave home at 7am to avoid traffic but coming home in the evening is challenging with all the traffic.



#2945



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Support most

Tell us why

More emphasis needed on protecting and enhancing our natural environments within the greater Auckland area.

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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

Seems like a good circular solution to the cost of providing visitor focused attractions

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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Waitemata Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

Priority needs to be given to enhancing the local Parks and Reserves in spaces that the council has purchased as a result of flooding. Making space for water in these areas should also be a high priority. The local communities (especially in the Grey Lynn / West Lynn area) have been surveyed by the Hakanoa Recovery Group on these issues. The overall survey results appear to show strong support by the community for enhancing and integrating newly purchased (by Council)with the already existing parks and reserves in this area.

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

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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)

See comments above.

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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 parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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HAKANOA RECOVERY GROUP DATA

Data Collected From Reserve Postbox

- First traunch to post box and 10 Group members from 13/1/25
- Second traunch to Hakanoa and ower Tutanekai bordering cleared area from 20/1
- Third traunch form Sackville street from 24/1 (labelled "s")
- Fourth traunch for Tutanekai street from 26/1 (labeled "t")
- Continual replacement of Post Box cards

Expand Reserve

Yes	NO	Comments
X		More green space
X		green space
X		
X		Love the faires
X		Variety of natives and daylighting as with curent reserve
X		Daylight stream and planrt natives
X		
X		
X		
X		
X		beautiful space
X		
X		
X		
X		more green spaces
x		
x		
x		
x		love this space
x		
x		
x		Natives and flood mitigation / increase ecological diversity
x		
x		
x		
x		
x		
x		blank
x		2.5m wide paved path plus winding mulch pathways
x		
x		
x		
x		
x		
x		More natives
x		
x		
x		
x		
x		increase planting and incresing water infiltration
x		Great idea
x		
x		864
x		love greenway More planting please
x		
x		

Sackville
Sacville

x	
x	
x	
x	Complete continuity between parks
x	Valued by whole family
x	
too short	not necessary
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	we are so lucky
x	
	?
x	will provide missing link
x	
x	dryden cockburn corner not the best
x	
x	
x	Connection will make off road experience safer and more natural
x	
x	will enhance the off road experience
x	
x	
x	
x	2.5 m concrete path for all types of transport auch as wheel chairs / prams etc
x	
x	Regulaly walk / cycle here
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	Great
x	
x	Absolutely.
x	
x	
x	The community use this space
x	
x	
x	
x	Great opportunity
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	
x	Always and will invite more people to hop on a bike
x	
x	
x	
x	Great idea.
x	Separate walking trail and bikeway
x	Does not seem necessary
x	
x	
x	concern about housing and flooding

x

scakville	x	Use lot where houses have been removed.
	x	
	x	
	x	Plant trees to shed the path
	x	
	x	
	x	Terrific
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	cycle way
	x	
	x	Would be fantastic
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	
	x	

33 COCKBURN

Replace	Repurpose	Comments
x		public space
x		
x		Elevated structure remove concrete
	x	Green space for gathering / performance
x		
x		
x		
x		
x		? Retention must not impact flood mitigation (rotunda like structure with elevated wooden platform) could use concrete columns
x		
x		
x		
	x	Repurpose as a performance venue
x		Permaculture forest walk through
x		
	x	Art Gallery
	x	Art Gallery
x		Replace house if safe for housing shortage
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	Bird sanctuary

x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
	x	Only if small with no impact of flow mitigation
x	x	perhaps permeable structure for community space
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	smaller structure for community use
x	x	
	x	If flood risk is addressed
x	x	
no	no	
no	no	no more public funding to replace building
Blank		
x	x	Grassed bow for performing and playing
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
blank		
x	x	
x	x	For cultural events
x	x	Is this an option?
x	x	
	x	
x		For a much bigger park.
x	x	
x	x	
no response		
??		
x	x	
	x	
x	x	
		no
x	x	
x	x	So logical. Would be very well used
x	x	
x	x	Native planting. Daylight stream
x		Return to planting
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	Possible café and/or play area
x	x	
x	x	
x	x	
x		Remove house and restore for better storm water management
x	x	With owners acquiescence ?
x	x	a bird park?
	x	Shame to let the beautiful house go. Maybe a Gren Lynn history and climate change center
		Maybe depends ?
x	x	They are all great ideas.
		No needs to go as property is deteriorating and a threat to life. Too expensive to maintain
x	x	Great idea
		NO
x	x	
x	x	Seems a shame to demolish it
x		Reurpose for community use
	x	???
x		Add a pond

	?	?	Seeks more info
	x		
	x		
	x		
		x	Council has insufficient funds for maintenance
	?	?	Use for public services if cost does not cut funds for Grey Lynn Community Centre
	x	x	Seating space for public use
	x	x	Use for community events/classes/markets
			No make beeter use of GLCC
	x	x	More native flora and fauna
	x	x	
	x	x	Allow for stormwater movement
	x	x	
		x	Seems devastating to demolish and not reuse this beautiful building
			Not sure this is practical
sacville	x	x	Incorporate beautifully planted 33 cockburn into the reserve
	x	x	not sure
			Red stickered so remove
	x	x	
	x	x	retain for the community
	x	x	womens refugee / temporary hpusing
		x	
		x	
	x	x	Would love to see the options explored.
			Shame to demolish the house if not on floodplain
	x		
	x		
			unsure
			blank

OTHER COMMENTS / IDEAS

Community Garden x 4
 Give it time to develop after house is removed?
 Locals may be available to help with upkeep and biodiversity (fiens od Grey Lynn Park and Hakanoa Reserve
 Permaculture Fruit forest
 A real assest
 Bird Sancuary at 33
 Brings me joy
 Keep the good mahi going
 Band rotunda with roof over
 No additional public funding / no replacement building / mindful of resources used
 grassed bowl for performing and playing (on 33 land) remove house
 small lake for runoff storage
 No additional public funding / no replacement building / mindful of resources used
 No hurry after house is demolished as flood risk fro GL park needs to be addressed first.
 Keep up the amazing work
 Thankyou for all the work already done
 Reserve lookinggreat. Thanks to all those working on this.
 Put in pohutukawa and kauri
 Mara kai - Raised beds
 Doing a great job
 Area very well used by parents and children. More intimate than Grey Lynn Park.Having a café would add...
 Keep up the good mahi!
 Reserve is good the way it is. Changes could be disruptive and take a long time. It's beautiful
 The more green the better. The community could build and plant.
 These are all great ideas!
 More seating
 Seating space for public to enjoy the scenery
 There is already a walkway
 A Kart Maughn garden full of flowers with picnic area.
 Love to be involved
 Roll with the fairy garden vibe
 Keep up the good work
 Seating space for public to enjoy the scenery
 Please keep up the amazing work Love fairy path. Tonga for our community

Trial allotments in n newer vacant land
Integrate 33 Cockburn garden with reserve
more nayive trees for bird life and fence to protect birds
Daylight underground streams



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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?

(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?

Aotea/Great Barrier, Kaipātiki

Aotea/Great Barrier 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?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Fairly important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Less important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

Fairly important

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

Kaipātiki 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?

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.

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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Too much waste .

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Support

Tell us why

This is fair, but there's still no reason why the council needs to get involved in events.

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

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

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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Stop subsidising the privately owned Eden Park and don't build a new stadium. Make better use of the existing council owned ones.



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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

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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?

Waitematā

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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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Very important

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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)

Wealthy pay there way

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna, Waitematā

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?

Do not 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** Very 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

Very important

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Very important

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

Fairly 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.

Very important

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Waitematā 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

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Some major omissions, such as implementing the access for everyone central city master plan and the extension of critical cycleways such as North / South isthmus routes.

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

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

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?

Support all

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.

Fairly 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.

Fairly 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)

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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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?**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

Very 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)

Homelessness, needs to improve. Ponsonby Rd and Queen St are only getting 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)

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

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Tell us here

AT need to improve the efficiency of traffic lights. There are multiple intersections where you sit and wait for no reason, just building up traffic. Stop pedestrian crossing being automatic in areas outside of the CBD (we are finished with the pandemic). Stop traffic lights being automatic, there is a huge amount of AI tech that manages traffic flow through camera footage. Can probably be implemented with current infrastructure or little spend.



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Support

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

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?

Support most

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

Less 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

Very important

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

I don't know

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Very important

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

Fairly important

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

Orakei basin seems to be too polluted to support eel life. It seems like there may have been either illegal dumping and/or poor runoff/sewerage controls. Either way, we need to protect the environment of this area. We need to focus our budget of resolving this first and foremost.

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?

No

Tell us why

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In a world that's facing mass extinction due to climate change, we cannot afford to ignore our impact on the natural environment. I feel strongly that the current budget does not adequately move the needle on 'Natural environment' protection in any meaningful way. We need to have a green new deal where we employ those struggling to find jobs, train them up and have them help fight the various key environmental issues facing new zealand.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Transport and water are Auckland's biggest downfalls at the moment.

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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

It seems like one of many ways to handle this shortfall and without central govt support could be blowing in the wind

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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 most

Tell us why

Homelessness and antisocial behaviour is the most disruptive thing in my neighbourhood. My street has become a tip with rubbish from a commune of rough sleepers with smashed glass and food refuse all over the place that takes days or weeks to be cleaned up. My gf is scared to take the dog out alone in the evening for being confronted by people. These things should be a priority

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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

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Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Fairly important

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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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,Local waste minimisation activities

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Support most

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Albert-Eden

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Tell us here

Please continue supporting the Auckland Philharmonia. Auckland's largest employer of artists. Tens of thousands of people attend AP performances. The quality is exceptional. World class cities need world class arts organisations.



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Tell us why

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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 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.

Question 4:

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Waitematā



Waitematā 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?

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Very 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

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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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

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Support all

Tell us why

It appears to be a well-balanced plan taking into account both fiscal responsibility and progressive growth strategies.

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Support

Tell us why

This is an excellent proposal to secure an individually small amount from each tourist but a collectively impactful amount that will aid the city. It seems to be common across Europe without great issue.

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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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The current proposal seems fair. Residents should not be so short-sighted as to insist rates should never increase. Such a mindset is anti-growth and leads to needing significant jumps years later, which causes much greater strife. Rates are a subscription to living in a decent city. With proper investment and fiscal responsibility, no one should be complaining.

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I don't know

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)

Improvements around the CBD could have a greater focus as this is the centre of tourist revenue and Auckland's international image. Excellent work has been done along Wynyard, the Viaduct, and Commercial Bay areas. I think the work should be continued downwards towards the port, providing continuity to the other side of Queen Street. The areas in and around Beach Rd, ANZAC Ave, with a bit of love - similar to what's been seen in Wynard - would elevate the entire Auckland waterfront and the surrounding region. Improvements on Eden Crescent and Waterloo would elevate the University of Auckland's presence, as successfully seen on Symonds, providing continuity to the grandiose buildings on Symonds.

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Community programmes and services, Local events

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

I am tired of the rates increase year on year to fund projects which I oppose. Why is this unfair financial burden put onto those who have struggled to own a home with a mortgage and yet services are for everyone. Stop the rates increases and start sharing the financial burden across the board. User pays.

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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

Another expense for visitors to our city, isn't it already expensive to stay in our city, pure madness in the economic times.

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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?

(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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

The TMA is wasting ratepayers money on an ideological dream of turning each Maunga into World Heritage Parks, this is pure madness and absolutely impossible to achieve in a populated area such as Auckland. The felling of all exotic trees is absolutely ridiculous and has been shown to be harmful to the bird life that was abundant before this carnage took place. Disestablish the TMA and consult the public, which the TMA never did.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

What are you doing to tackle crime and homelessness? i like the progress made but the city will never be nice until the homeless population is fixed. We are very close to getting our own skidrow, these people need genuine help, city mission doesn't work because they need more than just a place to stay and food. With homelessness, comes crime, I have been threatened, it's not safe to

go to certain areas, they drink, do drugs, cause damage, smash up cars, and ultimately, is incredibly unsightly for tourists. You won't need to pay people like the 'safety team' if you got to the root cause of the issues

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Do not support

Tell us why

it makes the accommodation less accessible, sometimes it might be the difference of someone coming to the city or not

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this city needs to get its fundamentals right, until it does that people will never be happy, we have just come out of a recession, but sure, make us pay more for failures of companies like AT, make them pay for their inefficiencies, if I miss a bus because AT are useless, who is going to pay for my

time off work waiting for the next one? it takes me 25 minutes to get to work in a car, in the comfort of my own car, my own space, my own music, no one to attack me or cause havoc on the bus, my car is never late, and guess what, in fuel, it's also cheaper than PT, the PT option takes me a minimum of an hour, I have to share the bus with people who may want to cause someone harm/harassment and there's always a chance the bus will be cancelled or late.

Question 4:

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None

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Tell us here

stop trying to fix things that don't need fixing, focus on your fundamentals and get them right before moving on



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I'm hoping that 'transport' means public transport as I feel this is a major issue for Auckland/ affordable and easy public transport is a priority for me!

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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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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?

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.

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.

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Fairly 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.

Fairly 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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

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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Support all

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Very important

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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

Despite the mayor's frequent and vocal opinions that nobody uses them, I'm a regular user of cycle lanes to travel to and from work. Would love to see plans to deliver more affordable cycle infrastructure as part of Getting Auckland Moving

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Waitematā

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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?

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Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local events, Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

I wish there were more plans for improved public transport besides buses. The CRL is a greatly needed step, but I would have liked to see proposals for more train lines connecting areas of Auckland not served by rail at the moment (maybe even an airport rail line?). Light rail or trams would be the dream for a LTP, but I understand that this would have to involve central government

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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 helps Auckland become a more vibrant city with events, arts, and culture. However, the consultation document isn't clear if the levy applies to only foreign tourists, or NZ residents too.

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N/A as I live in Central.

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Local board priorities

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Support all

Tell us why

Great to see community being prioritized.

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Ōrākei

Ōrākei Local Board Priorities

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Support all

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

Fairly important

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

Fairly 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

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Less important

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

Less 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

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Support

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

I agree with the focus on transport, would like to see more focus on linking PROPER separated bike lanes to make getting around more seamless on bike. Would like to see discussion of train to Auckland Airport

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

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?

None

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

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Tell us here

Please hurry and allow bikes to be put on buses to the North Shore across the bridge. There is so few options for getting around over there for someone who lives on the south side of the bridge



#3235



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Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

the plan should be working to zero increase in rates. if the city wants to be vibrant it needs middle class that can have money to spend and allow business to thrive. there is no need to increase on last year - more financial discipline is needed start with zero budget .. then see how critical the extras really are

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

agree we need economic activity to foster a vibrant city

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?

Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

too expensive stop the nice to haves and do the basics

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.

Less 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.

Less 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.

Less important

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

too expensive - we need a few years of getting back to basics

Waitematā 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

Grey lynn paddling pool does not need money spent on it. this is crazy, the demographics have changed in the area and the playgrounds and kids areas are hardly used anymore as the families are not as common in the area due to house prices. so its not a priority. save the money

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

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.

Less important

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

just stop spending on nice to have as and focus on flooding, streets and stop the crazy beautification of great north road and cycle lanes. no one on our street wants this.. who is making these decisions. we have lived in this area for 15 years and very few people cycle. its dangerous and the buses are great. Get on a bus and make buses for kids free again please. recently all the bins got replaced in grey lynn, they were not broken !!! crazy

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

Local parks strategy and planning,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

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Tell us here

its still grounded on the basis that every rate payer has a money tree in the back yard to pay for other peoples ideas.



#3247



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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

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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?

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.

I don't know

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.

Fairly 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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

I want more investment into electric vehicle charging infrastructure to help enable more people to make the switch to low-carbon transportation alternatives. In particular, I want to see greater investment into securing Aucklanders living in apartments/multi-occupant dwellings better access to more numerous charging options, and in particular, 'slow' charging AC infrastructure (as opposed to the more expensive 'fast' charging DC infrastructure).



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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

People coming to Auckland to benefit from these events need to contribute to holding them, not just Auckland rate payers who may not attend.

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)

Food waste recycling is a waste of our rates money. How many households are using this? What benefit do ratepayers receive for this service? It's not been widely communicated.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Footpaths along Ponsonby Road are terrible, hard to ride on for scooters and bikes.

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

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

Less 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)

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local parks strategy and planning,Local waste minimisation activities

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

Council needs to consider having bus fares subsidised more to encourage people to use public transport.



#3261



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Keeping rates low is the most important thing for most rate payers. It is imperative Auckland Council focusses on the must haves (rubbish, roads, libraries etc) and not the nice to haves (festivals, music/movie in the parks, food waste bins that most people don't use). Food waste bins costs each rate payer about \$80/year, which is \$40,000,000 a year. Most people don't use these

and they are an incredible waste of ratepayers money. Like many people we compost and have a low meat diet with no real food waste. It infuriates me that all rate payers pay for something most people don't use.

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 seems like a straightforward way to raise funds without using ratepayers as the cash cow.

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)

Whatever can be done to ensure lower rates, I would support. Auckland Council must focus on core business not nice to haves.

Question 4:**Local board priorities**

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

Albert-Eden,Rodney

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

Please stop wasting rate payers money on cycle ways which no ones uses and unnecessarily judder bumps and other slowing processes on the roads. They are ugly, unnecessary and annoying.

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

Activities which cost money - festivals and events like Music in the Park and Movies in the Park should NOT be funded by Auckland Council. Auckland Council should NOT be involved in any climate change related costs. This is not their core business and rate payers should not have to suffer due to ideological positions on climate change - this includes the food waste bins that no one uses but all rate payers fund.

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 Rodeny district must focus on clean waterways - Matheson Bay beach is often dirty after heavy rain due to the mud/septic waste that comes out of the river.

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.

Less important

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

Why is there no mention of dogs - as a ratepayer of two properties and a resident in Auckland City and Matheson Bay / Leigh, I am concerned responsible dog owners are being unfairly targeted about where they can take their dogs and where the dogs must be on leash. The Auckland Council should focus on unregistered, roaming and menacing dogs. It is not reasonable or fair that responsible dog owners with registered dogs are punished for irresponsible dog owners.

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

As a rate payer of three properties I strongly oppose wastage of ratepayers on nice to haves or things which are not Council core business. This includes wasting money on cycle ways that no one uses, food waste bins that no one uses, festivals and music in the parks / movies in the parks, money towards climate change etc The Auckland Council must be prudent and focus resources on the core business of a Council - rubbish, roads, libraries etc



#3265



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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?

I don't know

Tell us why

It could work, and is common practice in Europe already. But will the surcharge actually be ring-fenced for what it is intended for, or just get swallowed up in the overall rates collection?

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

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Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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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 programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities

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

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

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?

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.

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.

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

focus on what's MOST important Roads Water Parks

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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

paying airport fees, paying for a ticket, taxi, food, drinks to add another fee might just drive people away. risky.

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Support

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one city one collection fee.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Water, separate, roads, footpaths. libraries. local swimming pools. priorities.

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Less important

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when we have no money nice to have things need to be put by the side it's time to focus on really the core services that should be delivered. Everything else is fluffy and nice but it's not delivering course services and that is the job of a local council.

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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?

Ōrākei, Whau

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

Very important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Very important

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

Very important

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Very important

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Very important

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

Very 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?

I don't know

Tell us why

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

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

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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

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Rodney, Waitematā

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?

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

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

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.

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

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

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)

Increased visitor numbers and residential development around the Whangateau harbour is degrading the harbour and killing vulnerable wildlife. Council and local boards need to be strongly defending the existing protective policies and plans whilst actively improving the protection measures, monitoring and enforcement necessary to give proper effect to these.

Waitematā 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

Environment: ensure city fringe streets in Newton/Eden Terrace are cleaned as currently the gutters are full of vegetation, silt and rubbish which goes into the harbour.

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.

Very important

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

Homelessness- Introduce a tax on long term vacant buildings and residences in the central city that could be made available to people needing a home. Use the money to provide homes.

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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

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Your fairer funding for local communities is anything but fair. It's going to disadvantage even further those who already provide the lion's share of council funding. My rates amounted to 10% of my income last year but I am considered to live in a rich area not eligible for increased funding which is needed just to keep pace with inflation.

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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

There is no reason why council needs to be funding these events at all. Any funding should certainly come from sources other than rates. This charge must be extended to Air B'n'B, bookabach etc in the interests of fairness.

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)

The Uniform Annual General Charge should be increased. Rates have no place in the modern world. Funding local government based on someone's property value regardless of when they bought it, what they paid for it, or what their current income is, is absurd and pernicious. My income last financial year was \$39,827.81, while my property rates were more than \$4,000, amounting to an extra 10% tax on me. Any reasonable person would see that this is totally unjust.

We need to move away from rates and fund local government in a more modern way, such as an income-based charge.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

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

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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)

2. By improvements I hope you mean more. Most of the roads in the Domain don't have footpaths at all which makes it a hostile environment for pedestrians. Kiosk Road is narrow with no footpath and with parking on one side, yet a double decker Explorer Bus thunders along there scattering pedestrians as it goes. Kiosk Road needs a footpath. 3. The Leys Institute is a local treasure and priority needs to be given to re-opening it. 4. The much loved Heard Park is fine as it is and the redevelopment are as one submitter observed waffle and lacking detail. The other items would have a very low value for spend ratio and should be low priorities.

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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, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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There is no mention of heritage. This is a very important issue. No further council funding should be given to Eden Park and no new stadium should be built. Better use should be made of existing council owned stadiums. Many of the services listed in the last section are unnecessary at best and detrimental at worst. I am appalled to see my money being spent on pest control i.e. killing living beings who have as much right to live as any other. When you think you can declare a whole class of living beings as pests and then say you have the right to exterminate them you are following some very sinister precedents.



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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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Waitematā 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

Local Boards provide critical environmental and social support

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

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Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

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

Flood resilience is vital for safety and well-being of locals

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

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I appreciate the Local Boards and their implementation of local democracy



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Support most

Tell us why

There is nothing that I disagree with but I do believe there are areas, especially in transport, that seem to be left out. Especially when it comes to active modes such as cycling and walking

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Support

Tell us why

I support a bed night visitor levy because tourists should be responsible to contribute funding for events they are attending. I do believe that this levy should impact those staying in Airbnb style accommodation more because of the major effects that they have on our housing markets. Tourists should be encouraged to stay in hotels.

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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)

As I do not live in those areas I believe it should be up to their citizens to decide

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

I don't know

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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)

I want to put a special emphasis on community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety because I feel like many places in our area are not perceived as safe and it is affecting the

desirability to visit the local board. I believe doing things like improving public restroom space, keeping the public areas and parks clean and improving efficient graffiti cleanup, will have a major impact on perceived safety and comfort.

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

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

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

Nobody actually goes to there events

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)

Keep rates as low as possible

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Less important

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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.

Less important

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

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You should fire your AT transport officers and whatever else. They're useless because they have no powers other than giving fines. They're glorified parking officers that sit on buses all day.



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Support most

Tell us why

Rates increase can be expensive

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Support

Tell us why

Good way to resolve shortage in funding

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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?

Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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

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.

Very 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.

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.

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.

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

Support most

Tell us why

Safety issue is my main concern in the CBC

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Very 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)

Targeting homeless issues in city centre is good

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

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

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?

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Waitematā 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

Very reactive, we should be putting together more targeted long term climate mitigation efforts than just flooding.

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

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

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Every effort should be made to ensure equity in housing for members of Auckland. Homelessness reduction should be a holistic and structured endeavor which places the needs of people at it's core rather than just clearing people from streets. This requires stronger advocacy to central government and a clear plan informed by evidence and place-based strategy.

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

Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Community programmes and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

Arts and culture festivals are key part of keeping the city alive - we must do what we can to support these. We must also ensure these are providing opportunities to local artists who rely on these festivals to hone their craft. Ensuring the arts district of mid-Queen street is bustling will require more than just events though, effective transport, safe communal spaces and vibrant accessible restaurants and bars are crucial. This is a way we can really step up as a city. Regarding CC, we have a duty as the biggest population to ensure we are doing all we can to mitigate climate change. This involves enabling transport, housing, infrastructure, and public space to reflect this effort beyond reactive protection. Efforts like the proposed Takapuna gold course changes are crucial to the continuation of a thriving population for now and into the future. These are not political decisions. They are life-changing, important decisions have forever lasting implications.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Auckland comes to life when there are major events taking place. Many cities around the world charge a bed tax. I support this.

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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:

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

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Support all

Tell us why

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Local arts and culture activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local events

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

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Tell us here

I would like to see more specific work on improving public transport and cycling and walking in the city centre. I couldn't find anything about light rail planning, or more specific projects to improve our cycleway network in the city centre, and the provision of bus ways. For example, what about Customs Street? Why do we still have a 6-lane road for cars without any bus ways? Pedestrians are squeezed into narrow, low quality footpaths along Customs Street while cars enjoy 6 lanes of beautifully maintained asphalt. Why is it so difficult to put down bus lanes there? Thank you.



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Support most

Tell us why

I support investment and fortification of public services for the future, but kiwi families don't need any additional cost with unemployment and the economy where it is.

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Other

Tell us why

I support this measure for international tourists, but not for kiwis. With the volume of international tourists that visit NZ every year, this levy or a higher one will more than cover the needed funding.

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Support

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I never liked the rubbish bag scheme. This makes more sense and would be easier to plan/budget for.

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I feel more should be given to support the owe. If not their ancestral land, then enough energy and resources for them to prosper.



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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Local parks strategy and planning, Youth activities

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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?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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 all

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

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

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

Fairly 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)

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?

I don't know

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?

Support

Tell us why

I want to live in a city that has a lot of diverse and interesting things on, and that attracts people from the rest of NZ and overseas to come and visit - their presence in itself makes the city more interesting. Given the systemic problems with New Zealand's local government funding model, this needs to be an equitable and sustainable funding source, which I think this would provide, recognising both the benefits and the costs of visitors. It will help fund the activity that other international cities do as a matter of course, that visitors and locals expect, that builds community and identity. Auckland would be an unattractive, dull and bland place if we were to lose this activity. A national levy is fairer for all regions, as long as it is allocated to Auckland to make its own choices about the events that best suit this place and our people, and how Auckland promotes itself locally and internationally.

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Very important

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

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)

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I prefer if the extra tax is prioritised for The public transport and its infrastructure.

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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 seasonal event. It will not impact visitor to visit NZ and I want the infrastructure for public transport prioritized

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Prioritised the footpath around CBD that seems like take forever to finish it.

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

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Fairly important

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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)

I live in Britomart, and lot of homeless. Sometimes it makes me feel unsafe to walk at night time.

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

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Pls prioritized the footpath in Britomart as well, as it takes forever.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

The priorities covered in the proposed annual plan seem to find the right balance between important work that needs to be done/areas that need continued investment while maintaining a realistic rates track.

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

I'm a big advocate of events in Auckland and have attended the ASB Classic and Writer's Festival and participated in the Auckland Marathon. I think if this suggestion of a bed night visitor levy is expected to assist in the funding of these events, I am supportive.

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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)

I selected other as I don't have a strong view. The proposals appear sensible to me but won't impact me given I live centrally so I would regard myself as neither supportive or against.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

These broadly look like sensible priorities to have for the local area which I am supportive of.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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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)

I would like to the Leys Institute construction completed and a local library return to Ponsonby.

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

Community programmes and services,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

Transport has got to be the #1 priority. Invest invest invest in proper rail that isn't terrible. And actually get people using the bike lanes you're building!

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?

I don't know

Tell us why

I'm not convinced. Sounds a bit dicey adding a price hike to everything, but I guess if it keeps rates down.

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)

Everyone should have bins by now. Get with the times

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā

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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?

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Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

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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

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)

The paddling pool is a waste, it'd be great if it was turned into something that was awesome for everyone. Cause it's a great idea. But we should 100% be tackling homelessness as our priority

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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 waste minimisation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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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

I support it but I would like to see some ways where the money raised is used properly or group can apply for it as a funding source.

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)

no comment but the question I was to ask is how do we get our bins picked or collected if our house is on a hill on the main road,

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā, Whau

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?

Support all

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)

Its is important to get it right

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?

Support all

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

Very important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Very important

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

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Very important

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Very important

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

Very 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

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

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

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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 live-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.

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?

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

Very 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)

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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, Sports and park activation 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.

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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Do not support most

Tell us why

I support greater rail links. I'm tired of seeing so much go into road transport and fattening the bonuses of Fulton Hogan- more highways only means more usage which inevitably leads to more congestion - it's evident throughout the world so I suggest more focus on non-road transport links. I see zero mention of walking/cycling.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Don't tax those who have made the effort to go to Auckland. It's expensive enough already! Any bed tax levy will only be passed onto the visitor who is already the party paying out for their trip. A better alternative is to put a levy on housing sale transactions. Whilst it doesn't seem related, a stamp duty will fund the events that you wish to support and signal that because there is such rampant housing speculation with the ensuing more onerous costs that flow through to visitors (land and housing speculation creates an uplift in localised inflation, that is disproportionately borne by renters and... visitors). It's easy and abundant money. It makes much more sense than an anti-visitor tax

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Re the replacement of rubbish bags- what is the driver of this? It's not clear. Are too many people fly-tipping? Are the bags not working? If not, then yes, switch to the rate.

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Local board priorities

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None

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The design and layout of the plan is very well done !- easy to read and relatively informative so congrats on that. The ongoing focus on riadvtranspirt us however disappointing. We cannot hope to drive our way out of congestion and pollution. Be bold! Think different.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

We need more housing and infrastructure investment

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Support

Tell us why

Other big cities are doing it

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Manurewa, Waitematā

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 most

Tell us why

Not sure if all proposals are beneficial to most residents

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

Fairly important

Improving sports fields including maintenance, sand-carpeting and lighting

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Very 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

Fairly 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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Environmentally conscious plans will benefit all

Fenced Dog Exercise Areas

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

I don't know

Tell us why

Am not sure of the incidents of dog attacks

Waitematā 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 favour a lot of the proposals stipulated

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

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

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)

Ending homelessness, they need more support

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, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support most

Tell us why

Seems to be an achievable plan with many worthwhile targets. I like that funding will be more equitable for more boards. I like that there is a focus on improving water quality. I don't see any information about future emergency funds and am concerned there would be a lack of accessible cash to fund this if an emergency were to happen.

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Support

Tell us why

Seems to be a quite small percentage and would not affect the amount of visitors. I am hoping that there has been an analysis on how much costs are increasing for visitors though, with central government also charging visitors more, has there been comparisons for costs of tourists going to Sydney or Melbourne and staying there instead? At some point there must be a tipping point that people say why would we stay in Auckland when the quality of accommodation does not match the price. Is there an analysis on the quality to price of accommodation when compared to our biggest competitors?

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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 don't live in Franklin and Rodney. I support the rise in rates as I acknowledge there are many rising costs that need funding.

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Waitematā

Waitematā 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

I would like to see more funding go to improving pathways, there are many roads that have narrow and uneven surfaces which make walking unpleasant. Wider pathways with better lighting would improve people's feeling of safety and enjoyment in the city. I am looking forward to seeing the Nelson Street changes implemented. I strongly support more funding for environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control. More funding and sooner has much greater impact later and keeps costs down. Wellington's predator-free movement has been one of the best community-led projects I have seen and has made a noticeable improvement to the city, I saw wildlife daily that in my childhood did not come into the city. After moving to Auckland, I wish to see the same. I am concerned that there is minimal funding being given to environmental services and many of the areas of funding you are looking to cut include this. Investing in green spaces has clearly been shown to give money back in many ways and increasing productivity of people who live near green spaces. You are aware of this as you funded this research:

<https://www.landscapearchitecture.nz/landscape-architecture-aotearoa/economic-value-of-parks>

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I would like to see more of a focus on walkability in the city. Currently many of the pathways are not well maintained. I also would like to see a focus on reducing noise around the city, what can be done to reduce sound coming from motorways and increase enjoyment to walk through the city.



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Do not support

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Support all

Tell us why

I think if we support our transportation to be better that would be great as you know a lot of people are relying on public transportation to get to work hope the underground anyway will working soon, and I think we should support our farmer to get food delivery to our people more and if we can

have the good transport between farmer and the company that make food for student that would help on the school lunch costing 😊

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Support

Tell us why

I believe that major event such as concert with big name singer would bring more people to Auckland that also would help hotel and motel and hospitality sectors.

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Honestly I'm not sure about this part because I haven't study economics yet so I'm not sure what would change but I think I can give you more answer as soon as I got enrolled in AUT

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

Depend on the area some area are required more development

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.

Fairly 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

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

Yes education is every important to our people so we all can get more information how to get our city better

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Support all

Tell us why

I think it is wise to invest more heavily in the transport here; I live in the city centre and walk inordinate distances to basic amenities by choice, because the option of owning a car simply isn't feasible due to both the cost of the vehicle, the cost of parking, and the dense traffic. I believe none of these are inherently a bad thing; we should absolutely be promoting more public transport for

these reasons and more, and international examples prove that this is a workable approach even when pre-existing infrastructure and terrain is sorely lacking. I believe our current PT is hampered by reliability, coverage, and safety, and I think the plans set out here will help the majority of those issues, even if not immediately. I believe that through investment in transport, the rest of the city will be able to grow all the better. Regarding water, I have nothing to say other than the obvious: We should avoid becoming Flint, Michigan, and this helps that goal. Regarding funding, I have no strong opinions other than that I outwardly agree with the goal outlined.

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Support

Tell us why

I think it makes sense; we all know what surge pricing is, and we all know that New Zealand (and by extension Auckland) is primarily good at being a tourist destination. We have ample pull to offset a price hike, and should absolutely focus on this if it enables more culture and events that can define and unite this city.

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

Hibiscus and Bays, Waitematā

Hibiscus and Bays 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

I grew up in the Gulf Harbour area, and now that the golf club has gone under, there is a vast swath of land there which is simply going rough. However, I believe that the peninsula and especially its road network, even considering penlink, simply cannot sustain the dense housing that this land probably inspires. Therefore if the proposals set out here provide the opportunity to convert these spaces into true reserves and public spaces/facilities, I believe that the area can be revitalized entirely without jeopardizing the will of the NIMBYs no doubt still living there. As a former youth of the area, and a once-member of the ill-fated youth advisory thing the local MP had, I agree with the notion that the youth of the area should feel more empowered about their voice. As it stands, I believe the politics of the area are heavily-biased towards the older population therein, and growing up there felt like nothing would ever happen in our favour. Understanding that the peninsula and the bays aren't just a retirement town is critical to building a more stable district.

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**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

1. As I described earlier, youth in the area have always been silenced by the older majority. Reversing this trend is key to making the hibiscus coast more than just a retirement location. 2/3/5. The area (and in particular Gulf Harbour) sits on vast tracts of unused land otherwise-unsuitable for dense populations. Repurposing this land as public greenery will help revitalize the area and bring in visitors and business from elsewhere in the city. 4. We all know about the Whangaparaoa Plaza, it has barely seen a single good business day since the 90s. Businesses in the area sorely need more development and planning, especially given the area's remoteness from more-travelled areas.

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?

I don't know

Tell us why

Waitematā 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

These proposals seem reasonable, especially those related to arts and culture activation, as this is my field of work. But even though I live centrally here, I can't comment on the proposals targeting other suburbs because travel to those suburbs is simply too difficult. I think the board area remains a series of disparate locations serving their immediate surroundings, rather than a city centre where everything is on the table. Maybe this will change once CRL finally gets off the ground, but until then my primary belief is that interconnectivity and ease of travel is paramount.

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

I don't know

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

1. Although I have no strong opinion here, I do understand that making sure parks don't moonlight as swamps every few years is an important goal. 2. I'm all for improving greenspaces, but the domain seems to be rather satisfactory in this specific regard. I've walked a lot of it before both for recreation and as a shortcut, and I rarely ever have issue with the footpaths therein. 5/6. I think it is important to have facilities such as these, however I'm not sure what they would entail. Thinking instinctively, I would say that access to the facilities is more of a pressing issue than the facilities themselves. 7/8. It's no secret that a lot of people feel unsafe in the CBD; as an ethnic minority person, I'm inclined to agree. I think efforts to curtail danger by any means are the most pressing issue at hand, and that wishy-washy approaches simply aren't enough anymore to tackle the problem.

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

Question 5: Other feedback

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

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Tell us here

This city often bends to those who want the old life; a large house on a large property the way Auckland used to be. However at least in the CBD, that life simply isn't possible anymore. We can't keep subsuming the land around us to satisfy a desire of the past. I think all efforts to build upward and not outward wherever possible should be explored, and we shouldn't be afraid to cast aside the old ideas of a car-centric city in pursuit of that.



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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?

Support

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.

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

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 all

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

It is inconceivable that we can be using debt to fund BAU expenses. It is simply an unsustainable practice. Council does not need to be operating things like swimming pools and gyms that the private sector offers often at a lower cost to the users, or funding events that should source funding from private sponsors. Investing today's money on a future fund does not make sense when we're

taking on more debt. I don't suppose the services costs and interest on that debt is less than the returns on the fund.

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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 think creating a new tax is going to solve the underlying issues our city faces. We shouldn't be trying to promote expensive events for a nice PR hit when we're operating at a deficit.

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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 support the initiative to reform the CCOs, however, I wish we were more hopeful in an effort to reduce the spending. AT have been spending an atrocious amount of money on pointless marketing and failed speedbumps. I'm shocked that we can't return a few more million to ratepayers.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Most of the proposed spending seems to be completely irrelevant to what a Local Boards core focus should be.

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)

Flood resilience is good, as is improving those run down footpaths. The rest are varying degrees of wasteful, particularly 'ending homelessness'. That is something only central government has the levers to pull to fix the root causes.

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

Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

This seems like a reasonable compromise between things I value highly and things that while I personally do not benefit from, I believe are helpful to our 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?

Support

Tell us why

This is an entirely reasonable approach to take to ensure that the city has sufficient resources to continue to attract visitors. On a related note, it is a bit ridiculous that the central government's approval is needed here. Auckland should be making decisions for Auckland.

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

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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

I am particularly keen on the footpath improvements, the flood resilience actions (Western Park intermittently turns into a lake in heavy rain; this can make using it with kids a bit tricky, though perhaps this is the park doing its job and saving the neighborhood from worse flooding?), and support for homeless in the city. I am not entirely sure about programming to increase perceptions of safety; it depends on how this is done? (I.e. adverts saying the city is safe! seem kinda silly, and while broadly correct not necessarily accurate on a neighborhood+personal practice level. Conversely, adverts that attempt to build community ownership, engagement, and pride as a way to build safety might be worthwhile?)

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Fairly important

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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, Local parks strategy and planning

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

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Tell us here

I was a skeptic of the direction the city was heading in a few years ago; over the past few years, though, I have been impressed. This is hard work in which many compromises need to be made, and I believe you are all doing as good of a job as one could reasonably hope. Thank you.



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Support all

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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

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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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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

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Less important

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Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Local events

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

There are several sports related projects that seem unnecessary. In my opinion there are plenty of parks, sports fields, beaches for swimming etc. Rather than increasing the number of these, I would like to see more investment in public transport so people can travel between existing facilities. This is coming from someone who made regular use of the Leys Institute buildings!

Overall, regardless of whether it is infrastructure/community projects that I agree with, I like that this plan proposes long-term investment rather than the usual Kiwi just enough investment to scrape by approach.

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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

People visiting Auckland are making use of and adding wear to our infrastructure (whether driving on the road or consuming water) and some of the money visitors bring to the economy should go towards offsetting this. A bed night visitor levy seems like a reasonable way to capture this. However, I do know of people who sometimes stay in a hotel/airbnb within Auckland as a mini-holiday away from home. I think the levy should not apply to them.

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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)

General rates: I like that they are skewed based on property value. However, the skew should be far more significant. The nature of wealth inequality means that someone with a \$3m property will be less impacted by a \$417 rate increase than the effect of an extra \$148 on someone with a \$800k property. I would also like to see alternatives that apply larger costs on people that own multiple properties rather than increasing the cost to own your family home. Waste management: I wish I could buy rubbish bags rather than have this cost baked into rates. I only put my bin out every other collection. By combining this with rates you are taking away individual choice based on differing circumstances. I do not use my food scraps bin at all. Auckland's environment makes this gross.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden, Ōrākei, Waitematā

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

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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.

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.

Fairly 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)

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?

Support most

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

Less 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

Less important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Less important

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

Very 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

Waitematā 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

Most of the proposed projects are high cost but only affect a small percentage of people. Improvements to the city centre or to general public safety will get you a lot more bang for buck.

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

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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)

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local events, Local water quality activities

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

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

Tourism as a whole is an important segment of the economy in NZ. As someone that works Tourism, a lot of tourists are completely skipping Auckland and going straight to the South Island. Introducing a short stay levy will make that worse. Which other options have been explored?

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?

None



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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

I want more events in Auckland

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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

Waitematā 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?

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Less important

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I would like to see more events and activities to activate the city and promote spending in local businesses.



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Support most

Tell us why

Generally support the work on infrastructure, but still the capital spend is higher than last year, borrowing more. Council should be balancing the books and reducing debt. The forecast 7+% rate rise next year is too high. Also why are we funding \$16m for marae when there is a \$8m gap for major event funding that benefits the entire 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?

Support

Tell us why

Yes, this is in line with other major destinations. But this \$27m is also a drop in the bucket to compared to the capital & operational spending the council has. Could more savings be found to offset this?

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Support

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Rates increases of 7% are much higher than inflation and not workable in the long term. Council should be managing its spending much tighter to reduce the burden on ratepayers in the long term. Also should be looking at other possible asset divestment to add to the Auckland Future Fund.

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

Ōrākei

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?

Support most

Tell us why

It seems the capital spend for this board is not very high compared to other board areas. Unsure 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

Fairly 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

Less important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Fairly important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Less important

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

Less 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

Another beach option would be good and extending the wastewater would hopefully make it more swimmable

Question 5: Other feedback

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Good job mayor!



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

I believe common sense is now being applied which had been sadly lacking in past Councils - with priority being given to what we need to do not what some influential middle managers and senior managers have been seemingly imposing on Council and the city in the past decade.

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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 proof of the need and value of this was evident over the Jan / Feb 2025 period with increased revenue, vibrancy and community involvement.

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)

That figure is fair and reasonable given the massive level of capital works required balanced also by the cancellation of vanity projects by Eke Panuku and unnecessary projects like traffic calming by AT

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

I don't agree with all the priorities but recognise they will be important to others, which makes our community what it is.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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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.

Very important

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

Several of these are nice to have and there like the Heard Civic space in Parnell where there is the Domain nearby, the sport and recreation for those who have less - the city is swimming in opportunities if people sought them out - the splash pad is an indulgence but important to some people obviously

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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, Local parks strategy and planning

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Can you please publish a summary of what people actually voted for in this document - things seem to go into Council and never come back out for us to understand what and how the rest of our community feels and wants.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Things seem to be progressing well - it would be good to keep up the momentum, especially in the water quality space.

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Support

Tell us why

Other major cities do this already, so it's nothing new for tourists and can help pay for things that make Auckland an even more attractive destination

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Support

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Makes sense

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Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Do not support 5.8 per cent rates increase. There are thousands of empty properties in Auckland, overseas developers need to be taxed more. This will just raise rents making the city more expensive than it already is.

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Other

Tell us why

I have worked in the event industry in Auckland, the industry spends thousands on so called world class events while using third party staffing contractors that take advantage of cheap labor. Where is the money going to? Auckland is saturated with event all year round , you will not attract more people into the city unless you make the effort to clean it up! Especially queen street which is horrible! There's more hotels in Auckland than ever before, this levy will make visiting more expensive in a city that is already expensive. The marketing and events team who I'm sure are highly paid need to cut events that not longer serve a purpose to the city.

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Tell us here

Absolutely disgusted in the money thrown at the light rail and it's flash stations , complete waste of money when the rest of the city needs fixing. Why haven't anything been done with the old planet Hollywood building next to aotea square? It's an eyesore! The light rail doesn't even connect to the airport, I've had people visit from overseas comment on how horrible the city is. We also need a Chinatown like every other world class city has.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

The plan seems balanced. It covers all the activities needed to keep the city running and enhance it as a place to live. I especially support getting the govt to allow a bed levy on accommodation as is common in most cities.

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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 a fair way of taxing those who primarily profit from the staging of events. It is very common in many of the cities I've visited abroad. The tax should not cover all the costs as locals benefit from events too. They make life in the city interesting and enhance our lives. We should promote sport and cultural events not just because of some mostly incalculable financial benefits but also because they bring joy to our lives.

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Support

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Support all

Tell us why

It has a few supportable specifics and many generalities that you couldn't oppose. I most strongly support finally restoring the Leys Institute.

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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)

It's not just transport access that makes the central city a desirable place to be, it's the place itself. I was walking home from the city at 7:00pm yesterday. It was dismaying to see the number of rough sleepers, on Queen St, around the library, ironically opposite the new social housing on

Grey's Ave and on Karangahape Rd. Apart from the indictment on our society of causing this, it doesn't make the central city feel a desirable place to be. Compassion demands that we help those people. In doing so we will help ourselves.

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

Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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

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Tell us here

The plan seems balanced and supportable.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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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

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?

Waitematā

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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?**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

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local events, Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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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

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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 (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

7. I think that its not that we need to perceive to be safe, we need to help make the city more safe. I have personally had a few incidents encountering antisocial behavior walking around the city. Have been screamed at on many occasions, intimidated, coworkers being harrassed. Have always been a bit unsettled since a lady randomly attacked people outside a Town Hall event with a knife. I think a lot of people are having a rough time and can not access the services they need. Mental Health support and Housing seem to be key issues some of these people need. I know that central government are not doing anything about it, but if local government can take a step in the right direction maybe that will start to address this massive issue.

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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,Local water quality activities

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

This is a very basic maintenance plan for a vibrant city like Auckland. As a major city aspiring to become an international hub, the annual report should focus more on development rather than just maintenance. Due to its lack of innovation and forward-thinking approach, Auckland's progress is falling behind other cities and losing its competitive edge in the global arena.

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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

I support the introduction of a bed night visitor levy because it provides a sustainable and fair way to fund the promotion and management of major events in Auckland. By having visitors contribute to the cost of these events through a small levy, we can enhance the city's international reputation, attract more tourism, and ensure that the funds are reinvested into the local economy. This will also help Auckland stay competitive with other global cities that successfully leverage tourism and events to boost their economic growth.

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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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Purchasing rubbish bags is much more efficient and helps control resource waste. People only pay when they need it. The unique targeted rate payment system would be unfair to those who don't generate much rubbish and actively contribute to saving 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

There needs to be more detailed action points to show how they plan to achieve the proposals. Once again, the proposal lacks clear improvements and new target goals. It's very plain and lacks effort.

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.

Less 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.

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.

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)

There is a lack of economic thinking. As a central local board, the proposal should focus on boosting the commercial character of the area and making it a safe investment. For example, setting a target for commercial building occupancy rates and outlining strategies to help local businesses thrive would be important steps.

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Auckland City Council has been relying on increasing annual property rates to support the city's improvement projects. However, if the council seeks rapid development, it must recognize that the revenue from local rates cannot support such growth. Constant rate increases, whether 5% or 10%

annually, won't provide enough funding for a large city's development; instead, it risks lowering the quality of life for residents. A more efficient approach would be to seek business partners and attract foreign investment. Additionally, improving resource efficiency and cutting waste are key ways to save funds. For instance, I've seen a project at Newmarket train station where replacing the viaduct glass took five months to complete, with no workers on-site for three of those months after the scaffolding was set up. What a waste of money! Another example is the 3.4 km railway project from Britomart to Mt Eden, which has taken six or seven years and is still not finished. Despite the ongoing delays, people remain excited about it, but the pace is unbelievably slow. If our teams and projects could be planned more efficiently, a significant amount of money could be saved, and we wouldn't need to raise rates every year. Auckland would then be closer to becoming a truly developed city.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Some items are vague on details so it's not possible to tell at a glance whether I agree with the changes. Improving X might mean defunding it

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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 support it as long as Air BnB is also affected

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)

None

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

A lot of the planned works have been needed for a while. It's important to get them underway

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Community programmes and services,Local events,Local parks strategy and planning

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Local board priorities

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

Homelessness is a central govt role not LB level

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Other

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Hobson Street footpaths are horrendous. I see so many tourists using them and I'm genuinely embarrassed. Only the area that Sky City occupies has a desirable pedestrian footpath. Please for the good of our city replace the Hobson Street footpaths.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Please be kind to sad apartment owner. Body corporate fee already killing me and we paid almost sane rate as big house. Reduce apartment rates is urgently demand

Question 4:

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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)

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Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

dont put any new charges, heard conjecture chargers are coming in

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?

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)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

The transport plan should prioritise alternative to private motor vehicle use, ie public transport, safe cycling and walking.

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Support

Tell us why

It seems fair.

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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?

Waitematā



Waitematā 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?

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

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less 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

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Long overdue that the Leys Institute is restored - it's a n important community resource.

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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, Local water quality activities

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 environment and the community should be key. Less money on big sporting events and more on local arts, culture and sport.



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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?

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?

Rodney, Waitematā

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 all

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

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.

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?

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

Very 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

Less 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)

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities
- opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Stop overspending

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

Not up to ratepayers to fund visitors

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)

People choose to live further out and receive the benefits of being remote. They need to pay for it.

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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Too much focus on non critical projects.

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.

Less 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.

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

Please go back to pure basics and reduce rates. We can't keep funding dreams.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support prioritising investment in public transit options that reduce congestion for cars. These include getting people on cycleways, as well as more frequent and expansive bus and train networks. I also support electrifying our bus service further. I also support ensuring our train system is more reliable and does not have large gaps in its service due to technical problems. I

also support continuing to invest in solutions to reduce the level of concrete in our city, preventing the urban heat island effect. I support a greater expansion of our green and shaded spaces as an investment priority.

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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 helps fund engaging, exciting events that make our city a more vibrant place.

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)

No

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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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.

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

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Waitematā 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

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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

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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)

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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**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 believe as a rate payer I should pay for the services I can utilise.

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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 that a making money from increased bed nights should contribute more.

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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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How important are these priorities to you?

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Which three of our services are most 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

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?

Devonport-Takapuna

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

Fairly important

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Fairly 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

Fairly 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)

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

Local parks strategy and planning, Sports and park activation activities, Youth activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Transportation is a big issue for Auckland and getting us moving will make us far more efficient
Keen to see what Council can do now that they have taken some measures off AT

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Support

Tell us why

Short-term letting causes strain on housing, so using their profits to fund development is a win. Getting some of it via overseas visitors is a great idea.

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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:

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Tell us why

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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

Living in Central Auckland means seeing a lot of anti social behavior and homelessness I hope that supporting them as well as improving recreation areas for them to have a safe place to be can put them in the right place

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Tell us why

I'd like to see more investment towards cycling infrastructure. I also think more needs to be done to keep public transport affordable. Fares should be going down, not up, regardless of the 50 fare cap.

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Support most

Tell us why

I like the sound of the grey lynn splash pad. It's good to see a range of community incentives being included. However there is an absence of information about cycle infrastructure improvement.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

We cannot afford MORE RATES INCREASES! My wages do not increase in line with the Council's rates increases year after year. How are we supposed to be able to afford these perpetual life-time (and they have been) annual increases? When will the Council cut its cloth to live within its means?

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Do not support

Tell us why

Half of these events should be scrapped - they are unaffordable and of little value. We will drive tourists away.

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Support

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Cut the nice to haves - the Council should not be an Events Manager or entertainment provider. Get back to CORE activities - waste (rubbish disposal/collection), water, footpaths, sewerage, lighting, CLEAN UP GRAFITTI (why is this the one environmental policy that no one addresses?) and provision of minimal but clean and tidy public amenities.

Question 4:**Local board priorities**

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Other than core basic needs, I would be happy if the Council did nothing else than clean up the city (graffiti is disgusting and Auckland looks shabby and tired compared with overseas cities) and got rid of discarded shopping trollies around the streets. Let private organisations take over running events and building stadiums. The Council is not an entertainment provider. Provide parks and a few libraries and let private / corporate entities provide the rest.



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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Support most

Tell us why

Seems like most money is being focused on improving Auckland but WAY too much money spent on Council governance and local boards (get rid of Local Boards - nonsense talk fest)

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Meaningless nonsense. What are you actually doing other than talking, investigating. Just resign and give role back to council with every local board so money can be better spent on actual delivery

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

This is all meaningless. Prioritising , Investigating and support just means the board sitting around eating biscuits, pontificating and paying heaps of money to consultants. Please get rid of local boards

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities
- opening hours and services

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Very disappointing. You need to focus back on core services (water, roads, public transport footpaths, cycleways and community facilities and NOTHING MORE), reduce costs, get rid of waste like the local boards (what do they actually do?)



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Do not support most

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These are the main heavy pain expenses that should be subsidised MORE by the Auckland council. transport water and fairer funding for local communities

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Tell us why

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Support all

Tell us why

These are all the priorities I see for Auckland too.

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Support

Tell us why

Yes - it's fair and would raise necessary funds for events etc.

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Support

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Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

For the amount of rates we pay we hardly see the value returned , Why are rates being spent on departments who are best described as painful to deal with and money wasted on identity project which represents the minority and not the majority which could be better spent on say lowering cost to live.

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Support

Tell us why

Levy to fun growth from visitors is great, we need to lower the red tape to attract more large scale events , use fund to pay for community to hunt down and attract foreign events to Auckland to bring in more visitors and pay more levy's

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Support

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I don't know

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Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Very 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

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)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

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 mention of Central city residents

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

Let the private organisations fund all of this

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)

no

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

They fail to address central City residents

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

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.

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

Why not use the now deserted exCook St Police building for temporary housing for the homeless?

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

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?

(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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

5.8 % rate increase is a lot with the cost of living crisis families struggling to put quality food on the table. The shortage of housing and the high cost of real estate is out of reach for our younger generation.

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Do not support

Tell us why

New Zealand is already a very expensive destination in the world .

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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)

Keep rate increase as low as possible due to cost of living crisis

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?

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.

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.

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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Keep rates low



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Investment fund - good idea (+) Water pass through to independent entity - sneaky way of increasing real rates (-) Bed-night levy - good idea and common worldwide (+) Need more effort on busways like Northern bus route (+/-) City rail link is a disaster but not of this council's making Complete flood recovery efforts - good (+) Rates increase is likely more than GDP/person increase

(-) Speeds on residential roads where children play should be kept low. Arterial routes should be pedestrian protected and needs to target improved flow

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

Tell us why

Tourists and tourist company recipients need to pay their fair share of event costs

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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Should be targeted towards fair charges for fair disposal costs

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

In general agree - although amusing to read community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety :)

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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

Fairly important

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Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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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

We have this catch-22 situation with an ever-congested city and a cycle network that is not a network but a series of disconnected cycleways. For cycling to boom, which benefits everyone, including those who prefer or need to drive, cycle lanes, must be networks. It is proven to work in

cities all around the world. The Great North Road upgrade, which includes a cycle lane, has taken 10 years ... that sums up the problem.

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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 has to be funded, but it also begs the question of why we are spending \$9m removing safer speed zones.

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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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user pays

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Waitematā 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

I support Most, as I would like to see greater emphasis on creating a network of cycle lanes to make it a much more vibrant area. It is disappointing that many of the schools in the area can only be accessed safely by car - !

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Cycle lanes are missing. While we seem to have difficulty funding activities that reduce carbon emissions, we also need to make the city more resilient to climate change—as much as we can.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Auckland council need to make major cut backs, and stick to core business. Spending \$16 million into Māori outcomes including the ongoing Marae Infrastructure is not what rate payers should be paying.

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

I do not support a bed tax levy. Again, it is showing how anti business Auckland Council is. It's not your job to do this. Cut council waste, rather than tax business owners

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?

None



Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

I object to the Tupuna Maunga Authority Operational plan. The council needs to concentrate on delivering services to all Aucklanders, and stick to their core business.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

I think this plan is better than we have had for a while and presents a good balance. Some things I'm not across so just need to assume the right things are being done. I ask councillors to look carefully and if they don't understand things, seek expert advice (for themselves). Do not vote on finances if you don't understand them!

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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

Short stay, including app based rentals, need to contribute and this is a better method than a flat charge, although it does have more administration. But this is probably worth the cost to get it correct and fair.

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Support

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No

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None

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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

As nice as it sounds, we should be focusing more on our local communities and this frivolous levy will only burden the Auckland community with minimal benefits.

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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

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

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)

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

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Important for Auckland to become more economically resilient and self-reliant, given NZ's narrow and nationally-centred tax and revenue base (perhaps the narrowest in the OECD) is unlikely to change, and Auckland is likely to continue to receive central government funding well below its economic contribution (almost no other OECD country has such an economic dependence on its

major city, notwithstanding central government's ignoring of this exposure). At the same time, the city is going through its second urban leap (a doubling of population within 20 years) and requires significant infrastructure and other investment for future development. We need high quality urban intensification and we can't expect any help or knowledge getting there coming from Wellington.

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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

Tourism is a regressive enough industry (foreign-owned airlines, hotels, souvenir shops, rental car companies, camper vans etc) that anything the local community, including local government, can score along the way while multinational firms make all the money from our virtually free landscapes and environment, is a good thing.

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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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

User pays is the way to go. Electronic road pricing for the entire roading network is urgently required. The sooner we stop subsidising private road transport, the sooner we support better public transport, biking, pedestrianisation etc, and allow the property market to receive proper market signals. We can't keep accepting public externalities for private vehicle transport, our implicit subsidies for which are perhaps the highest in the world - it's mental from an economic as well as climate perspective. (Apologies for using the word 'mental') Plus Auckland's local road network is perhaps the Council's biggest asset and can be leveraged, given super city funding models recommended by Peter Salmon were gutted to leave the super city financially high and dry.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

Only bad miss is failing to turn Western Springs stadium, one of the top five outdoor music venues in the world (by admission of visiting bands etc), into an international stadium music and entertainment venue. Please don't let Auckland FC privatise it by stealth (even though I support Auckland FC). Please think long term and nurture this amazing outdoor arena for its global leadership position. It's already halfway gone with terracing etc. But it's not too late to make it major international attraction with year-round major outdoor concerts that will bring significant national and international tourism.

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

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

I don't know

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

1. We'll only get more flooding; 2. Unhoused people find it hard to access any services, pull themselves together or get ahead. My 'I don't knows' are because I don't understand what these proposals are.

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

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I want more spent on active transport (walking and bike riding) and public transport, than more roads. I also want higher parking fees, putting fees earned back into the Local Board area (a la Shoup doctrine) and far less parking on important arterials. Don't build more roads - make more use out of the existing infrastructure. Also, simply block off roads which cross the Western rail

line. The cars and trucks can simply go around - pls prioritise the speed and frequency of rail. And save money of grade separation wherever possible. And increase fines for dangerous driving (mobile phone misuse, running red lights, turning without indicating). And reduce speeds back to 30 wherever possible. And promote a helmet optional law when on bike lanes in order to get more folks riding bikes on bike lanes

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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

More events are better for Auckland as a peak destination.

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?**

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Fairly important

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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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)

I would like Rose Road to be made into a civic square.

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

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Create a predator free Auckland Isthmus using the Maunga as key biodiversity hotspots. From Portage Road, New Lynn to Portage Road, Otahuhu.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support most of the proposed plan but the Rodney local board capital spend seems too low. Rodney has seen an influx of population through the conversion of large swathes of farm land to intensive residential developments. The amenities for areas like Kumeu, Silverdale, Helensville, Millwater have not kept up. Rodney has been underfunded and is operating much the same for the

last 10-15 years. Parks are a plenty (largely as part of subdivisions) but other services such as transport, libraries, community services needs to catch up.

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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 way to gather revenue without imposing too much a charge on everyday Aucklanders

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)

My property in Parakai has a CV of \$900k, I purchased this last July for \$600k. I do not support a wide scale increase as house prices have moved a lot in the last 2-3 years. Some rates are extremely out of touch with present value.

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

Rodney needs a LOT more capital investment than is proposed. Especially with the rapid increase in population

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

Fairly 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

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)

Same as above. Rodney needs more investment, particularly the Nor-West portion of Rodney. Houses are slapped up with little to no supporting infrastructure.

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

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Auckland Council should capitalise on the investment of rail and integrate the Nor-West line.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

far too expensive for everything including rates. Council staff including mayors getting paid far too much money. reduce and cut is needed.

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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

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Do not support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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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 any

Tell us why

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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.

Less 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.

Less 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.

Less important

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

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Support most

Tell us why

Is there a choice?

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Support

Tell us why

What you say

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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

Realism

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

Less important

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Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Less important

Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

Less important

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Visiting Auckland Central and keep the events coming is good for the local business.

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Waitematā 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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Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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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

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community programmes and services, Local events

Question 5: Other feedback

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Auckland central needs control over the insane prices of business rents which end up being empty for years, not producing, not offering anything to the community.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

So much of it is bureaucracy gone made. There still too many staff. At least 1,000 need to go

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

The benefits are enjoyed by businesses throughout the community so picking one group is discriminatory and unfair

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Too sloppy by far. Does nobody apply a sensible, objective mind to the proposals?

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

Very 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

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)

Homelessness must be addressed fearlessly and compassionly. It can't wait.

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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 water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

I think the public transport system improvements in particular are much needed, along with the central interceptor tunnel for wastewater.

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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's a small price to pay for visitors but provides a large boost to Auckland Council's ability to fund events.

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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?

None



Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

Transport is a key issue faced by Aucklanders on a daily basis. Water quality is also very important to me.

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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 long as the funds received are used to support growing AKL as a visitor destination, by attracting large scale events. Funds received need to be reinvested in growing AKL.

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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?

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?

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.

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.

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.

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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?**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

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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

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)

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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 waste minimisation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates should be a user pays model. ONLY Rates based on property value assumes that the rated property is getting value from the rates. This is not the case. It makes no sense that a property that is rated for \$2 million dollars gets any further value over a property rated for \$1 million dollars. Rates charged to property based on property value is flawed.

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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

Levies should be only paid by those attending events or by the event organizers.

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)

This imposes further cost on those that do not need this service. USER paid model should be applied in ALL cases for rates

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

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

User pays model is more appropriate

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

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.

Less important

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

These priorities should be funded by users pays

Waitematā 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

Funding should come from user pays

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

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)

Funding should come from user pays. Targeted rates from affected properties

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

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local events, Local water quality activities

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As per my previous comments on USER PAYS. Rates should not be sourced from property valuation



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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

These marketing events should be run self sufficient & not add extra costs onto out of town patrons. Maybe event management should take a pay cut from their huge salaries!!!!??

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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?

Waitematā

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Support most

Tell us why

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities, Youth activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

It would be very helpful to outline in the plan the key items that are *not* included, i.e. the opportunity costs of moving ahead with the planned items. What are the substantial initiatives that have been shelved or cancelled? Without knowing this it's hard to say whether one supports the plan overall.

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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 seems like a great idea and is widespread overseas.

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Support

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Question 4:

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

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Less important

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

It is unclear what it means to enhance perceptions of safety as opposed to making things safer? Without additional context it's not possible to say if I consider this important or not.

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation,Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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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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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

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

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

Less important

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

Fairly 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.

Fairly important

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

Question 5: Other feedback

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It would be helpful to see how this varies from the last plan...



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

As the council has a good overview and engages the competent companies and individuals, the proposal is appropriate. Hopw there were not be some setbacks...

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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 discriminatory...

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Other

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I think that rubbish issue here is a burning issue and it should be given to that a wider and extended approach.... very serious

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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I don't know

Tell us why

Not enough familiar . Have add on questions..

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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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.

Fairly important

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

It looks that some people branded homeless are not zctually homeless.

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Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

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No, i support the City Council...definitely in ghese challenging period



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Support all

Tell us why

Sensible goals and plans, while keeping rates increases in check

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Support

Tell us why

Works well in other major cities

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Support

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Sensible waste management standardisation and adjustment to other fees and charges e.g. dog adoption and vet fees, also realignment of bach fees (I assume this includes Airbnb)

Question 4:

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

Waitematā



Waitematā 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

See below

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Very important

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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)

Flood resilience actions for Grey Lynn Park important in view of past flood events

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

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local waste minimisation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Very important to safeguard and enhance our Maunga



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Support most

Tell us why

Rates increase not keen on

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Do not support

Tell us why

Bit like Trump adding extra import duty, you will scare tourists away. I m just not for that tax 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)

No

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

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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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

We have a massive homeless problem on Hobson st, Queen st and neighbouring areas. These people are scaring locals and tourist esp next to casino, and have alcohol, weed, and lots of rubbish around them

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

Local parks strategy and planning,Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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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

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 in Auckland is very expensive

Question 4:

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

None

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

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Stop wasting money in projects that not bring benefits to everyone, Stop just looking after the maorí population



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Tell us why

Please consider the economy and the wider market when deciding the rate. Look at the mortgage rate how can you have such a high increase?

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Support

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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?

Albert-Eden, Henderson-Massey, Waitematā

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?

Do not support most

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.

Less 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.

Fairly 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)

Waitematā 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

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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

Albert-Eden

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Support most

Tell us why

We're not investing nearly enough in public transport. Our motorways are gridlocked for hours each day. Widening or extending motorways will not improve the situation long term. We should go back to the last Government's light rail plan and pick up where they left off....a lot of the planning work was done. This should be a shared Govt/ Council project and the cheaper above ground

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Support

Tell us why

As long as it is NOT applied to the large music concerts whereby famous and often appalling groups fly in and then fly out with a plane load of cash. Sure, bars and drug dealers profit but you'll never convince me that these events benefit greater Auckland!

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Homelessness is a critical issue but the Central Govt is responsible for the deteriorating situation. Just booting people out of motels and not investing in homeless shelters nor building houses is

why we're here. Auckland City can never shine as a tourist destination whilst all these homeless people are sleeping on footpaths. The board must put this desperate challenge at the feet of this uncaring and cavalier Government.

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 programmes and services, Local waste minimisation activities, Youth activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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

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It's such a shame that Mayor Brown and many in his council show so little vision for The Queen City. We need Queen Street to be pedestrianised. We need the Victoria Street connection project with Albert Park to be prioritised and we certainly don't need the short-term and petty cash thinking that is being applied to cycle ways. It's hard to understand that the mayor apparently fails to appreciate that unless the cycle ways are all joined up properly of course they won't be used. It's like roads to nowhere!!



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

our rates are already higher than market rate,

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

equalises hospitality sector hotels vs airbnb & similar

Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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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?

Albert-Eden, Ōrākei

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

do we get the chance to comment on Auckland central annual plan?



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Support most

Tell us why

Agree with targeted funding in principle but devil in the detail. It maybe possible to target motel and hotel with additional tariffs but what about air bnb, restaurants, takeaways, dairies and then other disruptive technology like temu etc

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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

Should be an annual charge not just during specific events and be incentivised by linking in with Tourism Auckland. Auckland Council needs to get more tech savvy in the tourism area as they have credibility to external parties.

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Western Park is the best natural water catchment- leave it alone please.

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

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

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)

Homelessness needs to be worked on with Council linking the various charities together. Assist homelessness with good public toilets and external showers and taps.

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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, Sports and park activation activities, Local waste minimisation 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)?

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Council need to improve their culture and Aucklanders need a mayor that is a leader and supports Council culture not criticise the staff all the time.



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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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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?**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

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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

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)

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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, 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)?

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Organisation (if applicable): Grafton Residents' Association

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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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

Ratepayers should not have to fund these events. The levy should be extended to Air B'n'B, bookabach etc.

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)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

2. Most roads in the Domain don't have footpaths which makes it very unwelcoming for people wanting to enjoy it on foot. Kiosk Road, for example, is a narrow road with no footpath and one side taken up with parking, yet it is the route for a double decker bus leaving no room for pedestrians. We need MORE footpaths, not just improved ones. 3. The Leys Institute has great cultural and heritage value. 4. Locals enjoy Heard Park as it is. The upgrade is costly and unnecessary,

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

Community development and support activities, Grants, Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

don't understand why our rate keep going up every year as services remind the same and Auckland council team should manage their operation / running cost - Rate increase need to stop

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Other

Tell us why

not sure how this levy will be managed i.e. just another tax which ideally should be linked to the event

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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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

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

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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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

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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Fairly 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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Local Board: Waitemata

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

1. I don't know because it is written in pidgin english trying to show everyone you care about maori's. Basic english would be much clearer and we will all still love maori's the exact same. 2. The plan means nothing - show us by actually improving things that matter.

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

Tell us why

Love your work Brownie. Tax the bludgers.

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)

Buy your own rubbish bags. It's not hard. Get rid of bludgers in the council office who aren't adding any value to the city to fund. There's plenty sitting there Brownie wake up.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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. Write the plan in english and not pidgin english so everyone can understand. 2. It's all waffle - improve things so we can see them day to day.

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

Very important

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Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

All footpaths need improving not just Auckland domain. I don't want perception of safety to be improved - I want the CBD actually safer to walk in after dark. Don't need support for ending homelessness - just clean up the streets so workers/tourists in the CBD can feel safe, people can

run a business without boxes in front of their doors every morning, and there isn't a perpetual smell of urine in the streets.

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Local events,Local parks strategy and planning,Local water quality activities

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Long time listener, first time caller. You're doing a great job Brownie - keep fighting the good fight against these bludging bureaucrats putting up obstacles at every step. Focus on the basics: - Clean the water so people can swim at their local beach. - Police the city to get rid of the scum. - Fix the roads and get rid of all the cones so people can use the roads again. - Clean the CBD of rubbish and filth. Talk soon champ, Batman.



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Support most

Tell us why

The most important issue for this plan is an overarching common sense of existing projects and realistic assessments of what needs to be done (not what is wanted to be done). Overall the plan has a lot of sense but the councils track record has not lead to ratepayers confidence. Auckland Transport is a prime example blinkered 'want' rather than 'need'.

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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 already an expensive city to visit. Adding a 'bed night visitor levy' will add more cost to visitors to the city and also present the image of a greedy environment that is going to all measures to fleece visitors of their money. Visitors need to be treated fairly which will achieve more for marketing the city as a good destination for visitors. We regularly see hotels and motels increasing their charges during big events; the hotels and motels should be paying a surcharge on the number of beds they have; they are the ones making the profit. They are fleecing the visitors, the council should be setting an example of fair treatment for visitors.

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Support

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I am sure the Council will be looking at the new property valuations and how the expected drop is likely to reduce the rates. Given what has been outlined I do not have any issue with the current plan as it is likely the council will need to address the reduction in rates base income.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Prioritisation and schedule management is a critical focus that needs to be monitored and managed.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

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

I see the function of the local boards being to address local issues of general nature. Should more important issues be encountered this is primarily the territory of the Council to address.

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Local parks strategy and planning, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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Auckland Transport has adopted a change to Auckland's road network whereby roads are being narrowed, parking is being removed and minimised, bus-stop bays are being removed with the bus stop now being in a traffic lane resulting in traffic stoppages and longer travel times, and a plethora of underused cycle lanes. Their new road framework is generating traffic congestion and increasing Auckland's carbon footprint. Furthermore, traffic congestion is increasing the cost to road users and adversely impacting Auckland's economy. Auckland Transport may be trying to move commuters from their cars to public transport (buses and trains) but have ignored the adverse impact on commercial users and a large user community who are not served well by the bus services; one size does not fit all. Some good lessons can be learned from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada where road rules have been established to improve bus services without the large cost of roadworks. The roads are becoming more dangerous as I have personally witnessed; an increase in dangerous manoeuvres in my area - Garnett Road, Meola Road and Pt Chevalier Road is just one example.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

Not fair to pass 5.8% onto residents via rates

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Do not support

Tell us why

This shouldnt be on domestic residents as it will discourage accommodation bookings, but from an international point of view it could work - things are often cheaper for them coming from overseas anyway

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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

Need to prioritise safety, and cleaning (eg the drains given flood risk)

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.

Less 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.

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.

Less important

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

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Focus on safety and cleanliness and flood risk

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Local arts and culture activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

Transport, water & infrastructure are the big issues for me, along with climate change/sustainability.

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Support

Tell us why

Accommodation providers will benefit from these events.

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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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Support most

Tell us why

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Re-install racing at Western Springs now and DO NOT demolish it!!! What a waste of money destroying something which is perfect as a venue to rebuild elsewhere. Stop spending our money like it's your own!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Do not support most

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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)

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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 events, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Too much waste

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's reasonable. We also shouldn't be subsidising Eden Park.

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)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

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

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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)

We need to make the Domain easier to walk around. Removing more parking would be a good step too. The stretch from the Grandstand round to Kiosk Road has been much more please since it was closed to cars. Remove 10% of the parking every year.

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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, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

Should be more investment into public transport / the arts/ community spaces. Less cuts

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Support all

Tell us why

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Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local water quality activities

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Support most

Tell us why

I individual property rates need to be addressed. MY property was valued at \$1.2 million which was far too high as I'm in a modest block of 8 flats. As a consequence rates paid out to Auckland Council were equally high. I'm a pensioner living alone and had to cut my budget considerably. The market value for my property is considerably lower than your rating value. I had envisaged that this

years AC rating % would adjust this year to cover the amount I and others paid out over the past rating period. But 5+% as stated does not indicate any cognisance of this inequity I want to pay my dues and support our growing city communities so please use good common sense and make an adjustment as I/ we all did last year when we accepted the higher rate and paid accordingly. A fair and reasonable request I believe as AC coffers must have gained considerably and inequitably on our Rating payments I'm an 83yr old woman in sole ownership of my property

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Tell us why

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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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Please refer to my comment as per Question 1 which pertains to this section My apologies for inserting it earlier but to my mind that was appropriate It was only after giving feedback that I found this more relevant heading My vision as an 80+yr old found the small sized font difficult to read -

used my magnifying glass to read the whole article - perhaps a worthy suggestion to guide your future communications with your ratepayers

Question 4:**Local board priorities**

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None

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I have included my main comment which I'm sure will be voiced by many of your ratepayers



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Support most

Tell us why

Road prioritisation is disappointing. Will you be fixing 95% of issues with footpaths and cyclelanes within 23 hrs too? The transport plan does not go anywhere near far enough - our city is growing, fast; and we need a transport plan that better supports a transition AWAY from cars and TOWARDS better utilisation of public transport, cycling and walking (and a combination of these

modes). We need to invest in convincing Aucklanders to trial using these forms of transport for short distance travel (under 5 kms) which represents the bulk of ALL car journeys in Auckland. Fairer funding for local boards - these boards need to prove their worth, in the same way Tataki Auckland Unlimited, Panuku and Auckland Transport were. These local boards represent the voice of the minority, and ignore the broader communities they supposedly stand for. By and large, these boards are dysfunctional and do not speak for the community. The community couldn't even tell you who their reps are because these reps never speak to them.

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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

Bed taxes are a blunt instrument that do not work well when implemented poorly - we've seen this done before and it did not solve the problem it pertained to solve. Some hoteliers want a nationwide bed tax, not an Auckland bed tax. It needs to be publicly debated in the open. Not behind closed doors with representatives who are only speaking for the few who line their pockets and keep them employed. There needs to be transparency around how this tax will be gathered, measured and spent. If it just goes into the general Council coffers, it will achieve nothing it is supposed to achieve.

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?**

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Footpaths in Auckland Domain - this is key for our community (Grafton). More clarity is needed around the plan; do you intend to install new footpaths where there are currently none? Or is the intention simply to rip up the existing as you've done before (quite recently) and just relay? Will there be public consultation specifically on this matter? I do not trust the local board to do any thorough engagement with our community, or with Newmarket or Parnell communities who also use the park regularly and extensively. Will there be an opportunity for the public to present to the Domain Committee? Please note - the local boards think the residents associations speak for their communities; they do not. These residents associations have tiny followings and are not in touch with a broad enough range of residents for their opinions to be meaningful. The local board needs to find better way to talk directly to residents about such matters.

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

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Fairly 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)

The footpaths in Auckland Domain are non-existent and this has been discussed for decades. Likewise, Leys Institute. Why are we still waiting? Sport and recreation in Waitemata - what groups in this local board are they referring to? It would be good to understand who they are thinking of that need better access to sports and recreation opportunities given our local board area is well served by free sportsgrounds, playgrounds, Council run gyms and swimming pools etc...etc...etc... Homelessness - local board have prioritised this, but how are they working in with the agencies who are actually doing the real work? Do they want money to hand out to these agencies? If so, support that. But not if the local board intends to start their own stand alone initiatives; they don't have the skills and will waste money.

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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,Grants

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 most

Tell us why

I feel like we continue to spend too much and charging us twice the rate of inflation when wages haven't risen is disregarding the cost of living crisis.

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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

Finally an idea that raises money without penalising rate payers. Well done to those creative visionaries.

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 agree with user pays.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Waiheke

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.

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.

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

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

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

Fairly 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)

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.

Very 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

Less 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

Very important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Very important

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

Very important

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Very important

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Very important

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

Very important

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

I feel like there has been less importance placed on the central suburbs so like to see more focus in Parnell, Remuera, Mt Eden. My biggest concern is downtown and Queen Street. It is a cesspit of bad behaviour and threatening individuals. All the 'shared spaces' and lack of cars have contributed to this. Clean it up please.

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

Make Auckland look beautiful.

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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

You're doing too much and spending too much.

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**

Very important

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

Less 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

Less important

Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate

Very important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Very important

Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.

I don't know

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

I don't know what 'motu' means.

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?

Yes

Tell us why

Swimming is a healthy pastime and vital for New Zealanders to learn considering the drowning stats.

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You probably don't want to hear it but can you please stop AT and their mad spending on cycleways that nobody uses, shutting down of carparks and ridiculous speed restrictions.



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Tell us why

Council needs to understand that as it relentlessly increases rates it is forcing many people on fixed incomes to have to consider their options. Council needs to carefully analyse all spending and concentrate on the core issues

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

I think major events such as the ones you mention should be self funding with council maybe helping with facilities only

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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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

In my opinion, although the plan highlights priorities like transport, water, and fairer funding for local communities, it doesn't effectively support these areas in practice. The proposed bed night visitor levy may discourage people from staying in hotels and harm the tourism industry. The suggested rates increase could also raise rent prices, at a time when there are already too many empty

apartments across the city. This situation risks increasing crime since owners would let their apartments to emergency housing and deported criminals like during COVID and would make the city feel even more unsafe, disorganized, and unclean. Rather than spending on unnecessary and costly festivals in central Auckland, it would be wiser to redirect funding to local communities where safety and wellbeing can be better supported. It would also be more effective to replace underused buses with electric vans or shared taxis to provide more efficient, flexible public transport.

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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

I do not support the bed night visitor levy, because it will negatively impact hotels, reducing their occupancy and potentially forcing them out of business. This will encourage the spread of Airbnb in residential areas, which can disturb the peace of apartment residents. Overall, it may hurt both tourism and quality of life for local people. Instead of taxing hotels and their guests, the council should explore alternative ways to generate income from tourists, such as introducing paid public toilets in tourist areas or offering small electric rental vehicles. Supporting hotels instead of penalising them would strengthen the tourism economy

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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 do not support the waste management proposal because switching to a targeted rate could be unfair to households that produce very little waste. The current pay-per-bag system rewards people who are environmentally conscious and helps reduce overall waste. Replacing it with a fixed charge removes this incentive and forces low-waste households to subsidize high-waste ones. As a single professional who travels around 30% of the year, I produce minimal rubbish. Being made to pay a full fixed rate despite this feels unfair and almost like a forced charge with no flexibility — it penalizes people who are trying to do the right thing.

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

Devonport-Takapuna, Rodney, Waitematā

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?

Do not support most **Tell us why** I support improvements to public spaces and coastal protection. However, I would prefer to see the budget focused more on preserving the peace and quiet of residential neighborhoods, rather than funding noisy events or encouraging unregulated tourism. I completely disagree with the continued investment in underused cycle lanes — most riders don't even use them. If we're paying rates to build them, then riders should be required to use them, or be fined when they don't. It's frustrating to see cyclists ignoring the lanes and disrupting traffic. I do not support funding unnecessary festivals. Instead, please focus on meaningful community initiatives like subsidized classes in yoga, art, or gym access for children and the elderly. Also, basic infrastructure is lacking. I have to walk nearly 2km to find a rubbish bin — this is unacceptable. Invest in more bins. Replace underused buses with smaller electric vans. The focus should be on practical improvements. 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

Less important

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Less 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

Fairly important

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

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 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)

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Ōrewa has many elderly residents, so the council should support businesses that serve them — for example, by offering reduced rates to businesses where most customers are seniors. Roads and walkways need better maintenance to ensure safety, and local hotels should offer senior discounts to promote tourism without disturbing residents.

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

Less 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

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)

Waitematā 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

The CBD feels unsafe and unclean due to rising rough sleeping and visible drug use, which is driving away tourists and suburban residents. Many shops are now empty, and Queen Street has become unusable — neither walkable nor drivable — due to poor planning. Auckland Council must act urgently: improve public safety, work with police, clean up streets, and prevent misuse of public toilets and e-scooters. Lower rates for city businesses to fill vacant shops, and replace empty buses with smaller electric vans. Wynyard Quarter had potential, but without bold, practical investment, even that area is struggling.

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

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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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

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Overall, the Annual Plan focuses too heavily on symbolic and event-driven spending while urgent, practical problems are ignored. The council must redirect more funding toward public safety, cleanliness, basic infrastructure, and support for small businesses — especially in the city centre.

As for the Tūpuna Maunga Operational Plan, I support the protection of ancestral mountains and cultural sites, but there needs to be more transparency around spending, public access, and how decisions affect surrounding communities. Local voices must be included.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Auckland Council in its current structure cannot be trusted to spend its revenue as though it was money they earned as individuals and had to use wisely. CCOs, Local Boards and departments are all focused on spending their annual budget as if they don't it will be reduced the following year. Until you banish this ridiculous funding model you won't achieve prudent savings. Of course

transport, water and core services need funding however time and again Council and CCOs have not spent wisely and continue to promote themselves to their constituents using those constituents' rates to do so.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Again, if the money was spent appropriately this could have merit. I witnessed first hand the destination marketing team of Council at the Americas Cup in San Francisco spending money like water entertaining potential overseas investors and what exactly did that reap and how much did that jaunt cost? There were way too many people on the ground and way too much money being splashed about for what. And that's just one example. Can't be trusted.

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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Don't support waste management proposal because you will cut back collections to fortnightly. Don't support the scraps programme at all - the marketing dollars that was thrown at that to launch it was obscene and what about the carbon footprint shipping it all down the line? Another example of ineptitude in Council is the delaying of revaluations - you know the CVs have dropped but you delay announcing new ones as that will affect the rates revenue that you keep saying isn't linked to rates. In the meantime you continue to charge rates at the 2021 CV. And no-one is accountable for this - like everything else. Increasing cremation services is shameful. At a time when families are grieving and frequently short of money you want to do this? Disgusting. As for cultural development we don't have the funds to finance every annual celebration for everyone - which is a real disappointment as we do need to celebrate our diversity but Council needs to focus on core services and cut its budget to suit its cloth. Once it gets that under control then it can look at celebrating diversity and culture at the rate they currently do but shouldn't because they can't afford it.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Again, all Local Boards need to pull in their horns when it comes to spending just as the rest of Councils and CCOs do. Sad but true.

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

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

Heard Park, Grey Lynn Paddling Pool and sadly sport & recreation groups only appeal to certain sectors of the community. Funds need to be allocated based on how many people they reach in the community. The Domain is a no brainer; flood resilience in Western and Grey Lynn Parks affect many as does safety and while the homeless are a small group their impact is far reaching not only for them but the wider community. The Leys Institute was gifted to Council - you have an obligation to meet your responsibilities there and the building and its services were well utilized by the community.

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Get rid of the CCOs and don't spend a fortune doing it. Integrate them back into Council. Stop spending ridiculous amounts of money marketing Council services and facilities and put that money into actual services. You have a long way to go to rebuild any semblance of trust. As for the mess you've made of parking especially in the CBD well neither of us has all day for me to ramble on about that!



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Public transport needs to be more effective. It works well in very limited areas. I personally don't think that Auckland will ever be a real biking city - it is too spread out so getting the buses and trains to better serve the whole city is imperative. Some sort of public transport service to our airport should exist if we want to call ourselves an international city.

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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 pretty standard in many parts of the world and most reasonable people who are staying/travelling in the city would see this as a fair cost to ensure a city is able to offer attractions and safety and accommodation etc to visitors.

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I don't know

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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?

I don't know

Tell us why

It seems there is very little in the pipeline for my local board. This could be reflective of the socio demographic but it should not be assumed that many services for the community offered in other local boards should be paid for at a local community level.

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.

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.

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.

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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Rest for the work people

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Support

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Question 4:

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I generally disagree with privatization/selling of infrastructure and assets to gain immediate cash. If that cash is not properly invested we just lose in the long term, and that's being generous and not viewing the privatization cynically as a deliberate scheme to transfer public wealth into private wealth. But it's more complicated than that, and if the benefits/dividends of owning major

infrastructure such as auckland airport are not significant, then maybe it could be the right move. I don't feel informed enough to say either way. I hope this will not hurt our options long term. We will run out of things to sell. Busways are very costly infrastructure for what they provide. I will once again advocate for trains, which if we are building dedicated busways like on the North Shore or in Pakuranga, would take up the same space and be dramatically more efficient. Trains are also much more comfortable -- to be blunt only students and old people like taking the bus. Installing driver safety screens isn't really addressing the actual problem, though I acknowledge that is perhaps a matter for the police department. It does nothing to increase the safety of other passengers on the bus either. We desperately need the CRL to be completed to progress with revitalizing midtown, but I don't advocate rushing it. Let's do the job once and do it properly. In the meantime, Council could look at other work that will be necessary to save midtown, such as addressing the increasingly dilapidated foreign owned cinema next to the civic, which used to be the heart of town. Or we could deal with the epic mistake of moving large amounts of housing new zealand clients with problematic behavior into the central city. Housing NZ isn't the worst issue either -- it is privately run slums, 'lodges', like the silver fern backpackers who knowingly provide unsupervised and substandard living to persons on bail or just out of prison. Putting them all in one building creates a nexus for crime which has long poisoned midtown. My strong preference would be to remove problematic housing NZ clients from the city, limit how many housing NZ projects can be in the central city, and impose very strict controls on short term lodges/backpackers. The reality is large housing NZ projects are more manageable in the suburbs. On a similar note, and given the plan discusses community assets, auckland central public library has become an unsafe slum and something should be done about this. Council and police need to work together and not tolerate this ongoing antisocial behaviour. I support works making the waterfront more accessible but I also think it is important for Auckland to retain at least a small working port. Very long term, I think the mayor's proposal for a second bridge nearer to point chevalier is significantly better than the central government's somewhat deluded multiple tunnel plan. A second crossing absolutely needs to include a rail link. This is assuming a second crossing is necessary, I would like Council to first explore options for adding a rail link to the existing bridge somehow, and how that might decrease commuter congestion. Since the lantern festival is directly mentioned, this needs to come back to auckland city, preferably albert park when it was at its peak. The festival hosted in manukau was disconnected from its roots, given auckland's chinese population is not centered down there, and more generally it was simply disappointing. The central city is the heart of the region and should be the hub of its activity, that's kind of the point of having a central city, and the increased transport links with the CRL will only make this better. Safety hubs and compliance officers are great to see, along with increased presence of transport officers on trains etc. But this is really just filling the gaps police have left. Council needs to work closer with police and demand more from the department, and maybe can assist police by demanding central government send more funding to auckland police. The current auckland station at college hill is a rented building, poorly located, and barely fit for service. Police have announced a central station but this is just a glorified desk at an office building on federal street. Police need to move back to a purpose built midtown headquarters, and if they aren't getting what they need from government to do that I wonder if Council can add their voice. Even if ratepayers have to help fund such a project -- a safer central city is worth it.

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Support

Tell us why

It is a small cost to visitors that I think is unlikely to affect their decision to visit, but collectively provides significant funding for the city. The reality is visitors/tourists increase the strain on city resources and infrastructure while they are here and so they should contribute to the city's expenses. The income they generate for businesses is great but that goes into private pockets and not necessarily back to the city. I think it's an easy win.

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Question 4:

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

None



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Albert-Eden

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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?

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.

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

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Support most

Tell us why

Why not cut funds to cco's? They should learn to do more with less (especially AT).

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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

What defines 'short-stay accommodation'? Does this include hotels where tourists may only stay a few nights.

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Support

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Do developers actually pay a full amount for infrastructure? Do developers pay sufficient for infrastructure on building town houses/apartments in existing suburbs? Or in greenfield?

Question 4:

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Council to reduce budgets for local boards

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

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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.

Less important

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

Too much wastage, cut the budget.

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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The rates collected increase due to population and development so why should what I pay increase.



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Support all

Tell us why

Increase public transport and increase cycleways to improve Auckland's transport problems

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Support

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

The paddling pool in grey Lynn park is a wonderful resource and it would be a great loss to turn it into a splash park

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Albert-Eden, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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Support most

Tell us why

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

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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)

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

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly 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

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)

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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

We should be targeting more fees on airbnb style letting to help with the housing crisis to help put more rentals back into the market. Bed tax will just increase the price of accommodation making it more expensive to visit Auckland.

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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



Waitemata 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?

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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

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.

Very important

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

Downtown has become full of homeless and people that need drug abuse help. It can become unsafe at time when these people are having episodes and the police are slow to respond or getting through on the phone to the correct people ie emergency services can be tiresome as they need so much information from you.

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,Local parks strategy and planning

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We need to bring high end events into Auckland especially in the winter. We need a large enough indoor (hybrid) stadium to be able to host these concerts and large sporting events. More robust public transport to get in and out of the city and across the various suburbs.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

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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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None

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Support most

Tell us why

Seems pretty sensible and responsible

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Support

Tell us why

We need funds to keep Auckland alive with creativity, excitement and events. A small bed tax that supports local arts and culture and festivals, as well as bringing international events (art exhibitions, musicals, yacht races, is worth the effort to get this approved by Parliament.

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

These seem like useful initiatives

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

Very 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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Leys Institute is a local treasure. Prioritising safety and ending homelessness will both make a real difference to the quality of life for everyone in the inner city - homeless folks, residents, visitors.

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

Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I do not support the bed night levy for the whole of the Auckland region. Large events are only held in central Auckland so the bed levy should only apply to central accommodation providers only. Imposing this levy on the whole of Auckland is unfair.

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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 the bed night levy only if it is only imposed on central Auckland accommodation providers, the only ones to benefit from large events. Visitors coming to Auckland to attend the Auckland Marathon and other large events only stay in central Auckland. They do not stay outside central Auckland so it is unfair to impose this levy on other areas of Auckland. Overall, I do feel Auckland has far too many events for the size of the city.

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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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This brings them into alignment with other areas of Auckland.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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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

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

Some priorities are of no relevance to me. Others, like support for ending homelessness, and increased safety, is critical not only for people living in our community, but also for visitors and

tourists to our area. In addition, people with less desperately need help. The number of homelessness appears to be growing and it's a concern.

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Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support all

Tell us why

I drive around a lot and would like Auckland to become a more drivable city. I understand I am a part of the problem, but my livelihood depends on it. I am happy to pay more rates to address this.

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Support

Tell us why

Those who can afford such accommodation probably won't notice a 2-3% levy

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I'd like to see more of a focus on train lines and cycle ways.

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Tell us why

Stop all funding of bike ways it's a stupid waste of money & creates huge unwarranted negative impact on the vast majority of ratepayers. Increase fares for public transport = user pays. Rate payers shouldn't have to subsidise it

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Funds raised should be used for ALL council priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

A few years back Auckland Council increased values on the properties in Auckland, including apartments. So, according to the valuation, my apartment went up 320000 in value. When I tried to sell it just a couple years back, the apartment can't get even 130000. Why is my property valued so high and hence I am paying higher tax when, in fact, you are just looking at ways to take more

money from us home owners. Thats my reason why I am against evaluation. Doesnt benefit me if I cannot get a fraction of value in sale. Thanks

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Do not support

Tell us why

Attracting visitors means visitors coming and spending money for accommodation, food, drinks, events. That money stays in Auckland, doesnt go anywhere. Lets not be greedy..

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I already made a comment on proposal to increase rates for properties where me, as the owner, is stuck with the apartment evaluated through the roof which gives to Council higher tax.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Auckland Council continues to put off rates increases for much needed investment that would allow it to compete with cities offshore, and create a competitive, world class city with public transport that unlocks opportunities for Aucklanders who are less well off.

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Support

Tell us why

As above - there has been chronic under investment in Auckland infra, as well as events.

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei, Waitematā



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

Very important

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

I don't know

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

I don't know

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

I don't know

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

I don't know

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

Waitematā 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.

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

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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.

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)

Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning, Local waste minimisation activities

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Please ensure there is adequate funding for parks and public spaces, and regular cheap transport links in less well-off, marginalised suburbs in Auckland. There is so much wealth tied up in Auckland owned by a few who've not invested nearly enough for the benefit of those less well off, and in the wellbeing of our future generations.



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Definitely support transport, as I use this daily. I dont know enough about the water and other

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I would rather they pay for the accomodation than rate payers

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I did not support this for auckland city. I think that user pays is fairer and encourages people to be more aware of recycling, packaging and just throwing everything in a big bin

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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

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

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

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.

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

The Te Uru gallery in Titirangi has become a go-to destination for cultural events and exhibitions through its invigorating programmes and Directorship. Linked as a visit along with the McCahon house it has put Titirangi on the map. It needs all the support it can get to continue its programmes which include community projects children's and adults classes in creative activities. I am a resident of Piha and have a long connection to the Waitakere and am impressed with Te Uru's achievement to date but urge the council to increase its funding so the gallery can grow to serve and support its community even more..

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Support

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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

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

Fairly 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

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.

Less important

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Support

Tell us why

While businesses can fund improvements out of the money they make from visitors, ordinary residents cannot. Yet rates are used currently to pay for work to make the city attractive to tourists and infrastructure to cope with the additional numbers. It seems fair to ask visitors to make a small contribution towards this. It is common overseas too.

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Support

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In much of the city a general charge covers all waste collections regardless of how much each individual household puts out. While the argument that paying for a bag for each waste pickup can be fairer seems reasonable, there will be some who are renters and find it hard to buy the bags, or are disorganised, so end up dumping their rubbish where they can. Also, in areas where bags are used rather than wheelie bins dogs rip into them, or they fall open and the rubbish goes everywhere.

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Waitematā

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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

The proposed programme for Waitemata covers maintenance of a range of valued community facilities to ensure they continue to be useable, and completing projects such as Heard Park, Parnell which have been long awaited. However, I have no idea what a seasonal splashpad (Grey Lynn paddling pool) is or if it will be as good as the very popular pool we have long had here. And what does community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety involve? and will it just be window-dressing?

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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

I don't know

Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

I don't know

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Flood resilience - this is obviously important after the flooding through Grey Lynn Park which affected so many houses downstream. I strongly support moves to end homelessness - I would like to know what you plan as this is a huge and growing problem. I would like to see homeless shelters for those street people who do not want to be housed or who have mental health problems. Pressure should be put on Central Government to support this financially as much of the problem has come from the so-called community care model which was supposed to replace all the mental health institutions which were closed, as well as from underfunding of the health system. I feel we currently have a good range of sports facilities in the board area and need to be realistic about the standards they aim for - can we afford top quality sports fields or is it better to have adequate ones and put money into supporting the clubs so more can participate. I would also like to see as much emphasis on other community facilities - spaces for people to share other interests or for youth groups, older people's groups, young parents' groups etc and funding for those running activities. All these activities, sports and all the others, are vital for community creation and bonding.

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

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I would like the speedway to stay at Western Springs. It is not only part of the identity of the area, it provides entertainment in a central location for a group not otherwise catered for. Much of the opposition is based on noise which is for limited times and was a known factor when those people bought into the area so like many others I have no time for their demands now to have it shut down.



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Support

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I think this is a sensible way of providing more revenue for the city as visitors benefit from the amenities the city has to offer.

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Homelessness in the central city is definitely the main priority I would like to see addressed in the coming years.

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

Who benefits from events? Event organisers, and the hotel and hospitality sector. If they can't self fund then the users (guests) should pay. If you want to attract visitors clean up the downtown and make it accessible, safe, and make parking affordable.

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Rates increases put pressure on home owners tenants and landlords (who pass those costs onto tenants). This contributes to a cost of living crisis where many people struggle with rates and rent and simply can't afford to go to the events you're so keen to promote.

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

Ōrākei

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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Costs increase and services decrease. 30 years ago we got better value for money from our rates.

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

Fairly 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

Less important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Less important

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

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

Less 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)

No one wants rate increase instead they prefer councillors to be more judicious in their spending. Not every project needs funding.

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

Inner city beaches are important as they provide many Aucklanders who can't afford a house never mind a batch with an affordable holiday break or escape

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

If the Crown vested the land to the Tuuna Maunganui Authority then the Crown and not Auckland ratepayers should be responsible for these costs.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

It seems a progressive plan I wanted to be a part of by supporting it.

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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 can revisit the existing levy that are in place and structure it so that all are benefitted. Simply adding this will only increase the cost of stay, which in my opinion is already above average.

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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)

None.

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Local board priorities

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

None



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Tell us why

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Support all

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Tell us why

Leave western springspeedway alone

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities

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Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

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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

The Waitemata Local Board is currently seeking a report on the AMRCT tenure across land in the Solent Street area and indicated support for consolidating tenure for AMRCT. We would like to see that, and a possible option for the delegation of governance for the land tenure to transfer to the local board so the area can be sustained as a community lease expressly for marine rescue services, and for that to be included in the Board priorities. Please see an updated copy of our recent presentation to the Waitemata Local Board - attached.

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Community development and support activities,Community programmes and services,Local parks strategy and planning

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Auckland Marine Rescue Centre

Delegation to Waitemata
Local Board, March 2025

Auckland Marine Rescue Centre^{#4935}



The Auckland Marine Rescue Centre (AMRC) is the purpose-built base of operations for Marine Rescue in the Auckland Region and nationally. The Centre provides critical services and enabling Auckland Council to meet future shocks and challenges thereby making a big difference to the lives of many.



Tenants include Coastguard NZ, Surf Lifesaving, NZ Police Maritime Wing and the Auckland Harbourmaster. Coastguard NZ monitoring and coordination is a 24/7 national service operation.



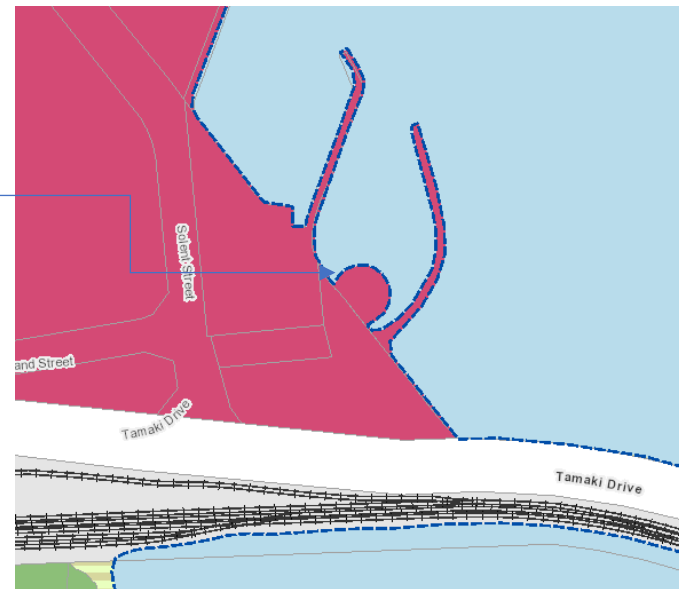
AMRC was established in 1991 to provide a purpose-built facility for rescue operations, marine coordination and marine safety education.

Trust facilities and operations are currently carried on under mixed tenure including ground lease to Ports of Auckland expiring 2027 and a renewable coastal permit for breakwater and marina needs.



The AMRC is administered by the AMRC Trust (AMRCT) with an independently appointed new board of professional Trustees.

- AMRC operations are within the Business City Centre Zone of the AUP.
- The AMRC-owned building is located at 3 Solent Street, known as Part lot 1, DP131562
- AMRCT has a ground lease from Auckland Waterfront Development Agency Limited, expiring 30/03/27.
- AMRCT has a renewed coastal permit for breakwater and marine activity
- There is opportunity to consolidate lease requirements





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Submissions on LTP included:

- AMRCT's asset and centre operations are a **partnering opportunity aligned to LTP proposals**: enabling Council to 'do things differently' by supporting the AMRCT deliver a broad range of emergency service outcomes for the region without Council having the physical asset burden.
- AMRCT supports the central proposal 'Future Fund', which includes leasing Auckland's port operations and investing potential multi-billion dollar proceeds into a council-owned diversified regional wealth fund, **on the basis** Auckland Council:
 - helps **consolidate the AMRCT's long-term tenure** in its building and parking location, inclusive of the area known as Teal Park and coastal permit for breakwater and marina activity, and
 - **allocates \$8-12m** from the Central proposal's Council Support \$875m Capex 10-year budget *(p50 LTP Consultation Document)* and/or
 - **allocates \$8-12m** from the Future Fund returns to help AMRCT develop and expand the AMRC facility to ensure more people benefit in the future *(p57, pp 71 LTP Consultation Document)*, and
 - collaborates with AMRCT to **implement a plan change** to support dedicated marine rescue service activities and consolidated tenure



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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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Higher rates are never the best option. But if it has noticeable efficiency, it may be worth it.

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None

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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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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

In particular I support... Enhance animal control Making Auckland safer with community safety wardens Buses having driver safety screens Repairing pot holes in roads Repairing Historic buildings for seismic like Leys Institute

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Tell us why

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Support

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Local board priorities

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Aotea/Great Barrier, Waitematā

Aotea/Great Barrier 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?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Fairly important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Very important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

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.

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

Support most

Tell us why

Particularly support repair of Historic buildings like Leys institute Would like to see footpath improvements as they are becoming trip hazards in many places

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

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Footpaths - Would like to see improvements to MORE footpaths - these are becoming increasingly dangerous around the residential areas of Ponsonby Leys Institute repairs - fully support

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

Local parks strategy and planning, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

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Tell us here

Investment in Maori outcomes (\$16 million) - should be investment in ALL races not just one! City Rail link - no more wasteful spending on projects such as this please Footpaths - please can we

work towards fixing and reaping these as well. Not only are they an eyesore but they are becoming increasingly dangerous



#4986



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Support most

Tell us why

The rates rise is too high and more detail around what average value residential property actually means is required.

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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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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)

What ever option reduces the cost of service and residents fund it properly.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None



Question 5: Other feedback

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Rates are too high. Incomes are not keeping up with council spending and rates need to be adjusted accordingly. Cut more costs and reduce rates



#4991



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Support most

Tell us why

Some unnecessary work being done. The central library does not need refurbishment. Ripping up the same roads every few months is a waste of resources, especially without significant improvements been done at the same time. Infrastructure upgrades are not fit-for-purpose by the

time they are finished with a growing population in high density areas. Local government and community expenses are hefty.

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Support

Tell us why

Not just from commercial accommodation providers but also private short-term accommodation providers like Air b'n'b, rent a bach, cruise ship visitors etc etc. Tourists place a lot of strain on infrastructure and the people living in Auckland, including poor tourist behaviour, clogging of streets (pedestrians and cars), additional waste management, the strain on precious resources like water, impact on natural areas and the wildlife.

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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 getting rid of the plastic rubbish bags, and residents paying for their council waste disposal services. Although, instead of relying on a flat rate for all households, registered bins with QR codes scanned by waste collectors to bill households is more fair, with community recycling services set up (e.g. plastic bottle recycling machines that provide credit for public transport like in Sydney), local composting sites for local food gardens, soft plastic recycling in supermarkets, recycling points in council buildings etc so residents reduce their waste, are incentivised to do so, people are not paying for services they do not use, and waste management costs for council reduce.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

A lot of unnecessary work without detail.

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

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less 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

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)

* Parks are natural water soaks, the issue is the increasing built environment and poorly maintained natural areas. * Most of Auckland domain footpaths are fine. * Heard Park doesn't need development or improvement. * What groups are you referring to in sport and rec opportunities? * Paddling pool vs splashpad is a poor use of funds. * Perceptions are not reality with programme spending on this a poor use of funds. * 24hr safe facilities should be made available to support the homeless with their human needs including warmth, places to shower and toilet, wash clothes, prepare food etc. Homelessness is going to get worse in NZ and you will see more elderly on Auckland's streets - get prepared.

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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 water quality activities

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The rates hike is huge for locals, and I am not sure you justify it. The costs need to be shared better, particularly with tourists, developers, and investors who are reaping benefits without necessarily paying a fair share of the costs, and are certainly not around when everything breaks or leak.



#5022



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Support most

Tell us why

No one likes a rate increase EVERY year!!! However I support the rest and if that's the only way we get it then I can live with it. HOWEVER there must be accountability as to WHERE the money is spent and who get the contracts and making sure tax payers are not paying \$5 for a roll of toilet paper. In other words USE THE MONEY EFFICIENTLY!!!

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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

Most cities are doing likewise. I don't like it but I think most people are use to it.

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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

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Tell us why

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Local arts and culture activities,Community programmes and services,Local parks strategy and planning

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YES. Before anymore residential or commercial planning is being considered, INFRASTRUCTURE must first be the MAIN priority. I.E. Warkworth. Don't turn it into a city until the necessary infrastructure is in place I.E. Transport, Water treatment, public parks and walk and bike ways. THINGS like this!!!!



#5028



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Support most

Tell us why

I would be quite happy to spend more on acquiring more regional parks. I don't see why the Council should be paying money to get Maori to have their say when no other groups get paid to have their say

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Do not support

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Purchasing rubbish bags for baches in Rodney works well

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Ōrākei



Ōrākei 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?

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

Fairly 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

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Very important

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

Very 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

Less 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

These beaches are one of Auckland's star attractions

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None

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WE do not need another stadium. It is a waste of money to boosts someone's ego.



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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

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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?

Albert-Eden, Waitematā

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?

Support all

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.

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

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Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

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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.

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)

Waitematā 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?

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

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very 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, Grants

Question 5: Other feedback

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

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Please do not cut any more support for the arts - they provide the heart, energy and channels through which people can connect, tell their stories and feel like they belong. It is so important to create and unite communities.



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Tell us why

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Other

Tell us why

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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)

I do not support the proposal of a new football stadium to replace western springs. Speedway is a huge part of our community and there is a large football stadium already.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

We would love to have a community center where we could get together as a community, doing our cultural dances and celebrating our dependence day freely without any limitation to noise and number of people attending. In most instances of community venues that are available has limited capacity and not always accommodating noise or other sort of dancing that are noise bothering. In our case fatele where we need drums to beat along with singing . We would appreciate if this could be taken into account



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Noting the substantial delays in the completion of the City Rail Link, and how those of us living in the construction areas are impacted daily by the noise, activity, roadblocks and limited access, it would be appreciated if more funds are channeled towards ensuring this is completed ASAP.

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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 get a substantial number of tourists arriving in NZ each year, and they are unlikely to be deterred by the levy.

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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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Given the ever-increasing rise in cost of living, I am firmly against any increase in rates as proposed in the Annual Plan 2025/2026. Perhaps these can be more targeted towards high value properties instead so those of us living in cheap shoebox apartments would not have to fork out more money we don't have to pay for increasing rates (if we had more money we'd be living in actual houses).

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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?

Support all

Tell us why

I believe these are essential in maintaining a happy, healthy neighbourhood.

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.

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

N/A

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)?

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No



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

As long as the correct decisions are made to fix these things it is good but also the city needs a plan to fix weeds on the streets and motorway plus clean up untidy areas

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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

Anything to get the city revitalized and buzzing again is a good thing

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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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Just we need to clean up Auckland it is looking very scruffy and untidy

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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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?

I don't know

Tell us why

Unsure who is ultimately responsible but we need to get our city looking better

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.

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

We just need to prioritize and then work through an achievable list to get our city working and improving

Question 5: Other feedback

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Just enforcing we need to make informed decisions on how to get Auckland back on track



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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Living in central Auckland, we just can't see how anti social behaviour, urinating and vandalising public places is dealt with at all. The area of Sky City and Federal street (including Federal street carpark) remain an absolute red zone. We have contacted the council on numerous occasions - no outcome. We are the rate payers and we literally see public toilet on our street everyday. No 'loitering' signs and 'This is not public toilet in te reo (with consequences listed) need to be on every single business door of the CBD. Sky City, Federal and Victoria streets - RED ZONE, NO GO for international and local visitors.

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

Less important

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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)

As above - we do not see any street people behaviour ending anytime soon and our rates keep skyrocketing. Central city, particularly Federal, Victoria streets and the Sky City area remain a very unattractive zone, shameful to welcome visitors. Actions, including anti-vandalising and anti-crime ones, are WAY OVERDUE.

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

Question 5: Other feedback

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I regularly contact the Council on vandalism issue in the city. Time to show some action and consequences. We need 'No loitering' and 'No public toilet here' signs in both English and te reo on every door in the city. Businesses also need to take care of their outside spaces, including litter/urine - normal picture for the CBD, everyday. We are tired of wasting our money on rates. Time for action. BTW attaching the sad picture of Federal street - nobody cares. Ever. Council received this complaint ages ago. These are normally full of rubbish.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

the increase is greater than inflation, how are we expected to pay more and more for the same or less services. no additional debt, many of the work you talk about is already under way and thus budgeted. Delay not urgent 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?

Do not support

Tell us why

this is a money grab, as our council you should have sufficient funds in the annual rate collection to execute a critical part of your job, that is to attract events and make Auckland great. this is a FIRM no to bed tax.

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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

Tell us why

Sensible balanced approach

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Other

Tell us why

The economic benefit for events is significant having a major city that doesn't or can't host events is or would be highly disappointing. Bed nights alone should not be the key funder, and should have a national approach. Bed nights aside specific funding should be budgeted for events both local major and international and this should be now pre COVID levels.

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Support

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None



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Support all

Tell us why

I love all of the key things especially the waterfront stuff

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Support

Tell us why

Yes its very important for auckland

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Support

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Support all

Tell us why

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Very important

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Very important

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Very 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)

I think having a library in pt chev would be very important for the community

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I love you wayne brown



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Tell us why

Auckland needs to get on with it.

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Support

Tell us why

Make Auckland great again.

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Support

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Growth needs capital.

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Ōrākei



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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

Give Wayne Brown the tools he needs.

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

Fairly 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

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Fairly 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.

Fairly 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

Helps us all.

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Support

Tell us why

Auckland is multinational city. With more events and activities will attract more people, with no one feel left behind. More people come to Auckland, the economy wheel hopefully run steady

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Fairly important

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Increasing neighborhood safety is the most important

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Support most

Tell us why

Long term plans are required, I am really glad the CCO's are being looked at and challenged. I await AT changes, we desperately need that sorted, they are rogues. I hope Tātaki Unlimited can continue to deliver arts and culture events that are absolutely essential to the vibrance and vitality of Tamaki Makaurau, absolutely critical. What I don't see, not once, when I read through the

Annual Plan was a single mention around accessibility and the disability community. Shocking isn't it? If I've missed the words 'accessible' or 'disability' please tell me what page they're on!! Shame on you

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Rates are very very high, I support the infrastructure that is required but worry that those on low incomes, the over 65's, disability community will not be able to manage. I think there needs to be an overhaul of the discount/rebate system for hardship

Question 4:

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Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Leys Institute is a must, well done,. overall it's pretty good, I just want to say I think there does need to be some tourism control on Waiheke Island and more support for locals re transport.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

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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.

Very important

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

Support for ending homelessness is critical, number 1 for me, flood resilience next and improvements to footpaths - this helps the disability community, parents with toddlers, strollers etc.

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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 development and support activities

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More, at least some, consideration for those with disabilities getting around the city, going to the beaches, parks and other leisure activities so they are included not excluded just because of access.



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Support most

Tell us why

Concerned that not enough funding going to crisis avoidance eg flood plain management

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Support

Tell us why

small extra charge make big difference to Council coffers

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Support

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3A: One system is easier to manage and less costly to manage

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Support most

Tell us why

Accessing public transport is problematic, especially for older or disabled citizens.

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Homeless numbers are escalating, thus action is increasingly urgent.

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Libraries and community centres are vital for the wellbeing of communities. Sad to see no mention of removing e-scooters from footpaths and restoring safety to pedestrians.



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Support

Tell us why

Short stay accommodation should certainly pay for this levy - they get benefit so should pay

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

Homelessness - extremely important we put resources into this issue Complicated issue, but in a caring society we would look after these unfortunate people a lot more than we currently do

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Transport - fixing 95% of potholes on major roads within 24 hours is a brilliant pain but what about less major roads what is the target there ? The Greenery Park area from Albert Park to Victoria Park is a great idea, fantastic but needs to be done a hundred percent should be massive green stretch - trees, shrubs, grassing etc



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Tell us why

The priorities will have a wide impact across the community and support community connectedness.

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I support it as then the cost goes to the landlord not the tenant. I also think there should be some support for grassroots community organizations who want to offer residents who have the inclination and capacity for recycling to offer better recycling options. For example, in my apartment if I could pay say \$50 per year to drop my compost to the community garden across the road. If every street could have a community recycling station for unwanted clothing, etc, making our waste visible. I often feel so guilty about how the trash isn't really that well managed, but there aren't any other options that are accessible, especially because I don't have a car. It would be great if there was someone in our waste room randomly once a week advising residents on how to dispose of their trash, as it may make people think a bit more about it. In my building I see residents just chuck everything into one bin.

Question 4:

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Waitematā

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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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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

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

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)

Priority 7 is for me most important. One thing I'd like to promote is urban farms, such as the one at the top of Symonds Street, as they can achieve most of your priority areas, such as: community climate action and sustainability activities Ongoing, stable connection between residents Wellness for individuals and the urban and natural environment activities for volunteers activities to improve local water quality and to minimize local waste activities for young people. events and community led activities healthy lifestyle, healthy body, healthy mind connecting with people in your community community resilience - learning how to grow your own food reducing flooding re-greening the city centre many residents in Waitematā live in apartments so having a garden isn't an option. Being able to volunteer and attend events at an urban farm is a way to access a garden and all the benefits that come from that.

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

Local arts and culture activities,Local water quality activities,Youth activities

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I love the salt water pool down in the Viaduct! Thank you for that. I also love that park behind the Maritime museum with the mini-amphitheater and see-saws! There just needs to be more event there so people can enjoy it.



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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

It's a poor form of revenue collection and an inefficient way to achieve the stated objectives. Ateed and it's replacement is a failure and should be disbanded and it's costs saved

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Support

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I don't know

Tell us why

The new park near deizengoff is a waste of money, the fixing of the Leys institute and the footpath either side of it should have been the priority

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The answers are obvious, get on with the things that are your job

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Support

Tell us why

For the reasons given - internationally this is becoming more of an accepted model

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Support

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Western Springs Precinct is a huge opportunity for something unique globally and for Auckland - MOTAT, the Zoo and the Park integrated into a destination



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Tell us why

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

No mention of cycle paths in transport - regular user and a lot of pedestrians on cycle paths or simply stepping onto cycle paths in front of oncoming bikes/scooters. Like bike paths to be very clearly illuminated and more connected

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Support

Tell us why

We need to get people into our city and we need events to do that

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Support

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Also, agree rates increase, however my property is leasehold and I pay CV rates when is extremely disproportionate to the service I receive and the value of my apartment. Would like to see some changes here - understand it's a easy revenue stream just doesn't seem fair

Question 4:

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None

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Love to see AKL become a thriving modern city balanced with clean, safe parks and swimmable beaches



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future investment fund and water networks are critical. I support mayors fiscally prudent actions, calling out of auckland transport

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Support

Tell us why

common overseas, council needs the money, our dollar is weak so it means nothing to most tourists from higher currency areas like america and europe

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Do not support

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bags work on a user pays basis and makes users think twice before putting out rubbish hence meeting councils reduction of refuse targets,, targeted rate means subsidising those who live in franklin and rodney permanently and will result in an increase in rubbish volume in those areas

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Less important

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

stopping flooding of homes as opposed to parks more critical. A flooded park doesnt affect peoples livelihoods, or emotional/financial wellbeing. A flooded home due to poor stormwater

management does. Footpaths all over the waitemata area need work not just he domain, rather than spend money on a paddling pool why dont we spend money on clean, safe public toilets and rubbish bins to keep our parks and walkways useable.

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many cycle ways are a waste of time and money and haazardous. Auckland is hilly and rainy and 1 bike makes no difference to the environment. Taking away parking results in twice as many ubers on our roads. As a form of transport cars cant be beaten for transporting people and goods



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Do not support any

Tell us why

People are already struggling

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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?

Do not support most

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.

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.

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.

Less important

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

Very important

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Support most

Tell us why

The Plan looks great, maybe because it's attractively presented. Underneath, we have the same problems. This Government wants to invest Billions in Mill Road and East / West, which the city doesn't want or need and will just make congestion worse in time. Penlink is being completed, causing more congestion in the north. Our streets are about to become less safe again for

vulnerable road users, as lower speeds get stopped and reversed back and for what purpose? So impatient people can drive at high speed through other people's suburbs just to wait at the lights or in congestion. We need a laser focus on delivering mass transit and walking and cycling. For example, downscoping cycling projects is a petty culture war that detracts from the amazing progress the city has made and its reputation. This may pander to vocal, grumpy old people but it's the sort of initiative that my young, tech professionals want. They will never respond to a LTP consultation or whine at a Residents Association Meeting they just up and leave and go to Australia where they don't even own a car. We have to stop trying to build a city based on the insights of old people comfortably ensconced in their large family homes and instead prioritise our amazing natural environment, getting around without a car and affordable housing.

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

My staff want to live in a vibrant and successful city or else they will move to Australia. We must have an exciting calendar of cultural and sporting events to suit all tastes. , Unfortunately, it looks like the Council has to take the lead as the Central Government isn't. A bed tax is a logical and fair proposal. With Council's principal income being rates, it currently gets no direct financial return. This has to change and a bed tax is a logical option

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Let's connect up more of our cycleways, either with cheap and quick-to-deploy on-street infrastructure or utilising our parks with greenway routes.

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

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.

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)

Local arts and culture activities,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Ōrākei

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?

Support most

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

Fairly 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

Very important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Very important

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

Very 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.

Fairly 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

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Support most

Tell us why

Seems reasonable.

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Support

Tell us why

User pays helps the city

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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 oppose any council expenditure on the 'nice to have' nice to have cycle lanes, which should not waste any more money. They are not used enough by commuters and appear as 'exercise tracks' for cycle sports enthusiasts in weekends, when traffic is not so heavy anyway.

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Local board priorities

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

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Support most

Tell us why

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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

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.

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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, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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The cost of the Tipuna Maunga authority to the rate-payer is outrageous. The felling of mature well-established introduce species is absurd. These trees provide essential nursery shelter for all tree, esp. delicate native species. The recent fire on Mangere Maunga shows neglect, which will affect all maunga as out exposed land continues to dry over Summer. I know this is not Waitemata specific, but I believe trees should be left alone until danger to life and property can be expertly ascertained.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

All are very important when living in a city

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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

More money for the council to put towards another harbour crossing

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Support

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Support most

Tell us why

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Very important

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Less important

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Community programmes and services, Local events, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support all initiatives, however I am uncertain that fairer funding for local boards will allocate the necessary funds to the boards and areas that require it most. I feel the council should consider equity rather than equality in this area, and weight more towards deprivation than population.

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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

Although this does make the city more expensive for visitors this will support not only the events they come to attend, but also the infrastructure required to support their stay.

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Support all

Tell us why

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Very important

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Less important

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Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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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, Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support all

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

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)

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)

1. Waitakere Arts Centre is very important for the support of the local arts community, providing vital resources, work space, support and exhibition possibilities (twice a year). A wonderful organisation that provides a community lifeline for artists of all ages. They hold workshops of all kinds for adults and children.

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The suggested rates rise is appalling. This suggested increase, on top of previous years increases is way out of proportion to the cost of living increases which we are all subject to, and the rates rises are significantly higher than the rise in my salary over the same period. I think the council

needs to do much better to get better value for the ratepayers money that you spend, and to constrain 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?

Other

Tell us why

I own a holiday home on Waiheke Island. I rent this out from time to time through a holiday letting agency when i am not using it. The income from this is not significant yet helps offset rates etc. we have recently been included in paying GST on holiday lets, decreasing the amount that we make from each tenant. We would find any further financial imposition quite burdensome and would decrease the likelihood that we would rent our house in the future. The proposed bed tax to fund major events would have little or no impact on attracting visitors to Waiheke and hence potentially to rent my home. Major events tend to be in Auckland and would benefit accommodation providers in central Auckland. I should not be expected to pay for someone else's benefit from attracting visitors to major events. Further, the costs of the extra bureaucracy for this tax would be significant and i would then be expected to bear the further cost of that red tape. As a very small time renter of holiday accommodation when i am not using my house this suggested tax has an outsized impact on me compared to professional operators of hotels and motels. I am not able to absorb this cost into my rental and this would increase the cost to people wanting to use this accommodation.

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Question 4:

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None

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Support most

Tell us why

I support most of the changes, such as the fairer funding model and some of the improvements to facilities. The infrastructure investment is also really important. Increasing funding over all is less ideal, and finding more ways to reduce deficits should be found. While 250% of revenue may be

considered the limits of fiscal prudence, it's not ideal to fund increases to the cost of services from debt.

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Support

Tell us why

Finding way to recoup the costs of non essential services through targeted rates and levies should always be pursued.

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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?

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Given the service covers a large area and will need to be carried out regardless of the number of bags placed out at any time, it makes sense to consolidate the baseline cost into a targeted rate. However, it also makes sense in an area of this type to maintain a reduced fee per bag to take usage quantity into account. Reducing bag fees while implementing a targeted rate may improve

the cost effectiveness of the scheme over just doing one or the other, while minimising discontent and abuse of the system.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna, Hibiscus and Bays, Ōrākei, Upper Harbour, Waitemata

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** Not a huge fan of redeveloping the golf course for flood protection rather than restricting construction in flood prone areas and incentivising intensification in safer areas. 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** Fairly 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

Very important

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Fairly important

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Less important

Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information

Fairly important

Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice

Fairly important

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

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)

Community programmes and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local water quality activities

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?

I don't know

Tell us why

There's insufficient work being done to prevent environmental damage due to new greenfields housing developments.

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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?

No

Tell us why

It's a terrible venue already. Maintain it for a few more years and develop plans to sunset and demolish it in 15-20 years while investing over that time to rebuild and redevelop the whole precinct.

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?

Support most

Tell us why

Improving the ecology is good, limiting intensification in the area, less so.

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

Less important

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Fairly important

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.

Fairly 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

It should be higher, \$2 p/m rather than 80c p/m wouldn't break the bank and would better overlap the period of the targeted rate with the timeline of the improvements. All for a similar price as a succulent Chinese meal from a local takeaway.

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

Fairly 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

Fairly important

Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

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Libraries facilities - opening hours and services ,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities,Local water quality improvement activities

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Waitematā 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?

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

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)

Ensuring people feel safe and comfortable in and around the CBD should be the highest priority for the local board. There are already plenty of facilities with excess capacity in the area and the domain is generally quite walkable aside from needing to address trip hazards in a handful of places. The more that people feel they can come into and walk around in the CBD, the better the outcomes for local residents and businesses.

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

Local arts and culture activities,Community development and support activities,Local events

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The RLTP needs to be expanded and council directed low cost light rail plans need to be put back on the table without letting central government mess it up monumentally again.



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Support

Tell us why

Yes this is essential for auckland. Short stay needs to be attached to airbnb too

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Do not support

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Waitematā

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Support most

Tell us why

Need to do something about more security for city centre. More focus on the culture of our city centre such as heritage.

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Do not support

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Question 4:

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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?

Support most

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.

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.

Less 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)

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Support

Tell us why

Reduce rates

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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)

Leys institute - lowest priority, there is no information available about what these buildings will be used for. Aside from historic importance and importance to groups with an interest in historic preservation what makes them worth spending any money on?

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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?

I don't know

Tell us why

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

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My unit at Marsden Viaduct Hotel, Lighter Quay has seen low rental incomes, which cannot cover the Body Corporate levies, Lighter Quay Resident Society Levies, Land Lease, etc. Should the ACC increase its rates, we would find difficulty as investors to make ends meet. Hoping for due consideration. Eric Seah Unit 543



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I haven't noticed much improvement addressed to public transport (cycling pathways) within a central area. Very vague idea of the funding of the Eden-Albert local board.

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Some people (who live solely) don't keep up with the scheduled rubbish collection. When the waste management included in rates, people likely overpay for the actual volume of rubbish they produce.

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Tell us why

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Fairly important

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

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Don't make things even more expensive.

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Pandas, please. I have no faith that anything will be fixed in Auckland, especially the roads and transport. So, at least let us have the pandas.



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I do support most of what you are proposing but I have some concerns about the transport side of it. I'm a little nervous about the ongoing removal of car parking in the city and in particular around the city center and also charges overnight where previously parking was free. I'd like to see some more consultation around this and I'm also nervous about the removal of the downtown carpark

and what will replace it. Also ongoing development of apartment buildings without car parks risks not having enough spaces for people to park vehicles as public transport in Auckland is still quite unreliable at times and people do need to use cars. I'm very keen to see the central city a more pedestrian and cycle friendly location but we need more regulation around scooters and more car parks so that people can get out and walk around or bus or train. Ideally we would have mass car parks located at regular intervals around the city center and city fringe and park and rides would be multilevel to ensure people don't have to take a bus to get to the bus or to get to the train.

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Support

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Support

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overspending on local boards . there needs to be better controls & negotiation skills on getting quotes for works. the garbage contracts, a lot of apartments have private garbage pick ups. recycling needs to be better managed.

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Support

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fed up with rate increases. especially as so many properties do not pay rates. there needs to be fairer system, if people are using Aucklands facilities, they need to pay rates.

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the amounts need to be reduced. auckland city mission already gets donations from benefactors, but the govt. should also be responsible. the council needs to assist unfortunate people, but it is not councils sole purpose. and a budget restraint needs to be applied.

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if TMAOPlan is paying rates, or was elected, I'd be happy. I do have other documents. Please submit my two documents, Mainly on Noise pollution in the CBD Rave Clubs licensed until 4am Ports of Auckland doing good deeds. Waterfront water park Excessive budgets allowed for councillors, while Rate payers rates increase, and others pay no rates.

Noise Pollution in the CBD.

Problem clubs targeting under 25 year olds is a huge problem when the liquor license is from early morning until 4am the following day.

But from there, can bring their poor behaviour to the surrounding streets for however long it takes to organise a trip home.

Unfortunately, the surrounding buildings not only have been abused through Noise pollution, but then, increased traffic chaos, pursues, uncontrollable delinquent behaviour, graffiti, vomiting, urinating in any doorway or driveway All because the council have allowed a business in the wrong place.

An establishment operating with what is commonly known as a Tavern license when clearly, Tavern to me indicates a sedate well behaved property catering to adults, where a "Rave Club license", sounds more suitable which also should be in a light or heavy industry precinct, well away from residential properties.

There needs to be better controls of what business, can operate opposite residential.

We have seen excellent proprietors who own restaurants, bars, who target A more mature patron, but they also happily manage noise control, and have a better liquor licenses with better closing hours, and want to protect the area from riff raff, simply to retain their own customers.

Britomart was designed for sophistication, restaurants, bars, with private clubs

High end businesses fashion houses & banks however, to have an establishment

catering to the rave mentality, offering property damage & extensive clean ups on a regular basis does not fit there.

There are multi apartment buildings in the cbd. Residents young and old, workers

Semi or retired, some with sensitive health issues, but they are all people who usually want to sleep fairly normal hours from say 10pm -7am

The W.H.O. have excellent data, on debilitating & serious effects of prolonged constant noise resulting in medical issues from high blood pressure, heart attacks, diabetes, increase in medication. The lists go on.

Amendments to unitary plan noise levels and health & safety & security of property and wellbeing of residents.

Section 7.6.3. of central area section district plan should be amended and Lowered to an acceptable level.

W.H.O. Maintains sleep noise should be maximum around 30dBA

More residents are moving into the CBD hence there are more people suffering from sleep deprivation as a few rave nite clubs are operating loudly from late evenings to early mornings around 3, 4am or in the streets till 5 or 6am

REDUCE Noise levels to acceptable levels and not be exceeded from 11pm to 7am & include daytime businesses who crank up the volume affecting buildings within 3 blocks of residential

At present the decibels allowed can be louder from 10pm till 7am which does not make sense.

L10 50Dba

L10 55Dba at 63 Hz.

L10 60dBA at 125 Hz

Lmax 65dBA

Lowering decibels would allow businesses to operate as usual with good neighbour consideration

If the noise level is high outside the business and is loud down the street, the noise within the establishment has to be much louder, & that business should consider health and Safety issues effecting their staff & patrons.

To have a street where one side is commercial, and the other side of the

street is Residential, the Residential side, should have the preferred rights to peace and harmony & the right to sleep.

The Unit Titles Act allows residents the right to peace and harmony, so why Not the council?

Many hundreds of people purchased properties and pay huge rates, however one leased property owner, can systematically reduce property values, with one swipe of the councils' pen.

One night club in particular in Custom St East is totally surrounded by residential apartments

Yet are looking to re open with the previous problematic immature patrons with no control for personal health and safety, hence put a lot of others at risk & be raging until at least 4am & beyond daily.

The previous rave club caused huge emotional distress for many residents, some air b&b businesses lost huge amounts of future bookings, through worldwide social media mentioning this area was the pits. Due to unruly midnight marauders screaming yelling or screeching car tyres or revving engines until dawn.

Simply offering a restaurant/bar with a tavern license is not enough.

A tavern license, to me, is a sedate mainstream venue, which could readily take up space within or even next to residential properties.

The noted target age of very young patrons, social media campaigns which will be used to bring in hundreds of patrons, have premises take no responsibility for any crowd or traffic control is a recipe for disaster.

Hence this needs to be taken into consideration before allowing such a hostile venue to begin.

The noise control patrol

To call the council noise control say 1am, probably would not attend till a couple of hours later.

Hence the noise would be a lot different.

However, with the noise & vibration monitor, it is designed to eliminate the street & traffic noise,

Because the complaint is about the establishment.

The increase in traffic, and pedestrian crowds is solely due to go or coming from that establishment.

There is no other reason for that chaotic traffic, or out of control delinquents to be there.

Hence that disturbance should be attributed to the establishment and perhaps a fine imposed.

They should have a crowd control and provisions for parking, but Instead, the surrounding district has cars parked in our driveways, or footpaths or illegally in bus stops.

The residents were subjected to horrific treatment to themselves or their property, including Council seating, signs or anything else graffiti would fit.

Liquor licenses need to be qualified properly, if it is known the property will be targeting 18 (or younger) till 4am where noise Levels at this time are louder from 10pm -7am doesn't make any sense whatsoever.

The license should be categorically denied.

Apartment Noise.

Noise control will not come out to apartments to monitor machinery.

Air/condition units, some have been installed but are quite loud

Hence people have been driven to doctors surgeries, yet complaints to Bodycorps are useless. They have paid for a product not fit for purpose and will use any excuse to keep it.

The noise control is a body paid for by the rate payer, and as there are Huge numbers of apartment dwellers, internal noise should be on the list of duties performed by noise patrols.

People need to have a recognised department where their findings can be used to make changes in apartments due to health and safety issues.

It doesn't make sense the noise control can turn up to your apartment to monitor noise from across the street, but not noise causing huge issue in your own apartment.

If they attending your apartment is not the problem, while they are there,

They could monitor the noise in the apartment also depriving them from sleep.

There has been new air con units in our building, and some people have Two bedroom units, and have to move into the front room, others who live with others & cannot move, one has been pushed to almost suicide, & did have to be hospitalised. At present, one owner, cannot live in the building.

I helped him with an action through the tenancy tribunal, but cost and the stress was too much for him. But the body corp was worried and were very relieved when he didn't take it to the next steps.

Very sad.

PORTS of AUCKLAND. The port has been very responsible regarding residents' complaints for noisy ships up until now.

They started to list ships which were noisy and issue them with a noise complaint of sorts & it was going to filter through to NZ wide as other countries will not allow them to operate there, so, they come to NZ to end their noisy sailing days.

The problem is, that good deed, was thwarted as there was concerns over a cartel approach which could have been misconstrued as being a way to prevent trade and probably a few other things lawyers thought up.

When looking at the section on noise act. Ships are exempt.

Auckland Port is right in the CBD. And there needs to be a better understanding of some ships when moored all night are nerve shattering.

Due to a number of residential complaints, POA needs to be able to have some flexibility in order to minimise problematic ships .

As health and Safety is a huge issue, noisy ships fail h&s on noise, and possibly maintenance on that same ship, hence Maritime NZ should be able to develop a plan which incorporates A Warrant of Fitness Penalty specifically for the noise pollution or maintenance issue, without a lawyer (who isn't putting up the excessive noise), to work against good ideas instead help make a workable plan where residents can get some sleep and NZ waterways can get better maintained ships inside their harbours and other waterways.

Waterfront of Auckland CBD.

As the POA is slowly shifting two wharfs, a beach in the cbd would be fantastic.

Bed Tax as long as air b&b establishments also pay a tax.

Council Budgeting there was a sign of genuine need to reduce spending, however, I still see a huge amount of waste.

There needs to be a reduction of funding for local boards.

Emily Place, was a European feel & was fine as it was, now, we have limited parking, an area where seating and BBQ's etc are now available and the street has now maori signs painted on the roads (which will eventually wash/wear off) all in an area where you have to be a mountain goat to get there, and the that cost from what I hear 10 million dollars to stuff up a perfectly good street. And when I mentioned at the bottom of the street just into Beach road that part of the foot path is dangerous, yet they wouldn't fix that.

I also mentioned I do not want the street name changed, yet if I googled Emily place it did turn up with a maori name. to me this was a wicked waste of our money. Other councillors, were using rate payer funds to virtually buy votes, because they were still giving money or grants away without a care.

Rate payer funds NEED to be respected and all due care necessary to remain in tighter budgets is required, instead of the annual increase in rates.

People have to afford to live here and enjoy peace and harmony.

Please make the right decision and change the noise levels to an acceptable levels where everyone can live in harmony with businesses and residential property owners.

Regards

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GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY NOISE

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Foreword

Noise has always been an important environmental problem for man. In ancient Rome, rules existed as to the noise emitted from the ironed wheels of wagons which battered the stones on the pavement, causing disruption of sleep and annoyance to the Romans. In Medieval Europe, horse carriages and horse back riding were not allowed during night time in certain cities to ensure a peaceful sleep for the inhabitants. However, the noise problems of the past are incomparable with those of modern society. An immense number of cars regularly cross our cities and the countryside. There are heavily laden lorries with diesel engines, badly silenced both for engine and exhaust noise, in cities and on highways day and night. Aircraft and trains add to the environmental noise scenario. In industry, machinery emits high noise levels and amusement centres and pleasure vehicles distract leisure time relaxation.

In comparison to other pollutants, the control of environmental noise has been hampered by insufficient knowledge of its effects on humans and of dose-response relationships as well as a lack of defined criteria. While it has been suggested that noise pollution is primarily a "luxury" problem for developed countries, one cannot ignore that the exposure is often higher in developing countries, due to bad planning and poor construction of buildings. The effects of the noise are just as widespread and the long term consequences for health are the same. In this perspective, practical action to limit and control the exposure to environmental noise are essential. Such action must be based upon proper scientific evaluation of available data on effects, and particularly dose-response relationships. The basis for this is the process of risk assessment and risk management.

The extent of the noise problem is large. In the European Union countries about 40 % of the population are exposed to road traffic noise with an equivalent sound pressure level exceeding 55 dB(A) daytime and 20 % are exposed to levels exceeding 65 dB(A). Taking all exposure to transportation noise together about half of the European Union citizens are estimated to live in zones which do not ensure acoustical comfort to residents. More than 30 % are exposed at night to equivalent sound pressure levels exceeding 55 dB(A) which are disturbing to sleep. The noise pollution problem is also severe in cities of developing countries and caused mainly by traffic. Data collected alongside densely travelled roads were found to have equivalent sound pressure levels for 24 hours of 75 to 80 dB(A).

The scope of WHO's effort to derive guidelines for community noise is to consolidate actual scientific knowledge on the health impacts of community noise and to provide guidance to environmental health authorities and professional trying to protect people from the harmful effects of noise in non-industrial environments. Guidance on the health effects of noise exposure of the population has already been given in an early publication of the series of Environmental Health Criteria. The health risk to humans from exposure to environmental noise was evaluated and guideline values derived. The issue of noise control and health protection was briefly addressed.

At a WHO/EURO Task Force Meeting in Düsseldorf, Germany, in 1992, the health criteria and guideline values were revised and it was agreed upon updated guidelines in consensus. The essentials of the deliberations of the Task Force were published by Stockholm University and

Karolinska Institute in 1995. In an recent Expert Task Force Meeting convened in April 1999 in London, United Kingdom, the Guidelines for Community Noise were extended to provide global coverage and applicability, and the issues of noise assessment and control were addressed in more detail. This document is the outcome of the consensus deliberations of the WHO Expert Task Force.

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Preface

Community noise (also called environmental noise, residential noise or domestic noise) is defined as noise emitted from all sources except noise at the industrial workplace. Main sources of community noise include road, rail and air traffic, industries, construction and public work, and the neighbourhood. The main indoor sources of noise are ventilation systems, office machines, home appliances and neighbours. Typical neighbourhood noise comes from premises and installations related to the catering trade (restaurant, cafeterias, discotheques, etc.); from live or recorded music; sport events including motor sports; playgrounds; car parks; and domestic animals such as barking dogs. Many countries have regulated community noise from road and rail traffic, construction machines and industrial plants by applying emission standards, and by regulating the acoustical properties of buildings. In contrast, few countries have regulations on community noise from the neighbourhood, probably due to the lack of methods to define and measure it, and to the difficulty of controlling it. In large cities throughout the world, the general population is increasingly exposed to community noise due to the sources mentioned above and the health effects of these exposures are considered to be a more and more important public health problem. Specific effects to be considered when setting community noise guidelines include interference with communication; noise-induced hearing loss; sleep disturbance effects; cardiovascular and psycho-physiological effects; performance reduction effects; annoyance responses; and effects on social behaviour.

Since 1980, the World Health Organization (WHO) has addressed the problem of community noise. Health-based guidelines on community noise can serve as the basis for deriving noise standards within a framework of noise management. Key issues of noise management include abatement options; models for forecasting and for assessing source control action; setting noise emission standards for existing and planned sources; noise exposure assessment, and testing the compliance of noise exposure with noise immission standards. In 1992, the WHO Regional Office for Europe convened a task force meeting which set up guidelines for community noise. A preliminary publication of the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, on behalf of WHO, appeared in 1995. This publication served as the basis for the globally applicable *Guidelines for Community Noise* presented in this document. An expert task force meeting was convened by WHO in March 1999 in London, United Kingdom, to finalize the guidelines.

The *Guidelines for Community Noise* have been prepared as a practical response to the need for action on community noise at the local level, as well as the need for improved legislation, management and guidance at the national and regional levels. WHO will be pleased to see that these guidelines are used widely. Continuing efforts will be made to improve its content and structure. It would be appreciated if the users of the *Guidelines* provide feedback from its use and their own experiences. Please send your comments and suggestions on the *WHO Guidelines for Community Noise – Guideline document* to the Department of the Protection of the Human Environment, Occupational and Environmental Health, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (Fax: +41 22-791 4123, e-mail: schwelad@who.int).

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Executive Summary

1. Introduction

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In contrast to many other environmental problems, noise pollution continues to grow and it is accompanied by an increasing number of complaints from people exposed to the noise. The growth in noise pollution is unsustainable because it involves direct, as well as cumulative, adverse health effects. It also adversely affects future generations, and has socio-cultural, esthetic and economic effects.

2. Noise sources and measurement

Physically, there is no distinction between sound and noise. Sound is a sensory perception and the complex pattern of sound waves is labeled noise, music, speech etc. Noise is thus defined as unwanted sound.

Most environmental noises can be approximately described by several simple measures. All measures consider the frequency content of the sounds, the overall sound pressure levels and the variation of these levels with time. Sound pressure is a basic measure of the vibrations of air that make up sound. Because the range of sound pressures that human listeners can detect is very wide, these levels are measured on a logarithmic scale with units of decibels. Consequently, sound pressure levels cannot be added or averaged arithmetically. Also, the sound levels of most noises vary with time, and when sound pressure levels are calculated, the instantaneous pressure fluctuations must be integrated over some time interval.

Most environmental sounds are made up of a complex mix of many different frequencies. Frequency refers to the number of vibrations per second of the air in which the sound is propagating and it is measured in Hertz (Hz). The audible frequency range is normally considered to be 20–20 000 Hz for younger listeners with unimpaired hearing. However, our hearing systems are not equally sensitive to all sound frequencies, and to compensate for this various types of filters or frequency weighting have been used to determine the relative strengths of frequency components making up a particular environmental noise. The A-weighting is most

commonly used and weights lower frequencies as less important than mid- and higher-frequencies. It is intended to approximate the frequency response of our hearing system.

The effect of a combination of noise events is related to the combined sound energy of those events (the equal energy principle). The sum of the total energy over some time period gives a level equivalent to the average sound energy over that period. Thus, $L_{Aeq,T}$ is the energy average equivalent level of the A-weighted sound over a period T . $L_{Aeq,T}$ should be used to measure continuing sounds, such as road traffic noise or types of more-or-less continuous industrial noises. However, when there are distinct events to the noise, as with aircraft or railway noise, measures of individual events such as the maximum noise level (L_{Amax}), or the weighted sound exposure level (SEL), should also be obtained in addition to $L_{Aeq,T}$. Time-varying environmental sound levels have also been described in terms of percentile levels.

Currently, the recommended practice is to assume that the equal energy principle is approximately valid for most types of noise and that a simple $L_{Aeq,T}$ measure will indicate the expected effects of the noise reasonably well. When the noise consists of a small number of discrete events, the A-weighted maximum level (L_{Amax}) is a better indicator of the disturbance to sleep and other activities. In most cases, however, the A-weighted sound exposure level (SEL) provides a more consistent measure of single-noise events because it is based on integration over the complete noise event. In combining day and night $L_{Aeq,T}$ values, night-time weightings are often added. Night-time weightings are intended to reflect the expected increased sensitivity to annoyance at night, but they do not protect people from sleep disturbance.

Where there are no clear reasons for using other measures, it is recommended that $L_{Aeq,T}$ be used to evaluate more-or-less continuous environmental noises. Where the noise is principally composed of a small number of discrete events, the additional use of L_{Amax} or SEL is recommended. There are definite limitations to these simple measures, but there are also many practical advantages, including economy and the benefits of a standardized approach.

3. Adverse health effects of noise

The health significance of noise pollution is given in chapter 5 of the *Guidelines* under separate headings according to the specific effects: noise-induced hearing impairment; interference with speech communication; disturbance of rest and sleep; psychophysiological, mental-health and performance effects; effects on residential behaviour and annoyance; and interference with intended activities. This chapter also considers vulnerable groups and the combined effects of mixed noise sources.

Hearing impairment is typically defined as an increase in the threshold of hearing. Hearing deficits may be accompanied by tinnitus (ringing in the ears). Noise-induced hearing impairment occurs predominantly in the higher frequency range of 3 000–6 000 Hz, with the largest effect at 4 000 Hz. But with increasing $L_{Aeq,8h}$ and increasing exposure time, noise-induced hearing impairment occurs even at frequencies as low as 2 000 Hz. However, hearing impairment is not expected to occur at $L_{Aeq,8h}$ levels of 75 dB(A) or below, even for prolonged occupational noise exposure.

Worldwide, noise-induced hearing impairment is the most prevalent irreversible occupational hazard and it is estimated that 120 million people worldwide have disabling hearing difficulties.

In developing countries, not only occupational noise but also environmental noise is an increasing risk factor for hearing impairment. Hearing damage can also be caused by certain diseases, some industrial chemicals, ototoxic drugs, blows to the head, accidents and hereditary origins. Hearing deterioration is also associated with the ageing process itself (presbycusis).

The extent of hearing impairment in populations exposed to occupational noise depends on the value of $L_{Aeq,8h}$, the number of noise-exposed years, and on individual susceptibility. Men and women are equally at risk for noise-induced hearing impairment. It is expected that environmental and leisure-time noise with a $L_{Aeq,24h}$ of 70 dB(A) or below will not cause hearing impairment in the large majority of people, even after a lifetime exposure. For adults exposed to impulse noise at the workplace, the noise limit is set at peak sound pressure levels of 140 dB, and the same limit is assumed to be appropriate for environmental and leisure-time noise. In the case of children, however, taking into account their habits while playing with noisy toys, the peak sound pressure should never exceed 120 dB. For shooting noise with $L_{Aeq,24h}$ levels greater than 80 dB(A), there may be an increased risk for noise-induced hearing impairment.

The main social consequence of hearing impairment is the inability to understand speech in daily living conditions, and this is considered to be a severe social handicap. Even small values of hearing impairment (10 dB averaged over 2 000 and 4 000 Hz and over both ears) may adversely affect speech comprehension.

Speech intelligibility is adversely affected by noise. Most of the acoustical energy of speech is in the frequency range of 100–6 000 Hz, with the most important cue-bearing energy being between 300–3 000 Hz. Speech interference is basically a masking process, in which simultaneous interfering noise renders speech incapable of being understood. Environmental noise may also mask other acoustical signals that are important for daily life, such as door bells, telephone signals, alarm clocks, fire alarms and other warning signals, and music.

Speech intelligibility in everyday living conditions is influenced by speech level; speech pronunciation; talker-to-listener distance; sound level and other characteristics of the interfering noise; hearing acuity; and by the level of attention. Indoors, speech communication is also affected by the reverberation characteristics of the room. Reverberation times over 1 s produce loss in speech discrimination and make speech perception more difficult and straining. For full sentence intelligibility in listeners with normal hearing, the signal-to-noise ratio (i.e. the difference between the speech level and the sound level of the interfering noise) should be at least 15 dB(A). Since the sound pressure level of normal speech is about 50 dB(A), noise with sound levels of 35 dB(A) or more interferes with the intelligibility of speech in smaller rooms. For vulnerable groups even lower background levels are needed, and a reverberation time below 0.6 s is desirable for adequate speech intelligibility, even in a quiet environment.

The inability to understand speech results in a large number of personal handicaps and behavioural changes. Particularly vulnerable are the hearing impaired, the elderly, children in the process of language and reading acquisition, and individuals who are not familiar with the spoken language.

Sleep disturbance is a major effect of environmental noise. It may cause primary effects during sleep, and secondary effects that can be assessed the day after night-time noise exposure. Uninterrupted sleep is a prerequisite for good physiological and mental functioning, and the primary effects of sleep disturbance are: difficulty in falling asleep; awakenings and alterations

of sleep stages or depth; increased blood pressure, heart rate and finger pulse amplitude, vasoconstriction; changes in respiration; cardiac arrhythmia; and increased body movements. The difference between the sound levels of a noise event and background sound levels, rather than the absolute noise level, may determine the reaction probability. The probability of being awakened increases with the number of noise events per night. The secondary, or after-effects, the following morning or day(s) are: reduced perceived sleep quality, increased fatigue, depressed mood or well-being; and decreased performance.

For a good night's sleep, the equivalent sound level should not exceed 30 dB(A) for continuous background noise, and individual noise events exceeding 45 dB(A) should be avoided. In setting limits for single night-time noise exposures, the intermittent character of the noise has to be taken into account. This can be achieved, for example, by measuring the number of noise events, as well as the difference between the maximum sound level and the background sound level. Special attention should also be given to: noise sources in an environment with low background sound levels; combinations of noise and vibrations; and to noise sources with low-frequency components.

Physiological Functions. In workers exposed to noise, and in people living near airports, industries and noisy streets, noise exposure may have a large temporary, as well as permanent, impact on physiological functions. After prolonged exposure, susceptible individuals in the general population may develop permanent effects, such as hypertension and ischaemic heart disease associated with exposure to high sound levels. The magnitude and duration of the effects are determined in part by individual characteristics, lifestyle behaviours and environmental conditions. Sounds also evoke reflex responses, particularly when they are unfamiliar and have a sudden onset.

Workers exposed to high levels of industrial noise for 5–30 years may show increased blood pressure and an increased risk for hypertension. Cardiovascular effects have also been demonstrated after long-term exposure to air- and road-traffic with LAeq,24h values of 65–70 dB(A). Although the associations are weak, the effect is somewhat stronger for ischaemic heart disease than for hypertension. Still, these small risk increments are important because a large number of people are exposed.

Mental Illness. Environmental noise is not believed to cause mental illness directly, but it is assumed that it can accelerate and intensify the development of latent mental disorders. Exposure to high levels of occupational noise has been associated with development of neurosis, but the findings on environmental noise and mental-health effects are inconclusive. Nevertheless, studies on the use of drugs such as tranquilizers and sleeping pills, on psychiatric symptoms and on mental hospital admission rates, suggest that community noise may have adverse effects on mental health.

Performance. It has been shown, mainly in workers and children, that noise can adversely affect performance of cognitive tasks. Although noise-induced arousal may produce better performance in simple tasks in the short term, cognitive performance substantially deteriorates for more complex tasks. Reading, attention, problem solving and memorization are among the cognitive effects most strongly affected by noise. Noise can also act as a distracting stimulus and impulsive noise events may produce disruptive effects as a result of startle responses.

Noise exposure may also produce after-effects that negatively affect performance. In schools around airports, children chronically exposed to aircraft noise under perform in proof reading, in

persistence on challenging puzzles, in tests of reading acquisition and in motivational capabilities. It is crucial to recognize that some of the adaptation strategies to aircraft noise, and the effort necessary to maintain task performance, come at a price. Children from noisier areas have heightened sympathetic arousal, as indicated by increased stress hormone levels, and elevated resting blood pressure. Noise may also produce impairments and increase in errors at work, and some accidents may be an indicator of performance deficits.

Social and Behavioural Effects of Noise. Annoyance. Noise can produce a number of social and behavioural effects as well as annoyance. These effects are often complex, subtle and indirect and many effects are assumed to result from the interaction of a number of non-auditory variables. The effect of community noise on annoyance can be evaluated by questionnaires or by assessing the disturbance of specific activities. However, it should be recognized that equal levels of different traffic and industrial noises cause different magnitudes of annoyance. This is because annoyance in populations varies not only with the characteristics of the noise, including the noise source, but also depends to a large degree on many non-acoustical factors of a social, psychological, or economic nature. The correlation between noise exposure and general annoyance is much higher at group level than at individual level. Noise above 80 dB(A) may also reduce helping behaviour and increase aggressive behaviour. There is particular concern that high-level continuous noise exposures may increase the susceptibility of schoolchildren to feelings of helplessness.

Stronger reactions have been observed when noise is accompanied by vibrations and contains low-frequency components, or when the noise contains impulses such as with shooting noise. Temporary, stronger reactions occur when the noise exposure increases over time, compared to a constant noise exposure. In most cases, $L_{Aeq,24h}$ and L_{in} are acceptable approximations of noise exposure related to annoyance. However, there is growing concern that all the component parameters should be individually assessed in noise exposure investigations, at least in the complex cases. There is no consensus on a model for total annoyance due to a combination of environmental noise sources.

Combined Effects on Health of Noise from Mixed Sources. Many acoustical environments consist of sounds from more than one source, i.e. there are mixed sources, and some combinations of effects are common. For example, noise may interfere with speech in the day and create sleep disturbance at night. These conditions certainly apply to residential areas heavily polluted with noise. Therefore, it is important that the total adverse health load of noise be considered over 24 hours, and that the precautionary principle for sustainable development be applied.

Vulnerable Subgroups. Vulnerable subgroups of the general population should be considered when recommending noise protection or noise regulations. The types of noise effects, specific environments and specific lifestyles are all factors that should be addressed for these subgroups. Examples of vulnerable subgroups are: people with particular diseases or medical problems (e.g. high blood pressure), people in hospitals or rehabilitating at home; people dealing with complex cognitive tasks; the blind; people with hearing impairment; fetuses, babies and young children; and the elderly in general. People with impaired hearing are the most adversely affected with respect to speech intelligibility. Even slight hearing impairments in the high-frequency sound range may cause problems with speech perception in a noisy environment. A majority of the population belongs to the subgroup that is vulnerable to speech interference.

4. Guideline values

In chapter 4, guideline values are given for specific health effects of noise and for specific environments.

Specific health effects.

Interference with Speech Perception. A majority of the population is susceptible to speech interference by noise and belongs to a vulnerable subgroup. Most sensitive are the elderly and persons with impaired hearing. Even slight hearing impairments in the high-frequency range may cause problems with speech perception in a noisy environment. From about 40 years of age, the ability of people to interpret difficult, spoken messages with low linguistic redundancy is impaired compared to people 20–30 years old. It has also been shown that high noise levels and long reverberation times have more adverse effects in children, who have not completed language acquisition, than in young adults.

When listening to complicated messages (at school, foreign languages, telephone conversation) the signal-to-noise ratio should be at least 15 dB with a voice level of 50 dB(A). This sound level corresponds on average to a casual voice level in both women and men at 1 m distance. Consequently, for clear speech perception the background noise level should not exceed 35 dB(A). In classrooms or conference rooms, where speech perception is of paramount importance, or for sensitive groups, background noise levels should be as low as possible. Reverberation times below 1 s are also necessary for good speech intelligibility in smaller rooms. For sensitive groups, such as the elderly, a reverberation time below 0.6 s is desirable for adequate speech intelligibility even in a quiet environment.

Hearing Impairment. Noise that gives rise to hearing impairment is by no means restricted to occupational situations. High noise levels can also occur in open air concerts, discotheques, motor sports, shooting ranges, in dwellings from loudspeakers, or from leisure activities. Other important sources of loud noise are headplanes, as well as toys and fireworks which can emit impulse noise. The ISO standard 1999 gives a method for estimating noise-induced hearing impairment in populations exposed to all types of noise (continuous, intermittent, impulse) during working hours. However, the evidence strongly suggests that this method should also be used to calculate hearing impairment due to noise exposure from environmental and leisure time activities. The ISO standard 1999 implies that long-term exposure to LAeq,24h noise levels of up to 70 dB(A) will not result in hearing impairment. To avoid hearing loss from impulse noise exposure, peak sound pressures should never exceed 140 dB for adults, and 120 dB for children.

Sleep Disturbance. Measurable effects of noise on sleep begin at LAeq levels of about 30 dB. However, the more intense the background noise, the more disturbing is its effect on sleep. Sensitive groups mainly include the elderly, shift workers, people with physical or mental disorders and other individuals who have difficulty sleeping.

Sleep disturbance from intermittent noise events increases with the maximum noise level. Even if the total equivalent noise level is fairly low, a small number of noise events with a high maximum sound pressure level will affect sleep. Therefore, to avoid sleep disturbance, guidelines for community noise should be expressed in terms of the equivalent sound level of the

noise, as well as in terms of maximum noise levels and the number of noise events. It should be noted that low-frequency noise, for example, from ventilation systems, can disturb rest and sleep even at low sound pressure levels.

When noise is continuous, the equivalent sound pressure level should not exceed 30 dB(A) indoors, if negative effects on sleep are to be avoided. For noise with a large proportion of low-frequency sound a still lower guideline value is recommended. When the background noise is low, noise exceeding 45 dB LAmax should be limited, if possible, and for sensitive persons an even lower limit is preferred. Noise mitigation targeted to the first part of the night is believed to be an effective means for helping people fall asleep. It should be noted that the adverse effect of noise partly depends on the nature of the source. A special situation is for newborns in incubators, for which the noise can cause sleep disturbance and other health effects.

Reading Acquisition. Chronic exposure to noise during early childhood appears to impair reading acquisition and reduces motivational capabilities. Evidence indicates that the longer the exposure, the greater the damage. Of recent concern are the concomitant psychophysiological changes (blood pressure and stress hormone levels). There is insufficient information on these effects to set specific guideline values. It is clear, however, that daycare centres and schools should not be located near major noise sources, such as highways, airports, and industrial sites.

Annoyance. The capacity of a noise to induce annoyance depends upon its physical characteristics, including the sound pressure level, spectral characteristics and variations of these properties with time. During daytime, few people are highly annoyed at LAeq levels below 55 dB(A), and few are moderately annoyed at LAeq levels below 50 dB(A). Sound levels during the evening and night should be 5–10 dB lower than during the day. Noise with low-frequency components require lower guideline values. For intermittent noise, it is emphasized that it is necessary to take into account both the maximum sound pressure level and the number of noise events. Guidelines on noise abatement measures should also take into account residential outdoor activities.

Social Behaviour. The effects of environmental noise may be evaluated by assessing its interference with social behavior and other activities. For many community noises, interference with rest/recreation/watching television seem to be the most important effects. There is fairly consistent evidence that noise above 80 dB(A) causes reduced helping behavior, and that loud noise also increases aggressive behavior in individuals predisposed to aggressiveness. In schoolchildren, there is also concern that high levels of chronic noise contribute to feelings of helplessness. Guidelines on this issue, together with cardiovascular and mental effects, must await further research.

Specific environments.

A noise measure based only on energy summation and expressed as the conventional equivalent measure, LAec, is not enough to characterize most noise environments. It is equally important to measure the maximum values of noise fluctuations, preferably combined with a measure of the number of noise events. If the noise includes a large proportion of low-frequency components, still lower values than the guideline values below will be needed. When prominent low-frequency components are present, noise measures based on A-weighting are inappropriate. The difference between dB(C) and dB(A) will give crude information about the presence of low-frequency components in noise, but if the difference is more than 10 dB, it is recommended that

a frequency analysis of the noise be performed. It should be noted that a large proportion of low-frequency components in noise may increase considerably the adverse effects on health.

In Dwellings. The effects of noise in dwellings, typically, are sleep disturbance, annoyance and speech interference. For bedrooms the critical effect is sleep disturbance. Indoor guideline values for bedrooms are 30 dB LAeq for continuous noise and 45 dB LAm_{ax} for single sound events. Lower noise levels may be disturbing depending on the nature of the noise source. At night-time, outside sound levels about 1 metre from facades of living spaces should not exceed 45 dB LAeq, so that people may sleep with bedroom windows open. This value was obtained by assuming that the noise reduction from outside to inside with the window open is 15 dB. To enable casual conversation indoors during daytime, the sound level of interfering noise should not exceed 35 dB LAeq. The maximum sound pressure level should be measured with the sound pressure meter set at "Fast".

To protect the majority of people from being seriously annoyed during the daytime, the outdoor sound level from steady, continuous noise should not exceed 55 dB LAeq on balconies, terraces and in outdoor living areas. To protect the majority of people from being moderately annoyed during the daytime, the outdoor sound level should not exceed 50 dB LAeq. Where it is practical and feasible, the lower outdoor sound level should be considered the maximum desirable sound level for new development.

In Schools and Preschools. For schools, the critical effects of noise are speech interference, disturbance of information extraction (e.g. comprehension and reading acquisition), message communication and annoyance. To be able to hear and understand spoken messages in class rooms, the background sound level should not exceed 35 dB LAeq during teaching sessions. For hearing impaired children, a still lower sound level may be needed. The reverberation time in the classroom should be about 0.6 s, and preferably lower for hearing impaired children. For assembly halls and cafeterias in school buildings, the reverberation time should be less than 1 s. For outdoor playgrounds the sound level of the noise from external sources should not exceed 55 dB LAeq, the same value given for outdoor residential areas in daytime.

For preschools, the same critical effects and guideline values apply as for schools. In bedrooms in preschools during sleeping hours, the guideline values for bedrooms in dwellings should be used.

In Hospitals. For most spaces in hospitals, the critical effects are sleep disturbance, annoyance, and communication interference, including warning signals. The LAm_{ax} of sound events during the night should not exceed 40 dB(A) indoors. For ward rooms in hospitals, the guideline values indoors are 30dB LAeq, together with 40 dB LAm_{ax} during night. During the day and evening the guideline value indoors is 50 dB LAeq. The maximum level should be measured with the sound pressure instrument set at "Fast".

Since patients have less ability to cope with stress, the LAeq level should not exceed 35 dB in most rooms in which patients are being treated or observed. Attention should be given to the sound levels in intensive care units and operating theaters. Sound inside incubators may result in health problems for neonates, including sleep disturbance, and may also lead to hearing impairment. Guideline values for sound levels in incubators must await future research.

Ceremonies, Festivals and Entertainment Events. In many countries, there are regular ceremonies, festivals and entertainment events to celebrate life periods. Such events typically

produce loud sounds, including music and impulsive sounds. There is widespread concern about the effect of loud music and impulsive sounds on young people who frequently attend concerts, discotheques, video arcades, cinemas, amusement parks and spectator events. At these events, the sound level typically exceeds 100 dB LAeq. Such noise exposure could lead to significant hearing impairment after frequent attendances.

Noise exposure for employees of these venues should be controlled by established occupational standards; and at the very least, the same standards should apply to the patrons of these premises. Patrons should not be exposed to sound levels greater than 100 dB LAeq during a four-hour period more than four times per year. To avoid acute hearing impairment the LAmax should always be below 110 dB.

Headphones. To avoid hearing impairment from music played back in headphones, in both adults and children, the equivalent sound level over 24 hours should not exceed 70 dB(A). This implies that for a daily one hour exposure the LAeq level should not exceed 85 dB(A). To avoid acute hearing impairment LAmax should always be below 110 dB(A). The exposures are expressed in free-field equivalent sound level.

Toys, Fireworks and Firearms. To avoid acute mechanical damage to the inner ear from impulsive sounds from toys, fireworks and firearms, adults should never be exposed to more than 140 dB(lin) peak sound pressure level. To account for the vulnerability in children when playing, the peak sound pressure produced by toys should not exceed 120 dB(lin), measured close to the ears (100 mm). To avoid acute hearing impairment LAmax should always be below 110 dB(A).

Parkland and Conservation Areas. Existing large quiet outdoor areas should be preserved and the signal-to-noise ratio kept low.

Table 1 presents the WHO guideline values arranged according to specific environments and critical health effects. The guideline values consider all identified adverse health effects for the specific environment. An adverse effect of noise refers to any temporary or long-term impairment of physical, psychological or social functioning that is associated with noise exposure. Specific noise limits have been set for each health effect, using the lowest noise level that produces an adverse health effect (i.e. the critical health effect). Although the guideline values refer to sound levels impacting the most exposed receiver at the listed environments, they are applicable to the general population. The time base for LAeq for "daytime" and "night-time" is 12–16 hours and 8 hours, respectively. No time base is given for evenings, but typically the guideline value should be 5–10 dB lower than in the daytime. Other time bases are recommended for schools, preschools and playgrounds, depending on activity.

It is not enough to characterize the noise environment in terms of noise measures or indices based only on energy summation (e.g., LAeq), because different critical health effects require different descriptions. It is equally important to display the maximum values of the noise fluctuations, preferably combined with a measure of the number of noise events. A separate characterization of night-time noise exposures is also necessary. For indoor environments, reverberation time is also an important factor for things such as speech intelligibility. If the noise includes a large proportion of low-frequency components, still lower guideline values should be applied. Supplementary to the guideline values given in Table 1, precautions should be taken for vulnerable groups and for noise of certain character (e.g. low-frequency components, low background noise).

Table 1: Guideline values for community noise in specific environments.

Specific environment	Critical health effect(s)	L_{Aeq} [dB(A)]	Time base [hours]	L_{Amax} fast [dB]
Outdoor living area	Serious annoyance, daytime and evening Moderate annoyance, daytime and evening	55 50	16 16	-
Dwelling, indoors	Speech intelligibility & moderate annoyance, daytime & evening	35	16	-
Inside bedrooms	Sleep disturbance, night-time	30	8	45
Outside bedrooms	Sleep disturbance, window open (outdoor values)	45	8	60
School class rooms & pre-schools, indoors	Speech intelligibility, disturbance of information extraction, message communication	35	during class	-
Pre-school bedrooms, indoor	Sleep disturbance	30	sleeping- time	45
School, playground outdoor	Annoyance (external source)	55	during play	-
Hospital, ward rooms, indoors	Sleep disturbance, night-time Sleep disturbance, daytime and evenings	30 30	8 16	40 -
Hospitals, treatment rooms, indoors	Interference with rest and recovery	#1		
Industrial, commercial shopping and traffic areas, indoors and outdoors	Hearing impairment	70	24	110
Ceremonies, festivals and entertainment events	Hearing impairment (patrons: <5 times/year)	100	4	110
Public addresses, indoors and outdoors	Hearing impairment	85	1	110
Music and other sounds through headphones/ carphones	Hearing impairment (free-field value)	85 #1	1	110
Impulse sounds from toys, fireworks and firearms	Hearing impairment (adults) Hearing impairment (children)	- -	- -	140 #2 120 #2
Outdoors in parkland and conservation areas	Disruption of tranquillity	#3		

#1: As low as possible.

#2: Peak sound pressure (or of LAF, max) measured 100 mm from the ear.

- 33. Existing quiet outdoor areas should be preserved and the ratio of intruding noise to natural background sound should be kept low.
- 44. Under headphones, adapted to free-field values.

5. Noise Management

Chapter 5 is devoted to noise management with discussions on strategies and priorities in managing indoor noise levels; noise policies and legislation; the impact of environmental noise; and on the enforcement of regulatory standards.

The fundamental goals of noise management are to develop criteria for deriving safe noise exposure levels and to promote noise assessment and control as part of environmental health programmes. These basic goals should guide both international and national policies for noise management. The United Nation's Agenda 21 supports a number of environmental management principles on which government policies, including noise management policies, can be based: the principle of precaution; the "polluter pays" principle; and noise prevention. In all cases, noise should be reduced to the lowest level achievable in the particular situation. When there is a reasonable possibility that the public health will be endangered, even though scientific proof may be lacking, action should be taken to protect the public health, without awaiting the full scientific proof. The full costs associated with noise pollution (including monitoring, management, lowering levels and supervision) should be met by those responsible for the source of noise. Action should be taken where possible to reduce noise at the source.

A legal framework is needed to provide a context for noise management. National noise standards can usually be based on a consideration of international guidelines, such as these *Guidelines for Community Noise*, as well as national criteria documents, which consider dose-response relationships for the effects of noise on human health. National standards take into account the technological, social, economic and political factors within the country. A staged program of noise abatement should also be implemented to achieve the optimum health protection levels over the long term.

Other components of a noise management plan include: noise level monitoring; noise exposure mapping; exposure modeling; noise control approaches (such as mitigation and precautionary measures); and evaluation of control options. Many of the problems associated with high noise levels can be prevented at low cost, if governments develop and implement an integrated strategy for the indoor environment, in concert with all social and economic partners. Governments should establish a "National Plan for a Sustainable Noise Indoor Environment" that applies both to new construction as well as to existing buildings.

The actual priorities in rational noise management will differ for each country. Priority setting in noise management refers to prioritizing the health risks to be avoided and concentrating on the most important sources of noise. Different countries have adopted a range of approaches to noise control, using different policies and regulations. A number of these are outlined in chapter 5 and Appendix 2, as examples. It is evident that noise emission standards have proven insufficient and that the trends in noise pollution are unsustainable.

The concept of environmental an environmental noise impact analysis is central to the philosophy of managing environmental noise. Such an analysis should be required before implementing any project that would significantly increase the level of environmental noise in a community (typically, greater than a 5 dB increase). The analysis should include: a baseline description of the existing noise environment; the expected level of noise from the new source; an assessment of the adverse health effects; an estimation of the population at risk; the calculation of exposure-response relationships; an assessment of risks and their acceptability; and a cost-benefit analysis.

Noise management should:

1. Start monitoring human exposures to noise.
2. Have health control require mitigation of noise immissions, and not just of noise source emissions. The following should be taken into consideration:
 - specific environments such as schools, playgrounds, homes, hospitals.
 - environments with multiple noise sources, or which may amplify the effects of noise.
 - sensitive time periods such as evenings, nights and holidays.
 - groups at high risk, such as children and the hearing impaired.
3. Consider the noise consequences when planning transport systems and land use.
4. Introduce surveillance systems for noise-related adverse health effects.
5. Assess the effectiveness of noise policies in reducing adverse health effects and exposure, and in improving supportive "soundscapes".
6. Adopt these *Guidelines for Community Noise* as intermediary targets for improving human health.
7. Adopt precautionary actions for a sustainable development of the acoustical environments.

Conclusions and recommendations

In chapter 6 are discussed: the implementation of the guidelines; further WHO work on noise; and research needs are recommended.

Implementation. For implementation of the guidelines it is recommended that:

- Governments should protection the population from community noise and consider it an integral part of their policy of environmental protection.
- Governments should consider implementing action plans with short-term, medium-term and long-term objectives for reducing noise levels.
- Governments should adopt the *Health Guidelines for Community Noise* values as targets to be achieved in the long-term.
- Governments should include noise as an important public health issue in environmental impact assessments.
- Legislation should be put in place to allow for the reduction of sound levels.
- Existing legislation should be enforced
- Municipalities should develop low noise implementation plans

- Cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analyses should be considered potential instruments for meaningful management decisions.
- Governments should support more policy-relevant research

Future Work The Expert Task Force worked out several suggestions for future work for the WHO in the field of community noise. WHO should:

- Provide leadership and technical direction in defining future noise research priorities.
- Organize workshops on how to apply the guidelines.
- Provide leadership and coordinate international efforts to develop techniques for designing supportive sound environments (e.g. "soundscapes").
- Provide leadership for programs to assess the effectiveness of health-related noise policies and regulations.
- Provide leadership and technical direction for the development of sound methodologies for environmental and health impact plans.
- Encourage further investigation into using noise exposure as an indicator of environmental deterioration (e.g. black spots in cities).
- Provide leadership and technical support, and advise developing countries to facilitate development of noise policies and noise management.

Research and Development. A major step forward in raising the awareness of both the public and of decision makers is the recommendation to concentrate more research and development on variables which have monetary consequences. This means that research should consider not only dose-response relationships between sound levels, but also politically relevant variables, such as noise-induced social handicap; reduced productivity; decreased performance in learning; workplace and school absenteeism; increased drug use; and accidents.

In Appendices 1-6 are given: bibliographic references; examples of regional noise situations (African Region, American Region, Eastern Mediterranean Region, South East Asian Region, Western Pacific Region); a glossary; a list of acronyms; and a list of participants.

1. Introduction

Community noise (also called environmental noise, residential noise or domestic noise) is defined as noise emitted from all sources, except noise at the industrial workplace. Main sources of community noise include road, rail and air traffic, industries, construction and public work, and the neighbourhood. Typical neighbourhood noise comes from premises and installations related to the catering trade (restaurant, cafeterias, discotheques, etc.); from live or recorded music; from sporting events including motor sports; from playgrounds and car parks; and from domestic animals such as barking dogs. The main indoor sources are ventilation systems, office machines, home appliances and neighbours. Although many countries have regulations on community noise from road, rail and air traffic, and from construction and industrial plants, few have regulations on neighbourhood noise. This is probably due to the lack of methods to define and measure it, and to the difficulty of controlling it. In developed countries, too, monitoring of compliance with, and enforcement of, noise regulations are weak for lower levels of urban noise that correspond to occupationally controlled levels (<85 dB LAeq,8h; Frank 1998). Recommended guideline values based on the health effects of noise, other than occupationally-induced effects, are often not taken into account.

The extent of the community noise problem is large. In the European Union about 40% of the population is exposed to road traffic noise with an equivalent sound pressure level exceeding 55 dBA daytime; and 20% is exposed to levels exceeding 65 dBA (Lambert & Vallet 19 1994). When all transportation noise is considered, about half of all European Union citizens live in zones that do not ensure acoustical comfort to residents. At night, it is estimated that more than 30% is exposed to equivalent sound pressure levels exceeding 55 dBA, which are disturbing to sleep. The noise pollution problem is also severe in the cities of developing countries and is caused mainly by traffic. Data collected alongside densely traveled roads were found to have equivalent sound pressure levels for 24 hours of 75–80 dBA (e.g. National Environment Board Thailand 19 1996; Mage & Walsh 19 1998).

- (a) In contrast to many other environmental problems, noise pollution continues to grow, accompanied by an increasing number of complaints from affected individuals. Most people are typically exposed to several noise sources, with road traffic noise being a dominant source (OECD-JCMT 19 1995). Population growth, urbanization and to a large extent technological development are the main driving forces, and future enlargements of highway systems, international airports and railway systems will only increase the noise problem. Viewed globally, the growth in urban environmental noise pollution is unsustainable, because it involves not simply the direct and cumulative adverse effects on health. It also adversely affects future generations by degrading residential, social and learning environments, with corresponding economical losses (Berghund 1998). Thus, noise is not simply a local problem, but a global issue that affects everyone (Lang 1999; Sandberg 1999) and calls for precautionary action in any environmental planning situation.

The objective of the World Health Organization (WHO) is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health. As the first principle of the WHO Constitution the definition of

'health' is given as: "A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity". This broad definition of health embraces the concept of well-being and, thereby, renders noise impacts such as population annoyance, interference with communication, and impaired task performance as 'health' issues. In 1992, a WHO Task Force also identified the following specific health effects for the general population that may result from community noise: interference with communication; annoyance responses; effects on sleep, and on the cardiovascular and psychophysiological systems; effects on performance, productivity, and social behavior; and noise-induced hearing impairment (WHO 1993; Berglund & Lindvall 1995; cf. WHO 1980). Hearing damage is expected to result from both occupational and environmental noise, especially in developing countries, where compliance with noise regulation is known to be weak (Smith 1998).

Noise is likely to continue as a major issue well into the next century, both in developed and in developing countries. Therefore, strategic action is urgently required, including continued noise control at the source and in local areas. Most importantly, joint efforts among countries are necessary at a system level, in regard to the access and use of land, airspace and seaways, and in regard to the various modes of transportation. Certainly, mankind would benefit from societal reorganization towards healthy transport. To understand noise we must understand the different types of noise and how we measure it, where noise comes from and the effects of noise on human beings. Furthermore, noise mitigation, including noise management, has to be actively introduced and in each case the policy implications have to be evaluated for efficiency.

This document is organized as follows. In Chapter 2 noise sources and measurement are discussed, including the basic aspects of source characteristics, sound propagation and transmission. In Chapter 3 the adverse health effects of noise are characterized. These include noise-induced hearing impairment, interference with speech communication, sleep disturbance, cardiovascular and physiological effects, mental health effects, performance effects, and annoyance reactions. This chapter is rounded out by a consideration of combined noise sources and their effects, and a discussion of vulnerable groups. In Chapter 4 the Guideline values are presented. Chapter 5 is devoted to noise management. Included are discussions of: strategies and priorities in the management of indoor noise levels; noise policies and legislation; environmental noise impact; and enforcement of regulatory standards. In Chapter 6 implementation of the WHO Guidelines is discussed, as well as future WHO work on noise and its research needs. In Appendices 1-6 are given: bibliographic references; examples of regional noise situations (African Region, American Region, Eastern Mediterranean Region, South East Asian Region, Western Pacific Region); a glossary; a list of acronyms; and a list of participants.

2. Noise sources and their measurement

2.1. Basic Aspects of Acoustical Measurements

Most environmental noises can be approximately described by one of several simple measures. They are all derived from overall sound pressure levels, the variation of these levels with time and the frequency of the sounds. Ford (1987) gives a more extensive review of various environmental noise measures. Technical definitions are found in the glossary in Appendix 3.

2.1.1. Sound pressure level

The sound pressure level is a measure of the air vibrations that make up sound. All measured sound pressures are referenced to a standard pressure that corresponds roughly to the threshold of hearing at 1 000 Hz. Thus, the sound pressure level indicates how much greater the measured sound is than this threshold of hearing. Because the human ear can detect a wide range of sound pressure levels (10–102 Pascal (Pa)), they are measured on a logarithmic scale with units of decibels (dB). A more technical definition of sound pressure level is found in the glossary.

The sound pressure levels of most noises vary with time. Consequently, in calculating some measures of noise, the instantaneous pressure fluctuations must be integrated over some time interval. To approximate the integration time of our hearing system, sound pressure meters have a standard *Fast* response time, which corresponds to a time constant of 0.125 s. Thus, all measurements of sound pressure levels and their variation over time should be made using the *Fast* response time, to provide sound pressure measurements more representative of human hearing. Sound pressure meters may also include a *Slow* response time with a time constant of 1 s, but its sole purpose is that one can more easily estimate the average value of rapidly fluctuating levels. Many modern meters can integrate sound pressures over specified periods and provide average values. It is not recommended that the *Slow* response time be used when integrating sound pressure meters are available.

Because sound pressure levels are measured on a logarithmic scale they cannot be added or averaged arithmetically. For example, adding two sounds of equal pressure levels results in a total pressure level that is only 3 dB greater than each individual sound pressure level. Consequently, when two sounds are combined the resulting sound pressure level will be significantly greater than the individual sound levels only if the two sounds have similar pressure levels. Details for combining sound pressure levels are given in Appendix 2.

2.1.2. Frequency and frequency weighting

The unit of frequency is the Hertz (Hz), and it refers to the number of vibrations per second of the air in which the sound is propagating. For tonal sounds, frequency is associated with the perception of pitch. For example, orchestras often tune to the frequency of 440 Hz. Most environmental sounds, however, are made up of a complex mix of many different frequencies. They may or may not have discrete frequency components superimposed on noise with a broad

frequency spectrum (i.e. sound with a broad range of frequencies). The audible frequency range is normally considered to range from 20–20 000 Hz. Below 20 Hz we hear individual sound pulses rather than recognizable tones. Hearing sensitivity to higher frequencies decreases with age and exposure to noise. Thus, 20 000 Hz represents an upper limit of audibility for younger listeners with unimpaired hearing.

Our hearing systems are not equally sensitive to all sound frequencies (ISO 1987a). Thus, not all frequencies are perceived as being equally loud at the same sound pressure level, and when calculating overall environmental noise ratings it is necessary to consider sounds at some frequencies as more important than those at other frequencies. Detailed frequency analyses are commonly performed with standard sets of octave or 1/3 octave bandwidth filters. Alternatively, Fast Fourier Transform techniques or other types of filters can be used to determine the relative strengths of the various frequency components making up a particular environmental noise.

Frequency weighting networks provide a simpler approach for weighting the importance of different frequency components in one single number rating. The A-weighting is most commonly used and is intended to approximate the frequency response of our hearing system. It weights lower frequencies as less important than mid- and higher-frequency sounds. C-weighting is also quite common and is a nearly flat frequency response with the extreme high and low frequencies attenuated. When no frequency analysis is possible, the difference between A-weighted and C-weighted levels gives an indication of the amount of low frequency content in the measured noise. When the sound has an obvious tonal content, a correction to account for the additional annoyance may be used (ISO 1987b).

2.1.3. Equivalent continuous sound pressure level

According to the equal energy principle, the effect of a combination of noise events is related to the combined sound energy of those events. Thus, measures such as the equivalent continuous sound pressure level ($L_{Aeq,T}$) sum up the total energy over some time period (T) and give a level equivalent to the average sound energy over that period. Such average levels are usually based on integration of A-weighted levels. Thus $L_{Aeq,T}$ is the average energy equivalent level of the A-weighted sound over a period T .

2.1.4. Individual noise events

It is often desired to measure the maximum level (L_{Amax}) of individual noise events. For cases such as the noise from a single passing vehicle, L_{Amax} values should be measured using the *Fast* response time because it will give a good correlation with the integration of loudness by our hearing system. However, for very short-duration impulsive sounds it is often desirable to measure the instantaneous peak amplitude to assess potential hearing-damage risk. If actual instantaneous pressure cannot be determined, then a time-integrated 'peak' level with a time constant of no more than 0.05 ms should be used (ISO 1987b). Such peak readings are often made using the C- (or linear) frequency weightings.

Alternatively, discrete sound events can be evaluated in terms of their A-weighted sound exposure level (SEL, for definition see appendix 5). The total amount of sound energy in a

particular event is assessed by the SEL. One can add up the SEL values of individual events to calculate a LAeq,T over some time period, T, of interest. In some cases the SEL may provide more consistent evaluations of individual noise events because they are derived from the complete history of the event and not just one maximum value. However, A-weighted SEL measurements have been shown to be inadequate for assessing the (perceived) loudness of complex impulsive sounds, such as those from large and small weapons (Berglund et al. 1986). In contrast, C-weighted SEL values have been found useful for rating impulsive sounds such as gun shots (Vos 1996; Buchta 1996; ISO 1987b).

2.1.5. Choice of noise measure

LAeq,T should be used to measure continuing sounds such as road traffic noise, many types of industrial noises and noise from ventilation systems in buildings. When there are distinct events to the noise such as with aircraft or railway noise, measures of the individual events should be obtained (using, for example, LAmax or SEL), in addition to LAeq,T measurements.

In the past, time-varying environmental sound levels have also been described in terms of percentile levels. These are derived from a statistical distribution of measured sound levels over some period. For example, L10 is the A-weighted level exceeded 10% of the time. L10 values have been widely used to measure road-traffic noise, but they are usually found to be highly correlated measures of the individual events, as are LAmax and SEL. L90 or L95 can be used as a measure of the general background sound pressure level that excludes the potentially confounding influence of particular local noise events.

2.1.6. Sound and noise

Physically, there is no distinction between sound and noise: sound is a sensory perception evoked by physiological processes in the auditory brain. The complex pattern of sound waves is perceptually classified as "Gestalts" and are labeled as noise, music, speech, etc. Consequently, it is not possible to define noise exclusively on the basis of the physical parameters of sound. Instead, it is common practice to define noise simply as unwanted sound. However, in some situations noise may adversely affect health in the form of acoustical energy.

2.2. Sources of Noise

This section describes various sources of noise that can affect a community. Namely, noise from industry, transportation, and from residential and leisure areas. It should be noted that equal values of LAeq,T for different sources do not always imply the same expected effect.

2.2.1. Industrial noise

Mechanized industry creates serious noise problems. It is responsible for intense noise indoors as well as outdoors. This noise is due to machinery of all kinds and often increases with the power of the machines. Sound generation mechanisms of machinery are reasonably well understood. The noise may contain predominantly low or high frequencies, tonal components,

be impulsive or have unpleasant and disruptive temporal sound patterns. Rotating and reciprocating machines generate sound that includes tonal components; and air-moving equipment tends also to generate noise with a wide frequency range. The high sound pressure levels are caused by components or gas flows that move at high speed (for example, fans, steam pressure relief valves), or by operations involving mechanical impacts (for example, stamping, riveting, road breaking). Machinery should preferably be silenced at the source.

Noise from fixed installations, such as factories or construction sites, heat pumps and ventilation systems on roofs, typically affect nearby communities. Reductions may be achieved by encouraging quieter equipment or by zoning of land into industrial and residential areas. Requirements for passive (sound insulating enclosures) and active noise control, or restriction of operation time, may also be effective.

2.2.2. Transportation noise

Transportation noise is the main source of environmental noise pollution, including road traffic, rail traffic and air traffic. As a general rule, larger and heavier vehicles emit more noise than smaller and lighter vehicles. Exceptions would include helicopters and 2- and 3-wheeled road vehicles.

The noise of road vehicles is mainly generated from the engine and from frictional contact between the vehicle and the ground and air. In general, road-contact noise exceeds engine noise at speeds higher than 60 km/h. The physical principle responsible for generating noise from tire-road contact is less well understood. The sound pressure level from traffic can be predicted from the traffic flow rate, the speed of the vehicles, the proportion of heavy vehicles, and the nature of the road surface. Special problems can arise in areas where the traffic movements involve a change in engine speed and power, such as at traffic lights, hilly, and intersecting roads; or where topography, meteorological conditions and low background levels are unfavourable (for example, mountain areas).

Railway noise depends primarily on the speed of the train, but variations are present depending upon the type of engine, wagons, and rails and their foundations, as well as the roughness of wheels and rails. Small radius curves in the track, such as may occur for urban trains, can lead to very high levels of high-frequency sound referred to as wheel squeal. Noise can be generated in stations because of running engines, whistles and loudspeakers, and in marshalling yards because of shunting operations. The introduction of high-speed trains has created special noise problems with sudden, but not impulsive, rises in noise. At speeds greater than 250 km/h, the proportion of high-frequency sound energy increases and the sound can be perceived as similar to that of overflying jet aircraft. Special problems can arise in areas close to tunnels, in valleys or in areas where the ground conditions help generate vibrations. The long-distance propagation of noise from high-speed trains will constitute a problem in the future if otherwise environment-friendly railway systems are expanded.

Aircraft operations generate substantial noise in the vicinity of both commercial and military airports. Aircraft takeoffs are known to produce intense noise, including vibration and rattle. The landings produce substantial noise in long low-altitude flight corridors. The noise is

produced by the landing gear and automatic power regulation, and also when reverse thrust is applied, all for safety reasons. In general, larger and heavier aircraft produce more noise than lighter aircraft. The main mechanism of noise generation in the early turbojet-powered aircraft was the turbulence created by the jet exhaust mixing with the surrounding air. This noise source has been significantly reduced in modern high by-pass ratio turbo-fan engines that surround the high-velocity jet exhaust with lower velocity airflow generated by the fan. The fan itself can be a significant noise source, particularly during landing and taxiing operations. Multi-bladed turbo-prop engines can produce relatively high levels of tonal noise. The sound pressure level from aircraft is, typically, predicted from the number of aircraft, the types of airplanes, their flight paths, the proportions of takeoffs and landings and the atmospheric conditions. Severe noise problems may arise at airports hosting many helicopters or smaller aircraft used for private business, flying training and leisure purposes. Special noise problems may also arise inside airplanes because of vibration. The noise emission from future supajets is unknown.

A sonic boom consists of a shock wave in the air, generated by an aircraft when it flies at a speed slightly greater than the local speed of sound. An aircraft in supersonic flight trails a sonic boom that can be heard up to 50 km on either side of its ground track, depending upon the flight altitude and the size of the aircraft (Warren 1972). A sonic boom can be heard as a loud double-boom sound. At high intensity it can damage property.

Noise from military airfields may present particular problems compared to civil airports (von Gierke & Harris 1987). For example, when used for night-time flying, for training interrupted landings and takeoffs (so-called touch-and-go), or for low-altitude flying. In certain instances, including wars, specific military activities introduce other intense noise pollution from heavy vehicles (tanks), helicopters, and small and large fire-arms.

2.2.3. Construction noise and building services noise

Building construction and excavation work can cause considerable noise emissions. A variety of sounds come from cranes, cement mixers, welding, hammering, boring and other work processes. Construction equipment is often poorly silenced and maintained, and building operations are sometimes carried out without considering the environmental noise consequences. Street services such as garbage disposal and street cleaning can also cause considerable disturbance if carried out at sensitive times of day. Ventilation and air conditioning plants and ducts, heat pumps, plumbing systems, and lifts (elevators), for example, can compromise the internal acoustical environment and upset nearby residents.

2.2.4. Domestic noise and noise from leisure activities

In residential areas, noise may stem from mechanical devices (e.g. heat pumps, ventilation systems and traffic), as well as voices, music and other kinds of sounds generated by neighbours (e.g. lawn mowers, vacuum cleaners and other household equipment, music reproduction and noisy parties). Aberrant social behavior is a well-recognized noise problem in multifamily dwellings, as well as at sites for entertainment (e.g. sports and music events). Due to predominantly low-frequency components, noise from ventilation systems in residential buildings may also cause considerable concern even at low and moderate sound pressure levels.

The use of powered machines in leisure activities is increasing. For example, motor racing, off-road vehicles, motorboats, water skiing, snowmobiles etc., and these contribute significantly to loud noises in previously quiet areas. Shooting activities not only have considerable potential for disturbing nearby residents, but can also damage the hearing of those taking part. Even tennis playing, church bell ringing and other religious activities can lead to noise complaints.

Some types of indoor concerts and discotheques can produce extremely high sound pressure levels. Associated noise problems outdoors result from customers arriving and leaving. Outdoor concerts, fireworks and various types of festivals can also produce intense noise. The general problem of access to festivals and leisure activity sites often adds to road traffic noise problems. Severe hearing impairment may also arise from intense sound produced as music in headphones or from children's toys.

2.3. The Complexity of Noise and Its Practical Implications

2.3.1. *The problem*

One must consider many different characteristics to describe environmental noises completely. We can consider the sound pressure level of the noise and how this level varies over a variety of periods, ranging from minutes or seconds to seasonal variations over several months. Where sound pressure levels vary quite substantially and rapidly, such as in the case of low-level jet aircraft, one might also want to consider the rate of change of sound pressure levels (Berry 1995; Kerry et al. 1997). At the same time, the frequency content of each noise will also determine its effect on people, as will the number of events when there are relatively small numbers of discrete noisy events. Combinations of these characteristics determine how each type of environmental noise affects people. These effects may be annoyance, sleep disturbance, speech interference, increased stress, hearing impairment or other health-related effects.

Thus, in total there is a very complex multidimensional relationship between the various characteristics of the environmental noise and the effects it has on people. Unfortunately, we do not completely understand all of the complex links between noise characteristics and the resulting effects on people. Thus, current practice is to reduce the assessment of environmental noise to a small number of quite simple quantities that are known to be reasonably well related to the effects of noise on people ($L_{Aeq,T}$ for continuing sounds and L_{Amax} or SEL where there are a small number of distinct noise events). These simple measures have the distinct advantage that they are relatively easy and inexpensive to obtain and hence are more likely to be widely adopted. On the other hand, they may ignore some details of the noise characteristics that relate to particular types of effects on people.

2.3.2. *Time variation*

There is evidence that the pattern of noise variation with time relates to annoyance (Berglund et al. 1976). It has been suggested that the equal-energy principle is a simple concept for obtaining a measure representative of the annoyance of a number of noise events. For example, the $L_{Aeq,T}$ of the noise from a busy road may be a good indicator of the annoyance this noise may

cause for nearby residents. However, such a measure may not be very useful for predicting the disturbance to sleep of a small number of very noisy aircraft fly-overs. The disturbance caused by small numbers of such discrete events is usually better related to maximum sound pressure levels and the number of events.

While using LAeq,T measures is the generally accepted approach, it is still important to appreciate the limitations and errors that may occur. For example, some years ago measures that assessed the variation of sound pressure levels with time were popular. Subsequently, these have been shown not to improve predictions of annoyance with road traffic noise (Bradley 1978). However, it is possible that time variations may contribute to explaining the very different amounts of annoyance caused by equal LAeq,T levels of road-traffic noise, train noise and aircraft noise (cf. Miedema & Vos 1998).

More regular variations of sound pressure levels with time have been found to increase the annoying aspects of the noise. For example, noises that vary periodically to create a throbbing or pulsing sensation can be more disturbing than continuous noise (Bradley 1994b). Research suggests that variations at about 4 per second are most disturbing (Zwicker 1989). Noises with very rapid onsets could also be more disturbing than indicated by their LAeq,T (Berry 1995; Kerry et al. 1997).

LAeq,T values can be calculated for various time periods and it is very important to specify this period. It is quite common to calculate LAeq,T values separately for day- and night-time periods. In combining day and night LAeq,T values it is usually assumed that people will be more sensitive to noise during the night-time period. A weighting is thus normally added to night-time LAeq,T values when calculating a combined measure for a 24 hour period. For example, day-night sound pressure measures commonly include a 10 dB night-time weighting. Other night-time weightings have been proposed, but it has been suggested that it is not possible to determine precisely an optimum value for night-time weightings from annoyance survey responses, because of the large variability in responses within groups of people (Fields 1986, see also Berglund & Lindvall 1995). Night-time weightings are intended to indicate the expected increased sensitivity to annoyance at night and do not protect people from sleep disturbance.

2.3.3. Frequency content and loudness

Noise can also be characterized by its frequency content. This can be assessed by various types of frequency analysis to determine the relative contributions of the frequency components to the total noise. The combined effects of the different frequencies on people, perceived as noise, can be approximated by simple frequency weightings. The A-weighting is now widely used to obtain an approximate, single-number rating of the combined effects of the various frequencies. The A-weighting response is a simplification of an equal-loudness contour. There is a family of these equal-loudness contours (ISO 1987a) that describe the frequency response of the hearing system for a wide range of frequencies and sound pressure levels. These equal-loudness contours can be used to determine the perceived loudness of a single frequency sound. More complicated procedures have been derived to estimate the perceived loudness of complex sounds (ISO 1975). These methods involve determining the level of the sound in critical bands and the mutual masking of these bands.

Many studies have compared the accuracy of predictions based on A-weighted levels with those based on other frequency weightings, as well as more complex measures such as loudness levels and perceived noise levels (see also Berglund & Lindvall 1995). The comparisons depend on the particular effect that is being predicted, but generally the correlation between the more complex measures and subjective scales are a little stronger. A-weighted measures have been particularly criticized as not being accurate indicators of the disturbing effects of noises with strong low-frequency components (Kjellberg et al. 1984; Persson & Björkman 1988; Brøner & Leventhall 1993; Goldstein 1994). However, these differences in prediction accuracy are usually smaller than the variability of responses among groups of people (Fields 1986; see also Berglund & Lindvall 1995). Thus, in practical situations the limitations of A-weighted measures may not be so important.

In addition to equal-loudness contours, equal-noisiness contours have also been developed for calculating perceived noise levels (PNL) (Kryter 1959; Kryter 1994; see also section 2.7.2). Critics have pointed out that in addition to equal-loudness and equal-noisiness contours, we could have many other families of equal-sensation contours corresponding to other attributes of the noises (Moline 1974). There seems to be no limit to the possible complexity and number of such measures.

2.3.4. Influence of ambient noise level

A number of studies have suggested that the annoyance effect of a particular noise would depend on how much that noise exceeded the level of ambient noise. This has been shown to be true for noises that are relatively constant in level (Bradley 1993), but has not been consistently found for time-varying noises such as aircraft noise (Gjestland et al. 1990; Fields 1998). Because at some time during an aircraft fly-over the noise almost always exceeds the ambient level, responses to this type of noise are less likely to be influenced by the level of the ambient noise.

2.3.5. Types of noise

A number of studies have concluded that equal levels of different noise types lead to different annoyance (Hall et al. 1981; Griffiths 1983; Miedema 1993; Bradley 1994a; Miedema & Vos 1998). For example, equal LAeq,T levels of aircraft noise and road traffic noise will not lead to the same mean annoyance in groups of people exposed to these noises. This may indicate that the LAeq,T measure is not a completely satisfactory description of these noises and perhaps does not completely reflect the characteristics of these noises that lead to annoyance. Alternatively, the differences may be attributed to various other factors that are not part of the noise characteristics (e.g. Flindell & Stallen 1999). For example, it has been said that aircraft noise is more disturbing, because of the associated fear of aircraft crashing on people's homes (cf. Berglund & Lindvall 1995).

2.3.6. Individual differences

Finally, there is the problem of individual response differences. Different people will respond quite differently to the same noise stimulus (Job 1988). These individual differences can be

quite large and it is often most useful to consider the average response of groups of people exposed to the same sound pressure levels. In annoyance studies the percentage of highly annoyed individuals is usually considered, because it correlates better with measured sound pressure levels. Individual differences also exist for susceptibility to hearing impairment (e.g. Katz 1994).

2.3.7. Recommendations

In many cases we do not have specific, accurate measures of how annoying sound will be and must rely on the simpler quantities. As a result, current practice is to assume that the equal energy principle is approximately valid for most types of noise, and that a simple L_{Aeq,T} type measure will indicate reasonably well the expected effects of the noise. Where the noise consists of a small number of discrete events, the A-weighted maximum level (L_{Amax}) will be a better indicator of the disturbance to sleep and other activities. However, in most cases the A-weighted sound exposure level (SEL_i) will provide a more consistent measure of such single-noise events, because it is based on an integration over the complete noise event.

2.4. Measurement Issues

2.4.1. Measurement objectives

The details of noise measurements must be planned to meet some relevant objective or purpose. Some typical objectives would include:

- a. Investigating complaints.
- b. Assessing the number of persons exposed.
- c. Compliance with regulations.
- d. Land use planning and environmental impact assessments.
- e. Evaluation of remedial measures.
- f. Calibration and validation of predictions.
- g. Research surveys.
- h. Trend monitoring.

The sampling procedure, measurement location, type of measurements and the choice of equipment should be in accord with the objective of the measurements.

2.4.2. Instrumentation

The most critical component of a sound pressure meter is the microphone, because it is difficult to produce microphones with the same precision as the other, electronic components of a pressure meter. In contrast, it is usually not difficult to produce the electronic components of a microphone with the desired sensitivity and frequency-response characteristics. Lower quality microphones will usually be less sensitive and so cannot measure very low sound pressure levels. They may also not be able to accurately measure very high sound pressure levels found closer to loud noise sources. Lower quality microphones will also have less well-defined frequency response characteristics. Such lower quality microphones may be acceptable for survey type

measurements of overall A-weighted levels, but would not be preferred for more precise measurements, including detailed frequency analysis of the sounds.

Sound pressure meters will usually include both A- and C-weighting frequency-response curves. The uses of these frequency weightings were discussed above. They may also include a linear weighting. Linear weightings are not defined in standards and may in practice be limited by the response of the particular microphone being used. Instead of, or in addition to, frequency-response weightings, more complex sound pressure meters can also include sets of standard bandpass filters, to permit frequency analysis of sounds. For acoustical measurements, octave and one-third octave bandwidth filters are widely used with centre frequencies defined in standards (ISO 1975b).

The instantaneous sound pressures are integrated with some time constant to provide sound pressure levels. As mentioned above most meters will include both *Fast*- and *Slow*-response times. *Fast*-response corresponds to a time constant of 0.125 s and is intended to approximate the time constant of the human hearing system. *Slow*-response corresponds to a time constant of 1 s and is an old concept intended to make it easier to obtain an approximate average value of fluctuating levels from simple meter readings.

Standards (IEC 1979) classify sound pressure meters as type 1 or type 2. Type 2 meters are adequate for broad band A-weighted level measurements, where extreme precision is not required and where very low sound pressure levels are not to be measured. Type 1 meters are usually much more expensive and should be used where more precise results are needed, or in cases where frequency analysis is required.

Many modern sound pressure meters can integrate sound pressure levels over some specified time period, or may include very sophisticated digital processing capabilities. Integrating meters make it possible to directly obtain accurate measures of $L_{Aeq,T}$ values over a user-specified time interval, T . By including small computers in some sound pressure meters, quite complex calculations can be performed on the measured levels and many such results can be stored for later read out. For example, some meters can determine the statistical distribution of sound pressure levels over some period, in addition to the simple $L_{Aeq,T}$ value. Recently, hand-held meters that perform loudness calculations in real time have become available. Continuing rapid developments in instrumentation capabilities are to be expected.

2.4.3. Measurement locations

Where local regulations do not specify otherwise, measurements of environmental noise are usually best made close to the point of reception of the noise. For example, if there is concern about residents exposed to road traffic noise it is better to measure close to the location of the residents, rather than close to the road. If environmental noises are measured close to the source, one must then estimate the effect of sound propagation to the point of reception. Sound propagation can be quite complicated and estimates of sound pressure levels at some distance from the source will inevitably introduce further errors into the measured sound pressure levels. These errors can be avoided by measuring at locations close to the point of reception.

Measurement locations should normally be selected so that there is a clear view of the sound source and so that the propagation of the sound to the microphone is not shielded or blocked by structures that would reduce the incident sound pressure levels. For example, measurements of aircraft noise should be made on the side of the building directly exposed to the noise. The position of the measuring microphone relative to building façades or other sound-reflective surfaces is also important and will significantly influence measured sound pressure levels (ISO 1978). If the measuring microphone is located more than several meters from reflecting surfaces, it will provide an unbiased indication of the incident sound pressure level. At the other extreme, when a measuring microphone is mounted on a sound-reflecting surface, such as a building façade, sound pressure levels will be increased by 6 dB, because the direct and reflected sound will coincide. Some standards recommend a position 2 m from the façade and an associated 3 dB correction (ISO 1978; ASTM 1992). The effect of façade reflections must be accounted for to represent the true level of the incident sound. Thus, while locating the measuring microphone close to the point of reception is desirable, it leads to some other issues that must be considered to accurately interpret measurement results. Where exposures are measured indoors, it is necessary to measure at several positions to characterize the average sound pressure level in a room. In other situations, it may be necessary to measure at the position of the exposed person.

2.4.4. Sampling

Many environmental noises vary over time, such as for different times of day or from season to season. For example, road traffic noise may be considerably louder during some hours of the day but much quieter at night. Aircraft noise may vary with the season due to different numbers of aircraft operations. Although permanent noise monitoring systems are becoming common around large airports, it is usually not possible to measure sound pressure levels continuously over a long enough period of time to completely define the environmental noise exposure. In practice, measurements usually only sample some part of the total exposure. Such sampling will introduce uncertainties in the estimates of the total noise exposure.

Traffic noise studies have identified various sampling schemes that can introduce errors of 2-3 dB in estimates of daytime LAeq,T values and even larger errors in night-time sound pressure levels (Vaskor et al. 1979). These errors relate to the statistical distributions of sound pressure levels over time (Bradley et al. 1979). Thus, the sampling errors associated with road traffic noise may be quite different from those associated with other noise, because of the quite different variations of sound pressure levels over time. It is also difficult to give general estimates of sampling errors due to seasonal variations. When making environmental noise measurements it is important that the measurement sample is representative of all of the variations in the noise in question, including variations of the source and variations in sound propagation, such as due to varying atmospheric conditions.

2.4.5. Calibration and quality assurance

Sound pressure meters can be calibrated using small calibrated sound sources. These devices are placed on the measurement microphone and produce a known sound pressure level with a specified accuracy. Such calibrations should be made at least daily, and more often if there is

some possibility that handling of the sound pressure meter may have modified its sensitivity. It is also important to have a complete quality assurance plan. This should require annual calibration of all noise measuring equipment to traceable standards and should clearly specify correct measurement and operating procedures (ISO 1994).

2.5. Source Characteristics and Sound Propagation

To make a correct assessment of noise it is important to have some appreciation of the characteristics of environmental noise sources and of how sound propagates from them. One should consider the directionality of noise sources, the variability with time and the frequency content. If these are in some way unusual, the noise may be more disturbing than expected. The most common types of environmental noise sources are directional and include: road-traffic noise, aircraft noise, train noise, industrial noise and outdoor entertainment facilities (*cf.* section 2.2). All of these types of environmental noise are produced by multiple sources, which in many cases are moving. Thus, the characteristics of individual sources, as well as the characteristics of the combined sources, must be considered.

For example, we can consider the radiation of sound from individual vehicles, as well as from a line of vehicles on a particular road. Sound from an ideal point source (i.e. non-directional source) will spread out spherically and sound pressure levels would decrease 6 dB for each doubling of distance from the source. However, for a line of such sources, or for an integration over the complete pass-by of an individual moving source, the combined effect leads to sound that spreads cylindrically and to sound pressure levels that decrease at 3 dB per doubling of distance. Thus, there are distinct differences between the propagation of sound from an ideal point source and from moving sources. In practice one cannot adequately assess the noise from a fixed source with measurements at a single location; it is essential to measure in a number of directions from the source. If the single source is moving, it is necessary to measure over a complete pass-by, to account for sound variation with direction and time.

In most real situations this simple behaviour is considerably modified by reflections from the ground and from other nearby surfaces. One expects that when sound propagates over loose ground, such as grass, that some sound energy will be absorbed and sound pressure levels will actually decrease more rapidly with distance from the source. Although this is approximately true, the propagation of sound between sources and receivers close to the ground is much more complicated than this. The combination of direct and ground-reflected sound can combine in a complex manner which can lead to strong cancellations at some frequencies and not at others (Embleton & Piercy 1976). Even at quite short source-to-receiver distances, these complex interference effects can significantly modify the propagating sound. At larger distances (approximately 100 m or more), the propagation of sound will also be significantly affected by various atmospheric conditions. Temperature and wind gradients as well as atmospheric turbulence can have large effects on more distant sound pressure levels (Daigle et al. 1986). Temperature and wind gradients can cause propagating sound to curve either upwards or downwards, creating either areas of increased or decreased sound pressure levels at points quite distant from the source. Atmospheric turbulence can randomize sound so that the interference effects resulting from combinations of sound paths are reduced. Higher frequency sound is absorbed by air depending on the exact temperature and relative humidity of the air (Crocker &

Price 1975; Ford 1987). Because there are many complex effects, it is not usually possible to accurately predict sound pressure levels at large distances from a source.

Using barriers or screens to block the direct path from the source to the receiver can reduce the propagation of sound. The attenuating effects of the screen are limited by sound energy that diffracts or bends around the screen. Screens are more effective at higher frequencies and when placed either close to the sound source or the receiver; they are less effective when placed far from the receiver. Although higher screens are better, in practice it is difficult to achieve more than about a 10 dB reduction. There should be no gaps in the screen and it must have an adequate mass per unit area. A long building can be an effective screen, but gaps between buildings will reduce the sound attenuation.

In some cases, it may be desirable to estimate environmental sound pressure levels using mathematical models implemented as computer programmes (House 1987). Such computer programmes must first model the characteristics of the source and then estimate the propagation of the sound from the source to some receiver point. Although such prediction schemes have several advantages, there will be some uncertainty as to the accuracy of the predicted sound pressure levels. Such models are particularly useful for road traffic noise and aircraft noise, because it is possible to create data bases of information describing particular sources. For more varied types of noise, such as industrial noise, it would be necessary to first characterize the noise sources. The models then sum up the effects of multiple sources and calculate how the sound will propagate to receiver points. Techniques for estimating sound propagation are improving and the accuracy of these models is also expected to improve. These models can be particularly useful for estimating the combined effect of a large number of sources over an extended period of time. For example, aircraft noise prediction models are typically used to predict average yearly noise exposures, based on the combination of aircraft events over a complete year. Such models can be applied to predict sound pressure level contours around airports for these average yearly conditions. This is of course much less expensive than measuring at many locations over a complete one year-period. However, such models can be quite complex, and require skilled users and accurate data bases. Because environmental noise prediction models are still developing, it is advisable to confirm predictions with measurements.

2.6. Sound transmission Into and Within Buildings

Sources of environmental noise are usually located outdoors: for example, road traffic, aircraft or trains. However, people exposed to these noises are often indoors, inside their home or some other building. It is, therefore, important to understand how environmental noises are transmitted into buildings. Most of the same fundamentals discussed earlier apply to airborne sound propagation between homes in multifamily dwellings, via common walls and floors. However, within buildings we can also consider impact sound sources, such as footsteps, as well as airborne sounds.

The amount of incident sound that is transmitted through a building façade is measured in terms of the sound reduction index. The sound reduction index, or transmission loss, is defined as 10 times the logarithm of the ratio of incident-to-transmitted sound power, and it describes in decibels how much the incident sound is reduced on passing through a particular panel. This

index of constructions usually increases with the frequency of the incident sound and with the mass of the construction (Kremer 1950). Thus, heavier or more massive constructions tend to have higher sound reductions. When it is not possible to achieve the desired transmission loss by increasing the mass of a panel, increased sound reduction can be achieved by a double panel construction. The two layers should be isolated with respect to vibrations and there should be sound absorbing material in the cavity. Such double panel constructions can provide much greater sound reduction than a single panel. Because sound reduction is also greater at higher frequencies most problems occur at lower frequencies, where most environmental noise sources produce relatively high sound pressure levels.

The sound reduction of buildings can be measured in standard laboratory tests, where the test panel is constructed in an opening between two reverberant test chambers (ISO 1995; ASTM 1997). In these tests sound fields are quite diffuse in both test chambers and the sound reduction index is calculated as the difference between the average sound pressure levels in the two rooms, plus a correction involving the area of the test panel and the total sound absorption in the receiving room. The sound reduction of a complete building façade can also be measured in the field using either natural environmental noises or test signals from loudspeakers (ISO 1978; ASTM 1992). In either case the noise, as transmitted through the façade, must be greater in level than other sounds in the receiving room. For this outdoor-to-indoor sound propagation case, the measured sound reduction index will also depend on the angle of incidence of the outdoor sound, as well as the position of the outdoor measuring microphone relative to the building façade. Corrections of up to 6 dB must be made to the sound pressure level measured outdoors, to account for the effect of reflections from the façade (see also section 2.4.3).

The sound reduction of most real building façades is determined by a combination of several different elements. For example, a wall might include windows, doors or some other type of element. If the sound reduction index values of each element are known, the values for the combined construction can be calculated from the area-weighted sums of the sound energy transmitted through each separate element. Although parts of the building façade, such as massive wall constructions, can be very effective barriers to sound, the sound reduction index of the complete façade is often greatly reduced by less effective elements such as windows, doors or ventilation openings. Completely open windows as such would have a sound reduction index of 0 dB. If window openings makes up 10% of the area of a wall, the sound reduction index of the combined wall and open window could not exceed 10 dB. Thus it is not enough to specify effective sound reducing façade constructions, without also solving the problem of adequate ventilation that does not compromise the sound transmission reduction by the building façade.

Sound reduction index values are measured at different frequencies and from these, single number ratings are determined. Most common are the ISO weighted sound reduction index (ISO 1996) and the equivalent ASTM sound transmission class (ASTM 1994a). However, in their original form these single number ratings are only appropriate for typical indoor noises that usually do not have strong low frequency components. Thus, they are usually not appropriate single number ratings of the ability of a building façade to block typical environmental noises. More recent additions to the ISO procedure have included source spectrum corrections intended to correct approximately for other types of sources (ISO 1996). Alternatively, the ASTM-Outdoor-Indoor Transmission Class rating calculates the A-weighted level reduction to a

standard environmental noise source spectrum (ASTM 1994h). Within buildings the impact sound insulation index can be measured with a standard impact source and determined according to ISO and ASTM standards (ISO 1998; ASTM 1994c 1996).

2.7. More Specialized Noise Measures

2.7.1. Loudness and perceived noise levels

There are procedures to accurately rate the loudness of complex sounds (Zwicker 1960; Stevens 1972; ISO 1975a). These usually start from a 1/3 octave spectrum of the noise. The combination of the loudness contributions of each 1/3 octave band with estimates of mutual masking effects, leads to a single overall loudness rating in sones. A similar system for rating the noisiness of sounds has also been developed (Kryter 1994). Again a 1/3 octave spectrum of the noise is required and the 1/3 octave noise levels are compared with a set of equal-noisiness contours. The individual 1/3 octave band noisiness estimates are combined to give an overall perceived noise level (PNL) that is intended to accurately estimate subjective evaluations of the same sound. The PNL metric was initially developed to rate jet aircraft noise.

PNL values will vary with time, for example when an aircraft flies by a measuring point. The effective perceived noise level measure (EPNL) is derived from PNL values and is intended to provide a complete rating of an aircraft fly-over. EPNL values add both a duration correction and a tone correction to PNL values. The duration correction ensures that longer duration events are rated as more disturbing. Similarly, noise spectra that seem to have prominent tonal components are rated as more disturbing by the tone-correction procedure. There is some evidence that these tone corrections are not always successful in improving predictions of adverse responses to noise events (Scharf & Hellman 1980). EPNL values are used in the certification testing of new aircraft. These more precise measures ensure that the noise from new aircraft is rated as accurately as possible.

2.7.2. Aviation noise measures

There are many measures for evaluating the long-term average sound pressure levels from aircraft near airports (Ford 1987; House 1987). They include different frequency weightings, different summations of levels and numbers of events, as well as different time-of-day weightings. Most measures are based on either A-weighted or PNL-weighted sound pressure levels. Because of the many other large uncertainties in predicting community response to aircraft noise, there seems little justification for using the more complex PNL-weighted sound pressure levels and there is a trend to change to A-weighted measures.

Most aviation noise measures are based on an equal energy approach and hence they sum up the total energy of a number of aircraft fly-overs. However, some older measures were based on different combinations of the level of each event and the number of events. These types of measures are gradually being replaced by measures based on the equal energy hypothesis such as LAeq,1 values. There is also a range of time-of-day weightings incorporated into current aircraft noise measures. Night-time weightings of 6–12 dB are currently in use. Some countries also include an intermediate evening weighting.

The day-night sound pressure level L_{dn} (von Gierke 1975; Ford 1987) is an LAeq,T based measure with a 10 dB night-time weighting. It is based on A-weighted sound pressure levels and the equal energy principle. The noise exposure forecast (NEF) (Bishop & Horanjeff 1967) is based on the EPNL values of individual aircraft events and includes a 12 dB night-time weighting. It sums multiple events on an equal energy basis. However, the Australian variation of the NEF measure has a 6 dB evening weighting and a 6 dB night-time weighting (Bullen & Hede 1983). The German airport noise equivalent level (LEQ(FLG)) is based on A-weighted levels, but does not follow the equal energy principle.

The weighted equivalent continuous perceived noise level (WECPNL) measure (Ford 1987) proposed by ICAO is based on the equal energy principle and maximum PNL values of aircraft fly-overs. However, in Japan an approximation to this measure is used and is based on maximum A-weighted levels. The noise and number index (NNI), formerly used in the United Kingdom, was derived from maximum PNL values but was not based on the equal energy principle. An approximation to the original version of the NNI has been used in Switzerland and is based on maximum A-weighted levels of aircraft fly-overs, but its use will soon be discontinued. Changes in these measures are slow because their use is often specified in national legislation. However, several countries have changed to measures that are based on the equal energy principle and A-weighted sound pressure levels.

2.7.3. Impulsive noise measures

Impulsive sounds, such as gun shots, hammer blows, explosions of fireworks or other blasts, are sounds that significantly exceed the background sound pressure level for a very short duration. Typically each impulse lasts less than one second. Measurements with the meter set to 'Fast' response (section 2.1.1) do not accurately represent impulsive sounds. Therefore the meter response time must be shorter to measure such impulse type sounds. C-weighted levels have been found useful for ratings of gun shots (ISO 1987). Currently no mathematical description exists which unequivocally defines impulsive sounds, nor is there a universally accepted procedure for rating the additional annoyance of impulsive sounds (HCN 1997). Future versions of ISO Standard 1996 (present standard in ISO 1987b) are planned to improve this situation.

2.7.4. Measures of speech intelligibility

The intelligibility of speech depends primarily on the speech-to-noise ratio. If the level of the speech sounds are 15 dB or more above the level of the ambient noise, the speech intelligibility at 1 m distance will be close to 100% (Houtgast 1981; Bradley 1986b). This can be most simply rated in terms of the speech-to-noise ratio of the A-weighted speech and noise levels. Alternatively, the speech intelligibility index (formerly the articulation index) can be used if octave or 1/3 octave band spectra of the speech and noise are available (ANSI 1997).

When indoors, speech intelligibility also depends on the acoustical properties of the space. The acoustical properties of spaces have for many years been rated in terms of reverberation times. The reverberation time is approximately the time it takes for a sound in a room to decrease to inaudibility after the source has been stopped. Optimum reverberation times for speech have

been specified as a function of the size of the room. In large rooms, such as lecture halls and theaters, a reverberation time for speech of about 1 s is recommended. In smaller rooms such as classrooms, the recommended value for speech is about 0.6 s (Bradley 1986b,c). More modern measures of room acoustics have been found to be better correlates of speech intelligibility, and some combine an assessment of both the speech/noise ratio and room acoustics (Bradley 1986a,c). The most widely known is the speech transmission index (STI) (Houtgast & Steeneken 1983), or the abbreviated version of this measure referred to as RASTI (Houtgast & Steeneken 1985; IEC 1988). In smaller rooms, such as school classrooms, the conventional approach of requiring adequately low ambient noise levels, as well as some optimum reverberation time, is probably adequate to ensure good speech intelligibility (Bradley 1986b). In larger rooms and other more specialized situations, use of the more modern measures may be helpful.

2.7.5. Indoor noise ratings

The simplest procedure for rating levels of indoor noise is to measure them in terms of integrated A-weighted sound pressure levels, as measured by LAeq,T. As discussed earlier, this approach has been criticized as not being the most accurate rating of the negative effects of various types of noises, and is thought to be particularly inadequate when there are strong low-frequency components. Several more complex rating schemes are available based on octave band measurements of indoor noises. In Europe the noise rating system (Burns 1968), and in North America the noise criterion (Beranek 1971), both include sets of equal-disturbance type contours. Measured octave band sound pressure levels are compared with these contours and an overall noise rating is determined. More recently, two new schemes have been proposed: the balanced noise criterion procedure (Beranek 1980) and the room criterion system (Blazier 1998). These schemes are based on a wider range of octave bands extending from 16–8 000 Hz. They provide both a numerical and a letter rating of the noise. The numerical part indicates the level of the central frequencies important for speech communication and the letter indicates whether the quality of the sound is predominantly low-, medium- or high-frequency in nature. Extensive comparisons of these room noise rating procedures have yet to be performed. Because the newer measures include a wider range of frequencies, they can better assess a wider range of noise problems.

2.8. Summary

Where there are no clear reasons for using other measures, it is recommended that LAeq,T be used to evaluate more-or-less continuous environmental noises. LAeq,T should also be used to assess ongoing noises that may be composed of individual events with randomly varying sound pressure levels. Where the noise is principally composed of a small number of discrete events the additional use of LAmix or SEL is recommended. As pointed out in this chapter, there are definite limitations to these simple measures, but there are also many practical advantages, including economy and the benefits of a standardized approach.

The sound pressure level measurements should include all variations over time to provide results that best represent the noise in question. This would include variations in both the source and in propagation of the noise from the source to the receiver. Measurements should normally be

made close to typical points of reception. The accuracy of the measurements and the details of the measurement procedure must be adapted to the type of noise and to other details of the noise exposure. Assessment of speech intelligibility, aviation noise or impulse noise may require the use of more specialized methods. Where the exposed people are indoors and noise measurements are made outdoors, the sound attenuating properties of the building façade must also be measured or estimated.

3. Adverse Health Effects Of Noise

3.1. Introduction

The perception of sounds in day-to-day life is of major importance for human well-being. Communication through speech, sounds from playing children, music, natural sounds in parks, woods, parks and gardens are all examples of sounds essential for satisfaction in every day life. Conversely, this document is related to the adverse effects of sound (noise). According to the International Programme on Chemical Safety (WHO 1994), an adverse effect of noise is defined as a change in the morphology and physiology of an organism that results in impairment of functional capacity, or an impairment of capacity to compensate for additional stress, or increases the susceptibility of an organism to the harmful effects of other environmental influences. This definition includes any temporary or long-term lowering of the physical, psychological or social functioning of humans or human organs. The health significance of noise pollution is given in this chapter under separate headings, according to the specific effects: noise-induced hearing impairment; interference with speech communication; disturbance of rest and sleep; psychophysiological, mental-health and performance effects; effects on residential behaviour and annoyance; as well as interference with intended activities. This chapter also considers vulnerable groups and the combined effects of sounds from different sources. Conclusions based on the details given in this chapter are given in Chapter 4 as they relate to guideline values.

3.2. Noise-Induced Hearing Impairment

Hearing impairment is typically defined as an increase in the threshold of hearing. It is assessed by threshold audiometry. Hearing handicap is the disadvantage imposed by hearing impairment sufficient to affect one's personal efficiency in the activities of daily living. It is usually expressed in terms of understanding conventional speech in common levels of background noise (ISO 1990). Worldwide, noise-induced hearing impairment is the most prevalent irreversible occupational hazard. In the developing countries, not only occupational noise, but also environmental noise is an increasing risk factor for hearing impairment. In 1995, at the World Health Assembly, it was estimated that there are 120 million persons with disabling hearing difficulties worldwide (Smith 1998). It has been shown that men and women are equally at risk of noise-induced hearing impairment (ISO 1990; Berglund & Lindvall 1995).

Apart from noise-induced hearing impairment, hearing damage in populations is also caused by certain diseases; some industrial chemicals; ototoxic drugs; blows to the head; accidents; and hereditary origins. Deterioration of hearing capability is also associated with the aging process *per se* (presbycusis). Present knowledge of the physiological effects of noise on the auditory system is based primarily on laboratory studies on animals. After noise exposure, the first morphological changes are usually found in the inner and outer hair cells of the cochlea, where the stereocilia become fused and bent. After more prolonged exposure, the outer and inner hair cells related to transmission of high-frequency sounds are missing. See Berglund & Lindvall (1995) for further discussion.

The ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990) gives a method for calculating noise-induced hearing impairment in populations exposed to all types of noise (continuous, intermittent, impulse) during working hours. Noise exposure is characterized by LAeq over 8 hours (LAeq,8h). In the Standard, the relationships between LAeq,8h and noise-induced hearing impairment are given for frequencies of 500–6 000 Hz, and for exposure times of up to 40 years. These relations show that noise-induced hearing impairment occurs predominantly in the high-frequency range of 3 000–6 000 Hz, the effect being largest at 4 000 Hz. With increasing LAeq,8h and increasing exposure time, noise-induced hearing impairment also occurs at 2 000 Hz. But at LAeq,8h levels of 75 dBA and lower, even prolonged occupational noise exposure will not result in noise-induced hearing impairment (ISO 1990). This value is equal to that specified in 1980 by the World Health Organization (WHO 1980a).

The ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990) specifies hearing impairment in statistical terms (median values, and percentile fractions between 0.05 and 0.95). The extent of noise-induced hearing impairment in populations exposed to occupational noise depends on the value of LAeq,8h and the number of years of noise exposure. However, for high LAeq,8h values, individual susceptibility seems to have a considerable effect on the rate of progression of hearing impairment. For daily exposures of 8–16 h, noise-induced hearing impairment can be reasonably well estimated from LAeq,8h extrapolated to the longer exposure times (Axelsson et al. 1986). In this adaptation of LAeq,8h for daily exposures other than 8 hours, the equal energy principle is assumed to be applicable. For example, the hearing impairment due to a 16 h daily exposure is equivalent to that at LAeq,8h plus 3 dB ($LAeq,16h = LAeq,8h - 10 \cdot \log_{10}(16/8) = LAeq,8h + 3$ dB). For a 24 h exposure, $LAeq,24h = LAeq,8h - 10 \cdot \log_{10}(24/8) = LAeq,8h + 5$ dB).

Since the calculation method specified in the ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990) is the only universally adopted method for estimating occupational noise-induced hearing impairment, attempts have been made to assess whether the method is also applicable to hearing impairment due to environmental noise, including leisure-time noise. There is ample evidence that shooting noise, with LAeq,24h values of up to 80 dB, induces the same hearing impairment as an equivalent occupational noise exposure (Smootenburg 1998). Moreover, noise-induced hearing impairment studies from motorbikes are also in agreement with results from ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990). Hearing impairment in young adults and children, 12 years and older has been assessed by LAeq on a 24 h time basis, for a variety of environmental and leisure-time exposure patterns (e.g. Passchier-Vermeer 1993; ICN 1994). These include pop music in discotheques and concerts (Babisch & Ising 1989; ISO 1990); pop music through headphones (Ising et al. 1994; Struwe et al. 1996; Passchier-Vermeer et al. 1998); music played by brass bands and symphony orchestras (van Hees 1992). The results are in agreement with values predicted by the ISO Standard 1999 method on the basis of adjusted time.

In the publications cited above, exposure to noise with known characteristics, such as duration and level, was related to hearing impairment. In addition to these publications, there is also an extensive literature showing hearing impairment in populations exposed to specific types of non-occupational noise, although these exposures are not well characterized. These noises originate from shooting, motorcycling, snowmobile driving, playing in arcades, listening to music at concerts and through headphones, using noisy toys, and fireworks (e.g. Brookhouser et al. 1992; see also Berglund & Lindvall 1995). Although the characteristics of these exposures are to a

certain extent unknown, the details in the publications suggest that LAeq,24h values of these exposures exceed 70 dB.

In contrast, epidemiological studies failed to show hearing damage in populations exposed to an LAeq,24h of less than 70 dB (Lindemann et al. 1987). The data imply that even a lifetime exposure to environmental and leisure-time noise with an LAeq,24h <70 dBA would not cause hearing impairment in the large majority of people (over 95%). Overall, the results of many studies strongly suggest that the method from ISO Standard 1999 can also be used to estimate hearing impairment due to environmental and leisure-time noise, in addition to estimating the effects of occupational noise exposure.

Although the evidence suggests that the calculation method from ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990) should also be accepted for environmental and leisure time noise exposures, large-scale epidemiological studies of the general population do not exist to support this proposition. Taking into account the limitations of the studies, care should be taken with respect to the following aspects:

- a. Data from animal experiments indicate that children may be more vulnerable in acquiring noise-induced hearing impairment than adults.
- b. At very high instantaneous sound pressure levels, mechanical damage to the ear may occur (Hanner & Axelsson 1988). Occupational limits are set at peak sound pressure levels of 140 dB (EU 1986a). For adults exposed to environmental and leisure-time noise, this same limit is assumed to be valid. In the case of children, however, taking into account their habits while playing with noisy toys, peak sound pressure levels should never exceed 120 dB.
- c. For shooting noise with LAeq,24h over 80 dB, studies on temporary threshold shift suggest the possibility of an increased risk for noise-induced hearing impairment (Sinnreich 1998).
- d. Risk for noise-induced hearing impairment may increase when the noise exposure is combined with exposure to vibrations, the use of ototoxic drugs, or some chemicals (Fechter 1999). In these circumstances, long-term exposure to LAeq,24h of 70 dBA may induce small hearing impairments.
- e. It is uncertain whether the relationships between hearing impairment and noise exposure given in ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990) are applicable for environmental sounds of short rise time. For example, in the case of military low-altitude flying areas (75–300 m above ground) LAmax values of 110–130 dB occur within seconds after the onset of the sound.

Usually noise-induced hearing impairment is accompanied by an abnormal loudness perception which is known as loudness recruitment (*cf.* Berglund & Lindvall 1995). With a considerable loss of auditory sensitivity, some sounds may be perceived as distorted (paracusis). Another sensory effect that results from noise exposure is tinnitus (ringing in the ears). Commonly,

tinnitus is referred to as sounds that are emitted by the inner ear itself (physiological tinnitus). Tinnitus is a common and often disturbing accompaniment of occupational hearing impairment (Vernon and Møller 1995) and has become a risk for teenagers attending pop concerts and discotheques (Hetu & Fortin 1995; Passchier-Vermeer et al. 1998; Axelsson & Prasher 1999). Noise-induced tinnitus may be temporary, lasting up to 24 hours after exposure, or may have a more permanent character, such as after prolonged occupational noise exposure. Sometimes tinnitus is due to the sound produced by the blood flow through structures in the ear.

The main social consequence of hearing impairment is an inability to understand speech in daily living conditions, which is considered a severe social handicap. Even small values of hearing impairment (10 dB averaged over 2 000 and 4 000 Hz, and over both ears) may have an effect on the understanding of speech. When the hearing impairment exceeds 30 dB (again averaged over 2 000 and 4 000 Hz and both ears) a social hearing handicap is noticeable (*cf.* Katz 1994; Berglund & Lindvall 1995).

In the past, hearing protection has mainly emphasized occupational noise exposures at high values of $L_{Aeq,8h}$, or situations with high impulsive sounds. The near-universal adoption of an $L_{Aeq,8h}$ value of 85 dB (or lower) as the limit for unprotected occupational noise exposure, together with requirements for personal hearing protection, has made cases of severe unprotected exposures more rare. This is particularly true for developed countries. However, monitoring of compliance and enforcement action for sound pressure levels just over the limits may be weak, especially in non-industrial environments in developed countries (Franks 1998), as well as in occupational and urban environments in developing countries (Smith 1998). Nevertheless, regulations for occupational noise exposure exist almost worldwide and exposures to occupational noise are to a certain extent under control.

On the other hand, environmental noise exposures due to a number of noisy activities, especially those during leisure-time activities of children and young adults, have scarcely been regulated. Given both the increasing number of noisy activities and the increasing exposure duration, such as loud music in cars and the use of Walkmen and Discmen, regulatory activities in this field are to be encouraged. Dose-response data are lacking for the general population. However, judging from the limited data for study groups (teenagers, young adults and women), and the assumption that time of exposure can be equated with sound energy, the risk for hearing impairment would be negligible for $L_{Aeq,24h}$ values of 70 dBA over a lifetime. To avoid hearing impairment, impulse noise exposures should never exceed 140 dB peak sound pressure in adults, and 120 dB peak sound pressure in children.

3.3. Interference with Speech Communication

Noise interference with speech comprehension results in a large number of personal disabilities, handicaps and behavioural changes. Problems with concentration, fatigue, uncertainty and lack of self-confidence, irritation, misunderstandings, decreased working capacity, problems in human relations, and a number of stress reactions have all been identified (Lazarus 1998). Particularly vulnerable to these types of effects are the hearing impaired, the elderly, children in the process of language and reading acquisition, and individuals who are not familiar with the spoken language (*e.g.*, Lazarus 1998). Thus, vulnerable persons constitute a substantial

proportion of a country's population.

Most of the acoustical energy of speech is in the frequency range 100–6 000 Hz, with the most important cue-bearing energy being between 300–3 000 Hz. Speech interference is basically a masking process in which simultaneous, interfering noise renders speech incapable of being understood. The higher the level of the masking noise, and the more energy it contains at the most important speech frequencies, the greater will be the percentage of speech sounds that become indiscernible to the listener. Environmental noise may also mask many other acoustical signals important for daily life, such as door bells, telephone signals, alarm clocks, fire alarms and other warning signals, and music (e.g., Edworthy & Adams 1996). The masking effect of interfering noise in speech discrimination is more pronounced for hearing-impaired persons than for persons with normal hearing, particularly if the interfering noise is composed of speech or babble.

As the sound pressure level of an interfering noise increases, people automatically raise their voice to overcome the masking effect upon speech (increase of vocal effort). This imposes an additional strain on the speaker. For example, in quiet surroundings, the speech level at 1 m distance averages 45–50 dBA, but is 30 dBA higher when shouting. However, even if the interfering noise is moderately loud, most of the sentences during ordinary conversation can still be understood fairly well. Nevertheless, the interpretation required for compensating the masking effect of the interfering sounds, and for comprehending what was said, imposes an additional strain on the listener. One contributing factor could be that speech spoken loudly is more difficult to understand than speech spoken softly, when compared at a constant speech-to-noise ratio (cf. Berglund & Lindvall 1995).

Speech levels vary between individuals because of factors such as gender and vocal effort. Moreover, outdoor speech levels decrease by about 6 dB for a doubling in the distance between talker and listener. Speech intelligibility in everyday living conditions is influenced by speech level, speech pronunciation, talker-to-listener distance, sound pressure levels, and to some extent other characteristics of interfering noise, as well as room characteristics (e.g. reverberation). Individual capabilities of the listener, such as hearing acuity and the level of attention of the listener, are also important for the intelligibility of speech. Speech communication is affected also by the reverberation characteristics of the room. For example, reverberation times greater than 1 s produce loss in speech discrimination. Longer reverberation times, especially when combined with high background interfering noise, make speech perception more difficult. Even in a quiet environment, a reverberation time below 0.6 s is desirable for adequate speech intelligibility by vulnerable groups. For example, for older hearing-handicapped persons, the optimal reverberation time for speech intelligibility is 0.3–0.5 s (Plomp 1986).

For complete sentence intelligibility in listeners with normal hearing, the signal-to-noise ratio (i.e. the difference between the speech level and the sound pressure level of the interfering noise) should be 15–18 dBA (Lazaus 1990). This implies that in smaller rooms, noise levels above 35 dBA interferes with the intelligibility of speech (Bradley 1985). Earlier recommendations suggested that sound pressure levels as high as 45 dBA would be acceptable (US EPA 1974). With raised voice (increased vocal effort) sentences may be 100% intelligible for noise levels of up to 55 dBA; and sentences spoken with straining vocal effort can be 100% intelligible with

noise levels of about 65 dBA. For speech to be intelligible when listening to complicated messages (at school, listening to foreign languages, telephone conversation), it is recommended that the signal-to-noise ratio should be at least 15 dBA. Thus, with a speech level of 50 dBA, (at 1 m distance this level corresponds to a casual speech level of both women and men), the sound pressure level of interfering noise should not exceed 35 dBA. For vulnerable groups even lower background levels are needed. If it is not possible to meet the strictest criteria for vulnerable persons in sensitive situations (e.g. in classrooms), one should strive for as low background levels as possible.

3.4. Sleep Disturbance

Uninterrupted sleep is known to be a prerequisite for good physiological and mental functioning of healthy persons (Hobson 1989); sleep disturbance, on the other hand, is considered to be a major environmental noise effect. It is estimated that 80-90% of the reported cases of sleep disturbance in noisy environments are for reasons other than noise originating outdoors. For example, sanitary needs; indoor noises from other occupants; worries; illness; and climate (e.g. Reyner & Horne 1995). Our understanding of the impact of noise exposure on sleep stems mainly from experimental research in controlled environments. Field studies conducted with people in their normal living situations are scarce. Most of the more recent field research on sleep disturbance has been conducted for aircraft noise (Fidell et al. 1994 1995a,b 1998; Horne et al. 1994 1995; Maschke et al. 1995 1996; Ollerhead et al. 1992; Passchier-Vernmeer 1999). Other field studies have examined the effects of road traffic and railway noise (Griefahn et al. 1996 1998).

The primary sleep disturbance effects are: difficulty in falling asleep (increased sleep latency time); awakenings; and alterations of sleep stages or depth, especially a reduction in the proportion of REM-sleep (REM = rapid eye movement) (Hobson 1989). Other primary physiological effects can also be induced by noise during sleep, including increased blood pressure; increased heart rate; increased finger pulse amplitude; vasoconstriction; changes in respiration; cardiac arrhythmia; and an increase in body movements (cf. Berglund & Lindvall 1995). For each of these physiological effects, both the noise threshold and the noise-response relationships may be different. Different noises may also have different information content and this also could affect physiological threshold and noise-response relationships (Edworthy 1998).

Exposure to night-time noise also induces secondary effects, or so-called after effects. These are effects that can be measured the day following the night-time exposure, while the individual is awake. The secondary effects include reduced perceived sleep quality; increased fatigue; depressed mood or well-being; and decreased performance (Öhrström 1993a; Passchier-Vernmeer 1993; Carter 1996; Pearsons et al. 1995; Pearsons 1998).

Long-term effects on psychosocial well-being have also been related to noise exposure during the night (Öhrström 1991). Noise annoyance during the night-time increased the total noise annoyance expressed by people in the following 24 h. Various studies have also shown that people living in areas exposed to night-time noise have an increased use of sedatives or sleeping pills. Other frequently reported behavioural effects of night-time noise include closed bedroom windows and use of personal hearing protection. Sensitive groups include the elderly, shift

workers, persons especially vulnerable to physical or mental disorders and other individuals with sleeping difficulties.

Questionnaire data indicate the importance of night-time noise on the perception of sleep quality. A recent Japanese investigation was conducted for 3 600 women (20–80 years old) living in eight roadside zones with different road traffic noise. The results showed that four measures of perceived sleep quality (difficulty in falling asleep; waking up during sleep; waking up too early; feelings of sleeplessness one or more days a week) correlated significantly with the average traffic volumes during night-time. An in-depth investigation of 19 insomnia cases and their matched controls (age, work) measured outdoor and indoor sound pressure levels during sleep (Kageyama et al. 1997). The study showed that road traffic noise in excess of 30 dB L_{Aeq} for nighttime induced sleep disturbance, consistent with the results of Öhrström (1993b).

Meta-analyses of field and laboratory studies have suggested that there is a relationship between the SEL for a single night-time noise event and the percentage of people awakened, or who showed sleep stage changes (e.g. Ollerhead et al. 1992; Passchier-Vermeer 1993; Finegold et al. 1994; Pearsons et al. 1995). All of these studies assumed that the number of awakenings per night for each SEL value is proportional to the number of night-time noise events. However, the results have been criticized for methodological reasons. For example, there were small groups of sleepers; too few original studies; and indoor exposure was estimated from outdoor sound pressure levels (NRC-CNRC 1994; Beersma & Attina 1995; Vallet 1998). The most important result of the meta-analyses is that there is a clear difference in the dose-response curves for laboratory and field studies, and that noise has a lower effect under real-life conditions (Pearsons et al. 1995; Pearsons 1998).

However, this result has been questioned, because the studies were not controlled for such things as the sound insulation of the buildings, and the number of bedrooms with closed windows. Also, only two indicators of sleep disturbance were considered (awakening and sleep stage changes). The meta-analyses thus neglected other important sleep disturbance effects (Öhrström 1993b; Carter et al. 1994a; Carter et al. 1994b; Carter 1996; Kuwano et al. 1998). For example, for road traffic noise, perceived sleep quality is related both to the time needed to fall asleep and the total sleep time (Öhrström & Björkman 1988). Individuals who are more sensitive to noise (as assessed by different questionnaires) report worse sleep quality both in field studies and in laboratory studies.

A further criticism of the meta-analyses is that laboratory experiments have shown that habituation to night-time noise events occurs, and that noise-induced awakening decreases with increasing number of sound exposures per night. This is in contrast to the assumption used in the meta-analyses, that the percentage of awakenings is linearly proportional to the number of night-time noise events. Studies have also shown that the frequency of noise-induced awakenings decreases for at least the first eight consecutive nights. So far, habituation has been shown for awakenings, but not for heart rate and other effects such as perceived sleep quality, mood and performance (Öhrström and Björkman 1988).

Other studies suggest that it is the difference in sound pressure levels between a noise event and background, rather than the absolute sound pressure level of the noise event, that determines the

reaction probability. The time interval between two noise events also has an important influence of the probability of obtaining a response (Griefahn 1977; cf. Berglund & Lindvall 1995). Another possible factor is the person's age, with older persons having an increased probability of awakening. However, one field study showed that noise-induced awakenings are independent of age (Reyner & Horne 1995).

For a good sleep, it is believed that indoor sound pressure levels should not exceed approximately 45 dB LAmax more than 10–15 times per night (Vallet & Verner 1991), and most studies show an increase in the percentage of awakenings at SEL values of 55–60 dBA (Passchier-Vermeer 1993; Finegold et al. 1994; Pearsons et al. 1995). For intermittent events that approximate aircraft noise, with an effective duration of 10–30 s, SEL values of 55–60 dBA correspond to a LAmax value of 45 dB. Ten to 15 of these events during an eight-hour night-time implies an LAeq,8h of 20–25 dB. This is 5–10 dB below the LAeq,8h of 30 dB for continuous night-time noise exposure, and shows that the intermittent character of noise has to be taken into account when setting night-time limits for noise exposure. For example, this can be achieved by considering the number of noise events and the difference between the maximum sound pressure level and the background level of these events.

Special attention should also be given to the following considerations:

- a. Noise sources in an environment with a low background noise level. For example, night-traffic in suburban residential areas.
- b. Environments where a combination of noise and vibrations are produced. For example, railway noise, heavy duty vehicles.
- c. Sources with low-frequency components. Disturbances may occur even though the sound pressure level during exposure is below 30 dBA.

If negative effects on sleep are to be avoided the equivalent sound pressure level should not exceed 30 dBA indoors for continuous noise. If the noise is not continuous, sleep disturbance correlates best with LAmax and effects have been observed at 45 dB or less. This is particularly true if the background level is low. Noise events exceeding 45 dBA should therefore be limited if possible. For sensitive people an even lower limit would be preferred. It should be noted that it should be possible to sleep with a bedroom window slightly open (a reduction from outside to inside of 15 dB). To prevent sleep disturbances, one should thus consider the equivalent sound pressure level and the number and level of sound events. Mitigation targeted to the first part of the night is believed to be effective for the ability to fall asleep.

3.5. Cardiovascular and Physiological Effects

Epidemiological and laboratory studies involving workers exposed to occupational noise, and general populations (including children) living in noisy areas around airports, industries and noisy streets, indicate that noise may have both temporary and permanent impacts on physiological functions in humans. It has been postulated that noise acts as an environmental stressor (for a review see Passchier-Vermeer 1993; Berglund & Lindvall 1995). Acute noise exposures activate the autonomic and hormonal systems, leading to temporary changes such as increased blood pressure, increased heart rate and vasoconstriction. After prolonged exposure, susceptible individuals in the general population may develop permanent effects, such as hypertension and ischaemic heart disease associated with exposures to high sound pressure levels (for a review see Passchier-Vermeer 1993; Berglund & Lindvall 1995). The magnitude and duration of the effects are determined in part by individual characteristics, lifestyle behaviours and environmental conditions. Sounds also evoke reflex responses, particularly when they are unfamiliar and have a sudden onset.

Laboratory experiments and field quasi-experiments show that if noise exposure is temporary, the physiological system usually returns - after the exposure terminates - to a normal (pre-exposure) state within a time in the range of the exposure duration. If the exposure is of sufficient intensity and unpredictability, cardiovascular and hormonal responses may appear, including increases in heart rate and peripheral vascular resistance; changes in blood pressure, blood viscosity and blood lipids, and shifts in electrolyte balance (Mg/Ca) and hormonal levels (epinephrine, norepinephrine, cortisol). The first four effects are of interest because of noise-related coronary heart disease (Ising & Günther 1997). Laboratory and clinical data suggest that noise may significantly elevate gastrointestinal motility in humans.

By far the greatest number of occupational and community noise studies have focused on the possibility that noise may be a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. Many studies in occupational settings have indicated that workers exposed to high levels of industrial noise for 5-30 years have increased blood pressure and statistically significant increases in risk for hypertension, compared to workers in control areas (Passchier-Vermeer 1993). In contrast, only a few studies on environmental noise have shown that populations living in noisy areas around airports and on noisy streets have an increased risk for hypertension. The overall evidence suggests a weak association between long-term environmental noise exposure and hypertension (ICN 1994; Berglund & Lindvall 1995; ITH 1997), and no dose-response relationships could be established.

Recently, an updated summary of available studies for ischaemic heart disease has been presented (Babisch 1998a; Babisch 1998b; Babisch et al. 1999; see also Thompson 1996). The studies reviewed include case-control and cross-sectional designs, as well as three longitudinal studies. However, it has not yet been possible to conduct the most advanced quantitative integrated analysis of the available studies. Relative risks and their confidence intervals could be estimated only for the classes of high noise levels (mostly >65 dBA during daytime) and low levels (mostly <55 dBA during daytime), rather than a range of exposure levels. For methodological reasons identified in the meta-analysis, a cautious interpretation of the results is warranted (Lereher et al. 1998).

Prospective studies that controlled for confounding factors suggest an increase in ischaemic heart disease when the noise levels exceed 65–70 dB for LAeq (6–22). (For road traffic noise, the difference between LAeq (6–22h) and LAeq,24h usually is of the order of 1.5 dB). When orientation of the bedroom, window opening habits and years of exposure are taken into account, the risk of heart disease is slightly higher (Babisch et al. 1998; Habisch et al. 1999). However, disposition, behavioural and environmental factors were not sufficiently accounted for in the analyses carried out to date. In epidemiological studies the lowest level at which traffic noise had an effect on ischaemic heart disease was 70 dB for LAeq,24h (HCN 1994).

The overall conclusion is that cardiovascular effects are associated with long-term exposure to LAeq,24h values in the range of 65–70 dB or more, for both air- and road-traffic noise. However, the associations are weak and the effect is somewhat stronger for ischaemic heart disease than for hypertension. Nevertheless, such small risks are potentially important because a large number of persons are currently exposed to these noise levels, or are likely to be exposed in the future. Furthermore, only the average risk is considered and sensitive subgroups of the populations have not been sufficiently characterized. For example, a 10% increase in risk factors (a relative risk of 1.1) may imply an increase of up to 200 cases per 100 000 people at risk per year. Other observed psychophysiological effects, such as changes in stress hormones, magnesium levels, immunological indicators, and gastrointestinal disturbances are too inconsistent for conclusions to be drawn about the influence of noise pollution.

3.6. Mental Health Effects

Mental health is defined as the absence of identifiable psychiatric disorders according to current norms (Freeman 1984). Environmental noise is not believed to be a direct cause of mental illness, but it is assumed that it accelerates and intensifies the development of latent mental disorder. Studies on the adverse effects of environmental noise on mental health cover a variety of symptoms, including anxiety, emotional stress, nervous complaints, nausea, headaches, instability, argumentativeness, sexual impotency, changes in mood, increase in social conflicts, as well as general psychiatric disorders such as neurosis, psychosis and hysteria. Large-scale population studies have suggested associations between noise exposure and a variety of mental health indicators, such as single rating of well-being, standard psychological symptom profiles, the intake of psychotropic drugs, and consumption of tranquilizers and sleeping pills. Early studies showed a weak association between exposure to aircraft noise and psychiatric hospital admissions in the general population surrounding an airport (see also Berglund & Lindvall 1995). However, the studies have been criticized because of problems in selecting variables and in response bias (Halpern 1995).

Exposure to high levels of occupational noise has been associated with development of neurosis and irritability, and exposure to high levels of environmental noise with deteriorated mental health (Stansfeld 1992). However, the findings on environmental noise and mental health effects are inconclusive (HCN 1994; Berglund & Lindvall 1995; IEH 1997). The only longitudinal study in this field (Stansfeld et al. 1996) showed an association between the initial level of road traffic noise and minor psychiatric disorders, although the association for increased anxiety was weak and non-linear. It turned out that psychiatric disorders are associated with noise sensitivity.

rather than with noise exposure, and the association was found to disappear after adjustment for baseline trait anxiety. These and other results show the importance of taking vulnerable groups into account, because they may not be able to cope sufficiently with unwanted environmental noise (e.g. Stansfeld 1992). This is particularly true of children, the elderly and people with preexisting illnesses, especially depression (IEH 1997). Despite the weaknesses of the various studies, the possibility that community noise has adverse effects on mental health is suggested by studies on the use of medical drugs, such as tranquilizers and sleeping pills, on psychiatric symptoms and on mental hospital admission rates.

3.7. The Effects of Noise on Performance

It has been documented in both laboratory subjects and in workers exposed to occupational noise, that noise adversely affects cognitive task performance. In children, too, environmental noise impairs a number of cognitive and motivational parameters (Cohen et al. 1980; Evans & Lepore 1993; Evans 1998; Hygge et al. 1998; Haines et al. 1998). However, there are no published studies on whether environmental noise at home also impairs cognitive performance in adults. Accidents may also be an indicator of performance deficits. The few field studies on the effects of noise on performance and safety showed that noise may produce some task impairment and increase the number of errors in work, but the effects depend on the type of noise and the task being performed (Smith 1990).

Laboratory and workplace studies showed that noise can act as a distracting stimulus. Also, impulsive noise events (e.g. sonic booms) may produce disruptive effects as a result of startle responses. In the short term, noise-induced arousal may produce better performance of simple tasks, but cognitive performance deteriorates substantially for more complex tasks (i.e. tasks that require sustained attention to details or to multiple cues; or tasks that demand a large capacity of working memory, such as complex analytical processes). Some of the effects are related to loss in auditory comprehension and language acquisition, but others are not (Evans & Maxwell 1997). Among the cognitive effects, reading, attention, problem solving and memory are most strongly affected by noise. The observed effects on motivation, as measured by persistence with a difficult cognitive task, may either be independent or secondary to the aforementioned cognitive impairments.

Two types of memory deficits have been identified under experimental noise exposure: incidental memory and memory for materials that the observer was not explicitly instructed to focus on during a learning phase. For example, when presenting semantic information to subjects in the presence of noise, recall of the information content was unaffected, but the subjects were significantly less able to recall, for example, in which corner of the slide a word had been located. There is also some evidence that the lack of "helping behavior" that was noted under experimental noise exposure may be related to inattention to incidental cues (Berglund & Lindvall 1995). Subjects appear to process information faster in working memory during noisy performance conditions, but at a cost of available memory capacity. For example, in a running memory task, in which subjects were required to recall in sequence letters that they had just heard, subjects recalled recent items better under noisy conditions, but made more errors farther back into the list.

Experimental noise exposure consistently produces negative after-effects on performance (Glass & Singer 1972). Following exposure to aircraft noise, schoolchildren in the vicinity of Los Angeles airport were found to be deficient in proofreading, and in persistence with challenging puzzles (Cohen et al. 1980). The uncontrollability of noise, rather than the intensity of the noise, appears to be the most critical variable. The only prospective study on noise-exposed schoolchildren, designed around the move of the Munich airport (Hygge et al. 1996; Evans et al. 1998), confirmed the results of laboratory and workplace studies in adults, as well the results of the Los Angeles airport study with children (Cohen et al. 1980). An important finding was that some of the adaptation strategies for dealing with aircraft noise, such as tuning out or ignoring the noise, and the effort necessary to maintain task performance, come at a price. There is heightened sympathetic arousal, as indicated by increased levels of stress hormone, and elevation of resting blood pressure (Evans et al. 1995; Evans et al. 1998). Notably, in the airport studies reported above, the adverse effects were larger in children with lower school achievement.

For aircraft noise, it has been shown that chronic exposure during early childhood appears to impair reading acquisition and reduces motivational capabilities. Of recent concern are concomitant psychophysiological changes (blood pressure and stress hormone levels). Evidence indicates that the longer the exposure, the greater the damage. It seems clear that daycare centers and schools should not be located near major sources of noise, such as highways, airports and industrial sites.

3.8. Effects of Noise on Residential Behaviour and Annoyance

Noise annoyance is a global phenomenon. A definition of annoyance is "a feeling of displeasure associated with any agent or condition, known or believed by an individual or group to adversely affect them" (Lindvall & Radford 1973; Kaelega 1987). However, apart from "annoyance", people may feel a variety of negative emotions when exposed to community noise, and may report anger, disappointment, dissatisfaction, withdrawal, helplessness, depression, anxiety, distraction, agitation, or exhaustion (Job 1993; Fields et al. 1997-1998). Thus, although the term annoyance does not cover all the negative reactions, it is used for convenience in this document.

Noise can produce a number of social and behavioural effects in residents, besides annoyance (for review see Berglund & Lindvall 1995). The social and behavioural effects are often complex, subtle and indirect. Many of the effects are assumed to be the result of interactions with a number of non-auditory variables. Social and behavioural effects include changes in overt everyday behaviour patterns (e.g. closing windows, not using balconies, turning TV and radio to louder levels, writing petitions, complaining to authorities); adverse changes in social behaviour (e.g. aggression, unfriendliness, disengagement, non-participation); adverse changes in social indicators (e.g. residential mobility, hospital admissions, drug consumption, accident rates); and changes in mood (e.g. less happy, more depressed).

Although changes in social behaviour, such as a reduction in helpfulness and increased aggressiveness, are associated with noise exposure, noise exposure alone is not believed to be sufficient to produce aggression. However, in combination with provocation or pre-existing anger or hostility, it may trigger aggression. It has also been suspected that people are less willing to help, both during exposure and for a period after exposure. Fairly consistent evidence

shows that noise above 80 dBA is associated with reduced helping behaviour and increased aggressive behaviour. Particularly, there is concern that high-level continuous noise exposures may contribute to the susceptibility of schoolchildren to feelings of helplessness (Evans & Lepore 1993).

The effects of community noise can be evaluated by assessing the extent of annoyance (low, moderate, high) among exposed individuals; or by assessing the disturbance of specific activities, such as reading, watching television and communication. The relationship between annoyance and activity disturbances is not necessarily direct and there are examples of situations where the extent of annoyance is low, despite a high level of activity disturbance. For aircraft noise, the most important effects are interference with rest, recreation and watching television. This is in contrast to road traffic noise, where sleep disturbance is the predominant effect (Berghlund & Lindvall 1995).

A number of studies have shown that equal levels of traffic and industrial noises result in different magnitudes of annoyance (Hall et al. 1981; Griffiths 1983; Miedema 1993; Bradley 1994a; Miedema & Vos 1998). This has led to criticism (e.g. Kryter 1994; Bradley 1994a) of averaged dose-response curves determined by meta-analysis, which assumed that all traffic noises are the same (Fidell et al. 1991; Fields 1994a; Finegold et al. 1994). Schultz (1978) and Miedema & Vos (1998) have synthesized curves of annoyance associated with three types of traffic noise (road, air, railway). In these curves, the percentage of people highly or moderately annoyed was related to the day and night continuous equivalent sound level, L_{eqn} . For each of the three types of traffic noise, the percentage of highly annoyed persons in a population started to increase at an L_{eqn} value of 42 dBA, and the percentage of moderately annoyed persons at an L_{eqn} value of 37 dBA (Miedema & Vos 1998). Aircraft noise produced a stronger annoyance response than road traffic, for the same L_{eqn} exposure, consistent with earlier analyses (Kryter 1994; Bradley 1994a). However, caution should be exercised when interpreting synthesized data from different studies, since five major parameters should be randomly distributed for the analyses to be valid: personal, demographic, and lifestyle factors, as well as the duration of noise exposure and the population experience with noise (Kryter 1994).

Annoyance in populations exposed to environmental noise varies not only with the acoustical characteristics of the noise (source, exposure), but also with many non-acoustical factors of social, psychological, or economic nature (Fields 1993). These factors include fear associated with the noise source, conviction that the noise could be reduced by third parties, individual noise sensitivity, the degree to which an individual feels able to control the noise (coping strategies), and whether the noise originates from an important economic activity. Demographic variables such as age, sex and socioeconomic status, are less strongly associated with annoyance. The correlation between noise exposure and general annoyance is much higher at the group level than at the individual level, as might be expected. Data from 42 surveys showed that at the group level about 70% of the variance in annoyance is explained by noise exposure characteristics, whereas at the individual level it is typically about 20% (Job 1988).

When the type and amount of noise exposure is kept constant in the meta-analyses, differences between communities, regions and countries still exist (Fields 1990; Bradley 1996). This is well demonstrated by a comparison of the dose-response curve determined for road-traffic noise

(Miedema & Vos 1998) and that obtained in a survey along the North-South transportation route through the Austrian Alps (Lercher 1998b). The differences may be explained in terms of the influence of topography and meteorological factors on acoustical measures, as well as the low background noise level on the mountain slopes.

Stronger reactions have been observed when noise is accompanied by vibrations and contains low frequency components (Paulsen & Kastka 1995; Örnström 1997; for review see Berglund et al. 1996), or when the noise contains impulses, such as shooting noise (Buchta 1996; Vos 1996; Smørrøburg 1998). Stronger, but temporary, reactions also occur when noise exposure is increased over time, in comparison to situations with constant noise exposure (e.g. HCN 1997; Klæboe et al. 1998). Conversely, for road traffic noise, the introduction of noise protection barriers in residential areas resulted in smaller reductions in annoyance than expected for a stationary situation (Kastka et al. 1995).

To obtain an indicator for annoyance, other methods of combining parameters of noise exposure have been extensively tested, in addition to metrics such as $L_{Aeq,24h}$ and L_{dn} . When used for a set of community noises, these indicators correlate well both among themselves and with $L_{Aeq,24h}$ or L_{dn} values (e.g. HCN 1997). Although $L_{Aeq,24h}$ and L_{dn} are in most cases acceptable approximations, there is a growing concern that all the component parameters of the noise should be individually assessed in noise exposure investigations, at least in the complex cases (Berglund & Lindvall 1995).

3.9. The Effects of Combined Noise Sources

Many acoustical environments consist of sounds from more than one source. For these environments, health effects are associated with the total noise exposure, rather than with the noise from a single source (WHO 1980b). When considering hearing impairment, for example, the total noise exposure can be expressed in terms of $L_{Aeq,24h}$ for the combined sources. For other adverse health effects, however, such a simple model most likely will not apply. It is possible that some disturbances (e.g. speech interference, sleep disturbance) may more easily be attributed to specific noises. In cases where one noise source clearly dominates, the magnitude of an effect may be assessed by taking into account the dominant source only (HCN 1997). Furthermore, at a policy level, there may be little need to identify the adverse effect of each specific noise, unless the responsibility for these effects is to be shared among several polluters (cf. The Polluter Pays Principle in Chapter 5, UNCED 1992).

There is no consensus on a model for assessing the total annoyance due to a combination of environmental noise sources. This is partly due to a lack of research into the temporal patterns of combined noises. The current approach for assessing the effects of "mixed noise sources" is limited to data on "total annoyance" transformed to mathematical principles or rules of thumb (Ronnebaum et al. 1996; Vos 1992; Miedema 1996; Berglund & Nilsson 1997). Models to assess the total annoyance of combinations of environmental noises may not be applicable to those health effects for which the mechanisms of noise interaction are unknown, and for which different cumulative or synergistic effects cannot be ruled out. When noise is combined with different types of environmental agents, such as vibrations, ototoxic chemicals, or chemical odours, again there is insufficient knowledge to accurately assess the combined effects on health.

(Berglund & Lindvall 1995; HCN 1994; Miedema 1996; Zeichart 1998; Passchier-Vermeer & Zeichart 1998). Therefore, caution should be exercised when trying to predict the adverse health effects of combined factors in residential populations.

The evidence on low-frequency noise is sufficiently strong to warrant immediate concern. Various industrial sources emit continuous low-frequency noise (compressors, pumps, diesel engines, fans, public works); and large aircraft, heavy-duty vehicles and railway traffic produce intermittent low-frequency noise. Low-frequency noise may also produce vibrations and rattles as secondary effects. Health effects due to low-frequency components in noise are estimated to be more severe than for community noises in general (Berglund et al. 1996). Since A-weighting underestimates the sound pressure level of noise with low-frequency components, a better assessment of health effects would be to use C-weighting.

In residential populations heavy noise pollution will most certainly be associated with a combination of health effects. For example, cardiovascular disease, annoyance, speech interference at work and at home, and sleep disturbance. Therefore, it is important that the total adverse health load over 24 hours be considered and that the precautionary principle for sustainable development is applied in the management of health effects (see Chapter 5).

3.10. Vulnerable Groups

Protective standards are essentially derived from observations on the health effects of noise on "normal" or "average" populations. The participants of these investigations are selected from the general population and are usually adults. Sometimes, samples of participants are selected because of their easy availability. However, vulnerable groups of people are typically underrepresented. This group includes people with decreased personal abilities (old, ill, or depressed people); people with particular diseases or medical problems; people dealing with complex cognitive tasks, such as reading acquisition; people who are blind or who have hearing impairment; fetuses, babies and young children; and the elderly in general (Jansen 1987; AAP 1997). These people may be less able to cope with the impacts of noise exposure and be at greater risk for harmful effects.

Persons with impaired hearing are the most adversely affected with respect to speech intelligibility. Even slight hearing impairments in the high-frequency range may cause problems with speech perception in a noisy environment. From about 40 years of age, people typically demonstrate an impaired ability to understand difficult, spoken messages with low linguistic redundancy. Therefore, based on interference with speech perception, a majority of the population belongs to the vulnerable group.

Children have also been identified as vulnerable to noise exposure (see Agenda 21: UNCED 1992). The evidence on noise pollution and children's health is strong enough to warrant monitoring programmes at schools and preschools to protect children from the effects of noise. Follow up programmes to study the main health effects of noise on children, including effects on speech perception and reading acquisition, are also warranted in heavily noise polluted areas (Cohen et al. 1986; Evans et al. 1998).

The issue of vulnerable subgroups in the general population should thus be considered when developing regulations or recommendations for the management of community noise. This consideration should take into account the types of effects (communication, recreation, annoyance, etc.), specific environments (*in utero*, incubator, home, school, workplace, public institutions, etc.) and specific lifestyles (listening to loud music through headphones, or at discotheques and festivals; motor cycling, etc.)

4. Guideline Values

4.1. Introduction

The human ear and lower auditory system continuously receive stimuli from the world around us. However, this does not mean that all the acoustical inputs are necessarily disturbing or have harmful effects. This is because the auditory nerve provides activating impulses to the brain that enable us to regulate the vigilance and wakefulness necessary for optimal performance. On the other hand, there are scientific reports that a completely silent world can have harmful effects, because of sensory deprivation. Thus, both too little sound and too much sound can be harmful. For this reason, people should have the right to decide for themselves the quality of the acoustical environment they live in.

Exposure to noise from various sources is most commonly expressed as the average sound pressure level over a specific time period, such as 24 hours. This means that identical average sound levels for a given time period could be derived from either a large number of sound events with relatively low, almost inaudible levels, or from a few events with high sound levels. This technical concept does not fully agree with common experience on how environmental noise is experienced, or with the neurophysiological characteristics of the human receptor system.

Human perception of the environment through vision, hearing, touch, smell and taste is characterized by a good discrimination of stimulus intensity differences, and by a decaying response to a continuous stimulus (adaptation or habituation). Single sound events cannot be discriminated if the interval between events drops below a threshold value; if this occurs, the sound is interpreted as continuous. These characteristics are linked to survival, since new and different stimuli with low probability and high information value indicate warnings. Thus, when assessing the effects of environmental noise on people it is relevant to consider the importance of the background noise level, the number of events, and the noise exposure level independently.

Community noise studies have traditionally considered noise annoyance from single specific sources such as aircraft, road traffic or railways. In recent years, efforts have been made to compare the results from road traffic, aircraft and railway surveys. Data from a number of sources show that aircraft noise is more annoying than road traffic noise, which, in turn, is more annoying than railway noise. However, there is not a clear understanding of the mechanisms that create these differences. Some populations may also be at greater risk for the harmful effects of noise. Young children (especially during language acquisition), the blind, and perhaps fetuses are examples of such populations. There are no definite conclusions on this topic, but the reader should be alerted that guidelines in this report are developed for the population at large, guidelines for potentially more vulnerable groups are addressed only to a limited extent.

In the following, guideline values are summarized with regard to specific environments and effects. For each environment and situation, the guideline values take into consideration the identified health effects and are set, based on the lowest levels of noise that affect health (critical health effect). Guideline values typically correspond to the lowest effect level for general populations, such as those for indoor speech intelligibility. By contrast, guideline values for

annoyance have been set at 50 or 55 dBA, representing daytime levels below which a majority of the adult population will be protected from becoming moderately or seriously annoyed, respectively.

In these *Guidelines for Community Noise* only guideline values are presented. These are essentially values for the onset of health effects from noise exposure. It would have been preferred to establish guidelines for exposure-response relationships. Such relationships would indicate the effects to be expected if standards were set above the WHO guideline values and would facilitate the setting of standards for sound pressure levels (noise immission standards). However, exposure-response relationships could not be established as the scientific literature is very limited. The best-studied exposure-response relationship is that between L_{dn} and annoyance (WHO 1995a; Berglund & Lindvall 1995; Miedema & Vos 1998). Even the most recent relationships between integrated noise levels and the percentage of highly or moderately annoyed people are still being scrutinized. The results of a forthcoming meta-analysis are expected to be published in the near future (Miedema, personal communication).

4.2. Specific Effects

4.2.1. Interference with communication

Noise tends to interfere with auditory communication, in which speech is a most important signal. However, it is also vital to be able to hear alarming and informative signals such as door bells, telephone signals, alarm clocks, fire alarms etc., as well as sounds and signals involved in occupational tasks. The effects of noise on speech discrimination have been studied extensively and deal with this problem in lexical terms (mostly words but also sentences). For communication distances beyond a few metres, speech interference starts at sound pressure levels below 50 dB for octave bands centered on the main speech frequencies at 500, 1 000 and 2 000 Hz. It is usually possible to express the relationship between noise levels and speech intelligibility in a single diagram, based on the following assumptions and empirical observations, and for speaker-to-listener distance of about 1 m:

- a. Speech in relaxed conversation is 100% intelligible in background noise levels of about 35 dBA, and can be understood fairly well in background levels of 45 dBA.
- b. Speech with more vocal effort can be understood when the background sound pressure level is about 65 dBA.

A majority of the population belongs to groups sensitive to interference with speech perception. Most sensitive are the elderly and persons with impaired hearing. Even slight hearing impairments in the high-frequency range may cause problems with speech perception in a noisy environment. From about 40 years of age, people demonstrate impaired ability to interpret difficult spoken messages with low linguistic redundancy, when compared to people aged 20–30 years. It has also been shown that children, before language acquisition has been completed, have more adverse effects than young adults to high noise levels and long reverberation times.

For speech outdoors and for moderate distances, the sound level drops by approximately 6 dB for

a doubling of the distance between speaker and listener. This relationship is also applicable to indoor conditions, but only up to a distance of about 2 m. Speech communication is affected also by the reverberation characteristics of the room, and reverberation times beyond 1 s can produce a loss in speech discrimination. A longer reverberation time combined with background noise makes speech perception still more difficult.

Speech signal perception is of paramount importance, for example, in classrooms or conference rooms. To ensure any speech communication, the signal-to-noise relationship should exceed zero dB. But when listening to complicated messages (at school, listening to foreign languages, telephone conversation) the signal-to-noise ratio should be at least 15 dB. With a voice level of 50 dBA (at 1 m distance this corresponds on average to a casual voice level in both women and men), the background level should not exceed 35 dBA. This means that in classrooms, for example, one should strive for as low background levels as possible. This is particularly true when listeners with impaired hearing are involved, for example, in homes for the elderly. Reverberation times below 1 s are necessary for good speech intelligibility in smaller rooms; and even in a quiet environment a reverberation time below 0.6 s is desirable for adequate speech intelligibility for sensitive groups.

4.2.2. Noise-induced hearing impairment

The ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990) gives a method of calculating noise-induced hearing impairment in populations exposed to all types of occupational noise (continuous, intermittent, impulse). However, noise-induced hearing impairment is by no means restricted to occupational situations alone. High noise levels can also occur in open-air concerts, discotheques, motor sports, shooting ranges, and from loudspeakers or other leisure activities in dwellings. Other loud noise sources, such as music played back in headphones and impulse noise from toys and fireworks, are also important. Evidence strongly suggests that the calculation method from ISO Standard 1999 for occupational noise (ISO 1990) should also be used for environmental and leisure time noise exposures. This implies that long term exposure to LAeq,24h of up to 70 dBA will not result in hearing impairment. However, given the limitations of the various underlying studies, care should be taken with respect to the following:

- a. Data from animal experiments indicate that children may be more vulnerable in acquiring noise-induced hearing impairment than adults.
- b. At very high instantaneous sound pressure levels mechanical damage to the ear may occur (Hanner & Axelsson 1988). Occupational limits are set at peak sound pressure levels of 140 dBA (EU 1986a). For adults, this same limit is assumed to be in order for exposure to environmental and leisure time noise. In the case of children, however, considering their habits while playing with noisy toys, peak sound pressure levels should never exceed 120 dBA.
- c. For shooting noise with LAeq,24h over 80 dB, studies on temporary threshold shift suggest there is the possibility of an increased risk for noise-induced hearing impairment (Smoorenburg 1998).

- d. The risk for noise-induced hearing impairment increases when noise exposure is combined with vibrations, ototoxic drugs or chemicals (Fechter 1999). In these circumstances, long-term exposure to LAeq,24h of 70 dB may induce small hearing impairments.
- e. It is uncertain whether the relationships in ISO Standard 1999 (ISO 1990) are applicable to environmental sounds having a short rise time. For example, in the case of military low-altitude flying areas (75-300 m above ground) LAmax values of 110-130 dB occur within seconds after onset of the sound.

In conclusion, dose-response data are lacking for the general population. However, judging from the limited data for study groups (teenagers, young adults and women), and on the assumption that time of exposure can be equated with sound energy, the risk for hearing impairment would be negligible for LAeq,24h values of 70 dB over a lifetime. To avoid hearing impairment, impulse noise exposures should never exceed a peak sound pressure of 140 dB peak in adults, and 120 dB in children.

4.2.3. Sleep disturbance effects

Electrophysiological and behavioral methods have demonstrated that both continuous and intermittent noise indoors lead to sleep disturbance. The more intense the background noise, the more disturbing is its effect on sleep. Measurable effects on sleep start at background noise levels of about 30 dB LAeq. Physiological effects include changes in the pattern of sleep stages, especially a reduction in the proportion of REM sleep. Subjective effects have also been identified, such as difficulty in falling asleep, perceived sleep quality, and adverse after-effects such as headache and tiredness. Sensitive groups mainly include elderly persons, shift workers and persons with physical or mental disorders.

Where noise is continuous, the equivalent sound pressure level should not exceed 30 dBA indoors, if negative effects on sleep are to be avoided. When the noise is composed of a large proportion of low-frequency sounds a still lower guideline value is recommended, because low-frequency noise (e.g. from ventilation systems) can disturb rest and sleep even at low sound pressure levels. It should be noted that the adverse effect of noise partly depends on the nature of the source. A special situation is for newborns in incubators, for which the noise can cause sleep disturbance and other health effects.

If the noise is not continuous, LAmax or SEL are used to indicate the probability of noise-induced awakenings. Effects have been observed at individual LAmax exposures of 45 dB or less. Consequently, it is important to limit the number of noise events with a LAmax exceeding 45 dB. Therefore, the guidelines should be based on a combination of values of 30 dB LAeq,8h and 45 dB LAmax. To protect sensitive persons, a still lower guideline value would be preferred when the background level is low. Sleep disturbance from intermittent noise events increases with the maximum noise level. Even if the total equivalent noise level is fairly low, a small

number of noise events with a high maximum sound pressure level will affect sleep.

Therefore, to avoid sleep disturbance, guidelines for community noise should be expressed in terms of equivalent sound pressure levels, as well as LA_{max}/SEL and the number of noise events. Measures reducing disturbance during the first part of the night are believed to be the most effective for reducing problems in falling asleep.

4.2.4. Cardiovascular and psychophysiological effects

Epidemiological studies show that cardiovascular effects occur after long-term exposure to noise (aircraft and road traffic) with LA_{eq,24h} values of 65–70 dB. However, the associations are weak. The association is somewhat stronger for ischaemic heart disease than for hypertension. Such small risks are important, however, because a large number of persons are currently exposed to these noise levels, or are likely to be exposed in the future. Other possible effects, such as changes in stress hormone levels and blood magnesium levels, and changes in the immune system and gastro-intestinal tract, are too inconsistent to draw conclusions. Thus, more research is required to estimate the long-term cardiovascular and psychophysiological risks due to noise. In view of the equivocal findings, no guideline values can be given.

4.2.5. Mental health effects

Studies that have examined the effects of noise on mental health are inconclusive and no guideline values can be given. However, in noisy areas, it has been observed that there is an increased use of prescription drugs such as tranquilizers and sleeping pills, and an increased frequency of psychiatric symptoms and mental hospital admissions. This strongly suggests that adverse mental health effects are associated with community noise.

4.2.6. Effects on performance

The effects of noise on task performance have mainly been studied in the laboratory and to some extent in work situations. But there have been few, if any, detailed studies on the effects of noise on human productivity in community situations. It is evident that when a task involves auditory signals of any kind, noise at an intensity sufficient to mask or interfere with the perception of these signals will also interfere with the performance of the task. A novel event, such as the start of an unfamiliar noise, will also cause distraction and interfere with many kinds of tasks. For example, impulsive noises such as sonic booms can produce disruptive effects as the result of startle responses; and these types of responses are more resistant to habituation.

Mental activities involving high load in working memory, such as sustained attention to multiple cues or complex analysis, are all directly sensitive to noise and performance suffers as a result. Some accidents may also be indicators of noise-related effects on performance. In addition to the direct effects on performance, noise also has consistent after-effects on cognitive performance with tasks such as proof-reading, and on persistence with challenging puzzles. In contrast, the performance of tasks involving either motor or monotonous activities is not always degraded by noise.

Chronic exposure to aircraft noise during early childhood appears to damage reading acquisition. Evidence indicates that the longer the exposure, the greater the damage. Although there is insufficient information on these effects to set specific guideline values, it is clear that day-care centres and schools should not be located near major noise sources, such as highways, airports and industrial sites.

4.2.7. Annoyance responses

The capacity of a noise to induce annoyance depends upon many of its physical characteristics, including its sound pressure level and spectral characteristics, as well as the variations of these properties over time. However, annoyance reactions are sensitive to many non-acoustical factors of social, psychological or economic nature, and there are also considerable differences in individual reactions to the same noise. Dose-response relations for different types of traffic noise (air, road and railway) clearly demonstrate that these noises can cause different annoyance effects at equal LAeq,24h values. And the same type of noise, such as that found in residential areas around airports, can also produce different annoyance responses in different countries.

The annoyance response to noise is affected by several factors, including the equivalent sound pressure level and the highest sound pressure level of the noise, the number of such events, and the time of day. Methods for combining these effects have been extensively studied. The results are not inconsistent with the simple, physically based equivalent energy theory, which is represented by the LAeq noise index.

Annoyance to community noise varies with the type of activity producing the noise. Speech communication, relaxation, listening to radio and TV are all examples of noise-producing activities. During the daytime, few people are seriously annoyed by activities with LAeq levels below 55 dB; or moderately annoyed with LAeq levels below 50 dB. Sound pressure levels during the evening and night should be 5–10 dB lower than during the day. Noise with low-frequency components require even lower levels. It is emphasized that for intermittent noise it is necessary to take into account the maximum sound pressure level as well as the number of noise events. Guidelines or noise abatement measures should also take into account residential outdoor activities.

4.2.8. Effects on social behaviour

The effects of environmental noise may be evaluated by assessing the extent to which it interferes with different activities. For many community noises, interference with rest, recreation and watching television seem to be the most important issues. However, there is evidence that noise has other effects on social behaviour: helping behaviour is reduced by noise in excess of 80 dBA; and loud noise increases aggressive behaviour in individuals predisposed to aggressiveness. There is concern that schoolchildren exposed to high levels of chronic noise could be more susceptible to helplessness. Guidelines on these issues must await further research.

4.3. Specific Environments

Noise measures based solely on LAeq values do not adequately characterize most noise environments and do not adequately assess the health impacts of noise on human well-being. It is also important to measure the maximum noise level and the number of noise events when deriving guideline values. If the noise includes a large proportion of low-frequency components, values even lower than the guideline values will be needed, because low-frequency components in noise may increase the adverse effects considerably. When prominent low-frequency components are present, measures based on A-weighting are inappropriate. However, the difference between dBC (or dBlin) and dBA will give crude information about the presence of low-frequency components in noise. If the difference is more than 10 dB, it is recommended that a frequency analysis of the noise be performed.

4.3.1. Dwellings

In dwellings, the critical effects of noise are on sleep, annoyance and speech interference. To avoid sleep disturbance, indoor guideline values for bedrooms are 30 dB LAeq for continuous noise and 45 dB L_Amax for single sound events. Lower levels may be annoying, depending on the nature of the noise source. The maximum sound pressure level should be measured with the instrument set at "Fast".

To protect the majority of people from being seriously annoyed during the daytime, the sound pressure level on balconies, terraces and outdoor living areas should not exceed 55 dB LAeq for a steady, continuous noise. To protect the majority of people from being moderately annoyed during the daytime, the outdoor sound pressure level should not exceed 50 dB LAeq. These values are based on annoyance studies, but most countries in Europe have adopted 40 dB LAeq as the maximum allowable level for new developments (Gottlieb 1995). Indeed, the lower value should be considered the maximum allowable sound pressure level for all new developments whenever feasible.

At night, sound pressure levels at the outside façades of the living spaces should not exceed 45 dB LAeq and 60 dB L_Amax, so that people may sleep with bedroom windows open. These values have been obtained by assuming that the noise reduction from outside to inside with the window partly open is 15 dB.

4.3.2. Schools and preschools

For schools, the critical effects of noise are on speech interference, disturbance of information extraction (e.g. comprehension and reading acquisition), message communication and annoyance. To be able to hear and understand spoken messages in classrooms, the background sound pressure level should not exceed 35 dB LAeq during teaching sessions. For hearing impaired children, an even lower sound pressure level may be needed. The reverberation time in the classroom should be about 0.6 s, and preferably lower for hearing-impaired children. For assembly halls and cafeterias in school buildings, the reverberation time should be less than 1 s. For outdoor playgrounds, the sound pressure level of the noise from external sources should not

exceed 55 dB LAeq, the same value given for outdoor residential areas in daytime.

For preschools, the same critical effects and guideline values apply as for schools. In bedrooms in preschools during sleeping hours, the guideline values for bedrooms in dwellings should be used.

4.3.3. Hospitals

For most spaces in hospitals, the critical effects of noise are on sleep disturbance, annoyance and communication interference, including interference with warning signals. The LAmax of sound events during the night should not exceed 40 dB indoors. For wardrooms in hospitals, the guideline values indoors are 30 dB LAeq, together with 40 dB LAmax during the night. During the day and evening the guideline value indoors is 30 dB LAeq. The maximum level should be measured with the instrument set at "Fast".

Since patients have less ability to cope with stress, the equivalent sound pressure level should not exceed 35 dB LAeq in most rooms in which patients are being treated or observed. Particular attention should be given to the sound pressure levels in intensive care units and operating theatres. Sound inside incubators may result in health problems, including sleep disturbance, and may lead to hearing impairment in neonates. Guideline values for sound pressure levels in incubators must await future research.

4.3.4. Ceremonies, festivals and entertainment events

In many countries, there are regular ceremonies, festivals and other entertainment to celebrate life events. Such events typically produce loud sounds including music and impulsive sounds. There is widespread concern about the effect of loud music and impulse sounds on young people who frequently attend concerts, discotheques, video arcades, cinemas, amusement parks and spectator events, etc. The sound pressure level is typically in excess of 100 dB LAeq. Such a noise exposure could lead to significant hearing impairment after frequent attendance.

Noise exposure for employees of these venues should be controlled by established occupational standards. As a minimum, the same standards should apply to the patrons of these premises. Patrons should not be exposed to sound pressure levels greater than 100 dB LAeq during a 4-h period, for at most four times per year. To avoid acute hearing impairment the LAmax should always be below 110 dB.

4.3.5. Sounds through headphones

To avoid hearing impairment in both adults and children from music and other sounds played back in headphones, the LAeq,24h should not exceed 70 dB. This implies that for a daily one-hour exposure the LAeq should not exceed 85 dB. The exposures are expressed in free-field equivalent sound pressure levels. To avoid acute hearing impairment, the LAmax should always be below 110 dB.

4.3.6. Impulsive sounds from toys, fireworks and firearms

To avoid acute mechanical damage to the inner ear, adults should never be exposed to more than 140 dB peak sound pressure. To account for the vulnerability in children, the peak sound pressure level produced by toys should not surpass 120 dB, measured close to the ears (100 mm). To avoid acute hearing impairment, LA_{max} should always be below 110 dB.

4.3.7. Parkland and conservation areas

Existing large quiet outdoor areas should be preserved and the signal-to-noise ratio kept low.

4.4. WHO Guideline Values

The WHO guideline values in Table 4.1 are organized according to specific environments. When multiple adverse health effects are identified for a given environment, the guideline values are set at the level of the lowest adverse health effect (the critical health effect). An adverse health effect of noise refers to any temporary or long-term deterioration in physical, psychological or social functioning that is associated with noise exposure. The guideline values represent the sound pressure levels that affect the most exposed receiver in the listed environment.

The time base for LA_{eq} for “daytime” and “night-time” is 16 h and 8 h, respectively. No separate time base is given for evenings alone, but typically, guideline value should be 5–10 dB lower than for a 12 h daytime period. Other time bases are recommended for schools, preschools and playgrounds, depending on activity.

The available knowledge of the adverse effects of noise on health is sufficient to propose guideline values for community noise for the following:

- a. Annoyance.
- b. Speech intelligibility and communication interference.
- c. Disturbance of information extraction.
- d. Sleep disturbance.
- e. Hearing impairment.

The different critical health effects are relevant to specific environments, and guideline values for community noise are proposed for each environment. These are:

- a. Dwellings, including bedrooms and outdoor living areas.
- b. Schools and preschools, including rooms for sleeping and outdoor playgrounds.
- c. Hospitals, including ward and treatment rooms.
- d. Industrial, commercial shopping and traffic areas, including public addresses, indoors and outdoors.
- e. Ceremonies, festivals and entertainment events, indoors and outdoors.
- f. Music and other sounds through headphones.
- g. Impulse sounds from toys, fireworks and firearms.

b. Outdoors in parkland and conservation areas.

It is not enough to characterize the noise environment in terms of noise measures or indices based only on energy summation (e.g. LAeq), because different critical health effects require different descriptions. Therefore, it is important to display the maximum values of the noise fluctuations, preferably combined with a measure of the number of noise events. A separate characterization of noise exposures during night-time would be required. For indoor environments, reverberation time is also an important factor. If the noise includes a large proportion of low frequency components, still lower guideline values should be applied.

Supplementary to the guideline values given in Table 4.1, precautionary recommendations are given in Section 4.2 and 4.3 for vulnerable groups, and for noise of a certain character (e.g. low-frequency components, low background noise), respectively. In Section 3.10, information is given regarding which critical effects and specific environments are considered relevant for vulnerable groups, and what precautionary noise protection would be needed in comparison to the general population.

Table 4.1: Guideline values for community noise in specific environments.

Specific environment	Critical health effect(s)	L _{Aeq} [dB]	Time base [hours]	L _{Amax, fast} [dB]
Outdoor living area	Serious annoyance, daytime and evening	55	16	-
	Moderate annoyance, daytime and evening	50	16	-
Dwelling, indoors	Speech intelligibility and moderate annoyance, daytime and evening	35	16	-
Inside bedrooms	Sleep disturbance, night-time	30	8	45
Outside bedrooms	Sleep disturbance, window open (outdoor values)	45	8	60
School class rooms and pre-schools, indoors	Speech intelligibility, disturbance of information extraction, message communication	35	during class	-
Pre school bedrooms, indoors	Sleep disturbance	30	sleeping -time	45
School, playground outdoor	Annoyance (external source)	55	during play	-
Hospital, ward rooms, indoors	Sleep disturbance, night-time	30	8	40
	Sleep disturbance, daytime and evenings	30	16	-
Hospitals, treatment rooms, indoors	Interference with rest and recovery	#1		
Industrial, commercial shopping and traffic areas, indoors and outdoors	Hearing impairment	70	24	110
Ceremonies, festivals and entertainment events	Hearing impairment (patrons: < 5 times/year)	100	4	110
Public addresses, indoors and outdoors	Hearing impairment	85	1	110
Music through headphones/earphones	Hearing impairment (free-field value)	85 #4	1	110
Impulse sounds from toys, fireworks and firearms	Hearing impairment (adults)	-	-	140 #2
	Hearing impairment (children)	-	-	120 #2
Outdoors in parkland and conservation areas	Disruption of tranquillity	#3		

#1: as low as possible.

#2: peak sound pressure (not L_{Amax, fast}), measured 100 mm from the ear;

#3: existing quiet outdoor areas should be preserved and the ratio of intruding noise to natural background sound should be kept low;

#4: under headphones, adapted to free-field values

5. Noise Management

The goal of noise management is to maintain low noise exposures, such that human health and well-being are protected. The specific objectives of noise management are to develop criteria for the maximum safe noise exposure levels, and to promote noise assessment and control as part of environmental health programmes. This is not always achieved (Jansen 1998). The United Nations' Agenda 21 (UNCED 1992), as well as the European Charter on Transport, Environment and Health (London Charter 1999), both support a number of environmental management principles on which government policies, including noise management policies, can be based. These include:

- a. **The precautionary principle.** In all cases, noise should be reduced to the lowest level achievable in a particular situation. Where there is a reasonable possibility that public health will be damaged, action should be taken to protect public health without awaiting full scientific proof.
- b. **The polluter pays principle.** The full costs associated with noise pollution (including monitoring, management, lowering levels and supervision) should be met by those responsible for the source of noise.
- c. **The prevention principle.** Action should be taken where possible to reduce noise at the source. Land-use planning should be guided by an environmental health impact assessment that considers noise as well as other pollutants.

The government policy framework is the basis of noise management. Without an adequate policy framework and adequate legislation it is difficult to maintain an active or successful noise management programme. A policy framework refers to transport, energy, planning, development and environmental policies. The goals are more readily achieved if the interconnected government policies are compatible, and if issues which cross different areas of government policy are co-ordinated.

5.1. Stages in Noise Management

A legal framework is needed to provide a context for noise management (Pinogold 1998; Hede 1998a). While there are many possible models, an example of one is given in Figure 5.1. This model depicts the six stages in the process for developing and implementing policies for community noise management. For each policy stage, there are groups of 'policy players' who ideally would participate in the process.

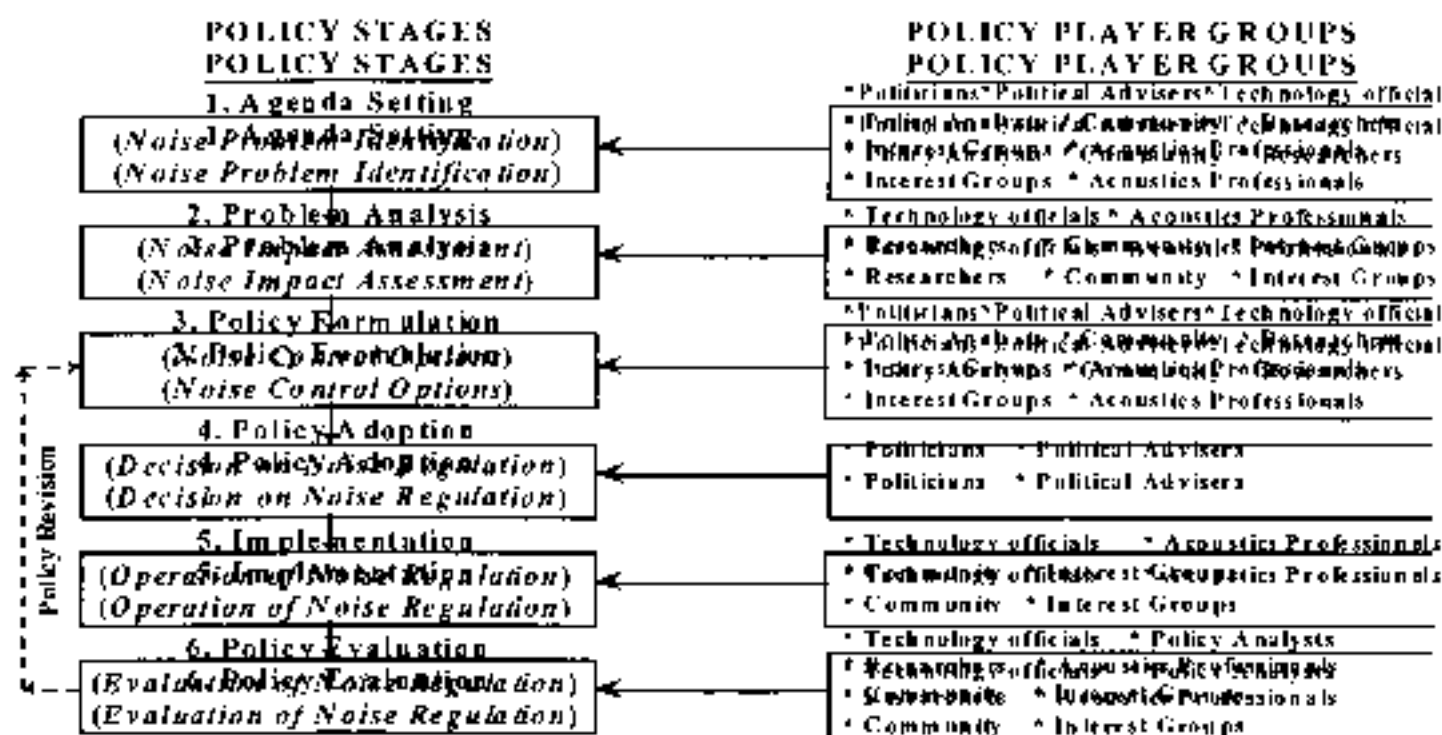


Figure 5.1. A model of the policy process for community noise management (Hede 1998a)

When goals and policies have been developed, the next stage is the development of the strategy or plan. Figure 5.2 summarizes the stages involved in the development of a noise management strategy. Specific abatement measures 19 are listed in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1. Recommended Noise Management Measures (following EEA 1995)

Legal measures	Examples
Control of noise emissions	Emission standards for road and off-road vehicles; emission standards for construction equipment; emission standards for plants; national regulations, EU Directives
Control of noise transmission	Regulations on sound-obstructive measures
Noise mapping and zoning around roads, airports, industries	Initiation of monitoring and modeling programmes
Control of noise immissions	Limits for exposure levels such as national immission standards; noise monitoring and modeling; regulations for complex noise situations; regulations for recreational noise
Speed limits	Residential areas; hospitals
Enforcement of regulations	Low Noise Implementation Plan
Minimum requirements for acoustical properties of buildings	Construction codes for sound insulation of building parts
Engineering Measures	
Emission reduction by source modification	Tyre profiles; low-noise road surfaces; changes in engine properties
New engine technology	Road vehicles; aircraft; construction machines
Transmission reduction	Enclosures around machinery; noise screens
Orientation of buildings	Design and structuring of tranquille uses; using buildings for screening purposes
Traffic management	Speed limits; guidance of traffic flow by electronic means
Passive protection	Ear plugs; ear muffs; insulation of dwellings; façade design
Implementation of land-use planning	Minimum distance between industrial, busy roads and residential areas; location of tranquillity areas; by-pass roads for heavy traffic; separating out incompatible functions
Education and information	
Raising public awareness	Informing the public on the health impacts of noise, enforcement action taken, noise levels, complaints
Monitoring and modeling of soundscapes	Publication of results
Sufficient number of noise experts	University or highschool curricula
Initiation of research and development	Funding of information generation according to scientific research needs
Initiation of behaviour changes	Speed reduction when driving; use of horns; use of loudspeakers for advertisements

The process outlined in Figure 5.2 can start with the development of noise standards or guidelines. Ideally, it should also involve the identification and mapping of noise sources and exposed communities. Meteorological conditions and noise levels would also normally be monitored. These data can be used to validate the output of models that estimate noise levels. Noise standards and model outputs may be considered in devising noise control tactics aimed at achieving the noise standards. Before being enforced, current control tactics need to be revised, and if the standards are achieved they need continued enforcement. If the standards are not achieved after a reasonable period of time, the noise control tactics may need to be revised.

National noise standards can usually be based on a consideration of international guidelines, such as these Guidelines for Community Noise, as well as national criteria documents, which consider dose-response relations for the effects of noise on human health. National standards take into account the technological, social, economic, political and other factors specific for the country.

In many cases monitoring may show that noise levels are considerably higher than established guidelines. This may be particularly true in developing countries, and the question has to be raised as to whether national standards should reflect the optimum levels needed to protect human health, when this objective is unlikely to be achieved in the short- or medium-term with available resources. In some countries noise standards are set at levels that are realistically attainable under prevailing technological, social, economic and political conditions, even though they may not be fully consistent with the levels needed to protect human health. In such cases, a staged programme of noise abatement should be implemented to achieve the optimum health protection levels over the long term. Noise standards periodically change after reviews, as conditions in a country change over time, and with improved scientific understanding of the relationship between noise pollution and the health of the population. Noise level monitoring (Chapter 2) is used to assess whether noise levels at particular locations are in compliance with the standards selected.

5.2. Noise Exposure Mapping

A crucial component of a low-noise implementation plan is a reasonably quantitative knowledge of exposure (see Figure 5.2). Exposure should be mapped for all noise sources impacting a community; for example, road traffic, aircraft, railway, industry, construction, festivals and human activity in general. For some components of a noise exposure map or noise exposure inventory, accurate data may be available. In other cases, exposure can be calculated from the characteristics of the mechanical processes. While estimates of noise emissions are needed to develop exposure maps, measurements should be undertaken to confirm the veracity of the assumptions used in the estimates. Sample surveys may be used to provide an overall picture of the noise exposure. Such surveys would take account of all the relevant characteristics of the noise source. For example motor vehicle emissions may be estimated by calculations involving the types of vehicles, their number, their age and the characteristic properties of the road surface.

In developing countries, there is usually a lack of appropriate statistical information to produce noise exposure estimates. However, where action is needed to lower noise levels, the absence of comprehensive information should not prevent the development of provisional noise exposure estimates. Basic information about the exposed population, transport systems, industry and other

relevant factors can be used to calculate provisional noise exposures. These can then be used to develop and implement interim noise management plans. The preliminary exposure estimates can be revised as more accurate information becomes available.

5.3. Noise Exposure Modeling

As indicated in Chapter 2 modeling is a powerful tool for the interpolation, prediction and optimization of control strategies. However, models need to be validated by monitoring data. A strength of models is that they enable examination and comparison of the consequences for noise exposure of the implementation of the various options for improving noise. However, the accuracy of the various models available depends on many factors, including the accuracy of the source emissions data and details of the topography (for which a geographical information system may be used). For transportation noise parameters such as the number, type and speed of vehicles, aircraft or trains, and the noise characteristics of each individual event must be known. An example of a model is the annoyance prediction model of the Government of the Netherlands (van den Berg 1996).

5.4. Noise Control Approaches

An integrated noise policy should include several control procedures: measures to limit the noise at the source, noise control within the sound transmission path, protection at the receiver's site, land-use planning, education and raising of public awareness. Ideally, countries should give priority to precautionary measures that prevent noise, but they must also implement measures to mitigate existing noise problems.

5.4.1. Mitigation measures

The most effective mitigation measure is to reduce noise emissions at the source. Therefore, regulations with noise level limits for the main noise sources should be introduced.

Road traffic noise. Limits on the noise emission of vehicles have been introduced in many countries (Sandberg 1995). Such limits, together with the relevant measuring methods, should also be introduced in other regions of the world. Besides these limits a special class of "low-noise trucks" has been introduced in Europe. These trucks follow state-of-the-art noise control and are widely used in Austria and Germany (Lang 1995). Their use is encouraged by economic incentives: for example, low-noise trucks are exempted from a night-time ban on certain routes, and their associated taxes are lower than for other trucks. In Europe, the maximum permissible noise levels range from 69 dBA for motor vehicles to 77 dBA for cars, and 85 dBA for heavy two-wheeled vehicles to 84 dBA for trucks. A number of European Directives give permissible sound levels for motor vehicles and motorcycles (EU 1970; EU 1978; EU 1996a; EU 1997). In addition to noise level limits for new vehicles (type test), noise emissions of vehicles already in use should be controlled regularly. Limits on the sound pressure levels for vehicles reduce the noise emission from the engines.

However, the main noise from traffic on highways is rolling noise. This may be reduced by quiet road surfaces (porous asphalt, "drain asphalt") or by selection of quiet tires. Road traffic

noise may also be reduced by speed limits, provided the limits are enforced. For example, reducing the speed of trucks from 90 to 60 km/h on concrete roads would reduce the maximum sound pressure level by 5 dB, and the equivalent sound pressure level by 4 dB. Decreasing the speed of cars from 140 to 100 km/h would result in the same noise reduction (WHO 1995a). In the central parts of cities a speed limit of 30 km/h may be introduced. At 30 km/h cars produce maximum sound pressure levels that are 7 dB lower, and equivalent sound pressure levels that are 5 dB lower, than cars driving at 50 km/h.

Noise emission from road traffic may be further reduced by a night-time ban for all vehicles, or especially for heavy vehicles. Traffic management designed to ensure uniform traffic flow in towns also serves to reduce noise. "Low-noise behaviour" of drivers should be encouraged as well, by advocating defensive driving manners. In some countries, car drivers use their horns frequently, which results in noise with high peak levels. The unnecessary use of horns within cities should be forbidden, especially during night-time, and this rule should be enforced.

Railway noise and noise from trams. The main noise sources are the engine and the wheel-rail contact. Noise at the source can be reduced by well-maintained rails and wheels, and by the use of disc brakes. Sound pressure levels may vary by more than 10 dB, depending on the type of railway material. Replacement of steel wheels by rubber wheels could also reduce noise from railways and trams substantially. Other measures include innovations in engine and truck technology (Mochler 1988; Öhrström & Skånberg 1996).

Aircraft noise. The noise emission of aircraft is limited by ICAO Annex 16, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, which estimates maximum potential sound emissions under certification procedures (ICAO 1993). Aircraft following the norms of Chapter 3 represent the state-of-the-art of noise control of the 1970s. In many countries, non-certified aircraft (i.e. aircraft not fulfilling the ICAO requirements) are not permitted and Chapter 2 aircraft may not be registered again. After the year 2002 only Chapter 3 aircraft will be allowed to operate in many countries.

Similar legislation should be adopted in other countries. The use of low-noise aircraft may also be encouraged by setting noise-related charges (that is, landing charges that are related not only to aircraft weight and capacity, but also to noise emission). Examples of systems for noise-related financial charges are given in OECD 1991 (see also OECD-ECMT 1995). Night-time aircraft movements should be discouraged where they impact residential communities. Particular categories of aircraft (such as helicopters, rotorcraft and supersonic aircraft) pose additional problems that require appropriate controls. For subsonic airplanes two EU Directive give the permissible sound levels (EU 1980; EU 1989).

Machines and Equipment. Noise emission has to be considered a main property of all types of machines and equipment. Control measures include design, insulation, enclosure and maintenance.

Consumers should be encouraged to take noise emission into account when buying a product. Declaring the A-weighted sound power level of a product would assist the consumer in making this decision. The introduction of sound labeling is a major tool for reducing the noise emission of products on the market. For example, within the European Community, "permissible sound

levels" and "sound power levels" have to be stated for several groups of machines; for example, lawn mowers, construction machines and household equipment (EU 1984a-f; EU 1986b,c). For other groups of machines sound level data have been compiled and are state-of-the-art with respect to noise control.

A second step would be the introduction of limits on the sound power levels for certain groups of machines, heating and ventilation systems (e.g. construction machines, household appliances). These limits may be set by law, in recommendations and by consumers, using state-of-the-art measurements. There have also been promising developments in the use of active noise control (involving noise cancellation techniques). These are to be encouraged.

Noise control within the sound transmission path. The installation of noise barriers can protect dwellings close to the traffic source. In several European countries noise barrier regulations have been established (WHO 1995b), but in practice they are often not adequately implemented. These regulations must define:

- a. Measuring and calculation methods for deriving the equivalent sound pressure level of road or railway traffic, and schemes for determining the effectiveness of the barrier.
- b. The sound pressure limits that are to be achieved by installing barriers.
- c. The budgetary provisions.
- d. The responsible authority.

Noise protection at the receiver's site. This approach is mainly used for existing situations. However, this approach must also be considered for new and, eventually, for old buildings in noisy areas. Residential buildings near main roads with heavy traffic, or near railway lines, may be provided with sound-proofed windows.

5.4.2. *Precautionary measures*

With careful planning, noise exposure can be avoided or reduced. A sufficient distance between residential areas and an airport will make noise exposure minimal, although the realization of such a situation is not always possible. Additional insulation of houses can help to reduce noise exposure from railroad and road traffic. For new buildings, standards or building codes should describe the positions of houses, as well as the ground plans of houses with respect to noise sources. The required sound insulation of the façades should also be described. Various countries have set standards for the maximum sound pressure levels in front of buildings and for the minimum sound insulation values required for façades.

Land use planning. Land use planning is one of the main tools for noise control and includes:

- a. Calculation methods for predicting the noise impact caused by road traffic, railways,

airports, industries and others.

- b. Noise level limits for various zones and building types. The limits should be based on annoyance responses to noise.
- c. Noise maps or noise inventories that show the existing noise situation. The construction of noise-sensitive buildings in noisy areas, or the construction of noisy buildings in quiet areas may thus be avoided.

Suggestions on how to use land use planning tools are given in several dedicated books (e.g. Miller & de Roo 1997). Different zones, such as quiet areas, hospitals, residential areas, commercial and industrial districts, can be characterized by the maximum equivalent sound pressure levels permissible in the zones. Examples of this approach can be found in OECD 1991 (also see OECD-ECMT 1995). More emphasis needs to be given to the design or retrofit of urban centres, with noise management as a priority (e.g. "soundscapes").

It is recommended that countries adopt the precautionary principle in their national noise policies. This principle should be applied to all noise situations where adverse noise effects are either expected or possible, even when the noise is below standard values.

Education and public awareness. Noise abatement policies can only be established if basic knowledge and background material is available, and the people and authorities are aware that noise is an environmental hazard that needs to be controlled. It is, therefore, necessary to include noise in school curricula and to establish scientific institutes to study acoustics and noise control. People working in such institutes should have the option of studying in other countries and exchanging information at international conferences. Dissemination of noise control information to the public is an issue for education and public awareness. Ideally, national and local advisory groups should be formed to promote the dissemination of information, to establish uniform methods of noise measurement and impact assessment, and to participate in the development and implementation of educational and public awareness programmes.

5.5. Evaluation of Control Options

Unless legal constraints in a country prescribe a particular option, the evaluation of control options must take into account technical, financial, social, health and environmental factors. The speed with which control options can be implemented, and their enforceability, must also be considered. Although considerable improvements in noise levels have been achieved in some developed countries, the financial costs have been high, and the resource demands of some of these approaches make them unsuitable for the poorer developing countries.

Technical factors. There needs to be confidence that the selected options are technically practical given the resources of the region. It must be possible to bring a selected option into operation, and maintain the expected level of performance in the long term, given the resources available. This may require regular staff training and other programmes, especially in developing countries.

Financial factors. The selected options must be financially viable in the long term. This may require a comparative cost-benefit assessment of different options. These assessments must include not only the capital costs of bringing an option into operation, but also the costs of maintaining the expected level of performance in the long term.

Social factors. The costs and benefits of each option should be assessed for social equity, and the potential impact of an option on people's way of life, community structures and cultural traditions must be considered. Impacts may include disruption or displacement of residents, changes of land-use, and impacts on community, culture and recreation. Some impacts can be managed; in other cases, the impacts of an option can be mitigated by substitution of resources or uses.

Health and environmental factors. The costs and benefits of each option should be assessed for health and environmental factors. This may involve use of dose-response relations, or risk assessment techniques.

Effect-oriented and source-oriented principles. Noise control requirements in European countries are typically determined from the effects of noise on health and the environment (effect oriented) (e.g. Gottlob 1995; ten Wolde 1998). Increased noise emissions may be permitted if there would be no adverse health impacts, or if noise standards would not be exceeded. Action may be taken to reduce noise levels when it is shown that adverse health impacts will occur, or when noise levels exceed limits. Other countries base their noise management policies on the requirement for best available technology, or for best available techniques that do not entail excessive cost (source-oriented) (e.g. for aircraft noise, ICAO 1993; for road traffic noise, Sandberg 1995). Most developed countries apply a combination of both source-oriented and effect-oriented principles (EU 1996b; Jansen 1998; ten Wolde 1998).

5.6. Management of Indoor Noise

In modern societies, human beings spend most of their time in indoor environments. Pollution and degradation of the indoor environment cause illness, increased mortality, loss of productivity, and have major economic and social implications. Indoor noise problems are related to inadequate urban planning, design, operation and maintenance of buildings, and to the materials and equipment in buildings. Problems with indoor noise affect all types of buildings, including homes, schools, offices, health care facilities and other public and commercial buildings. The health effects of indoor noise include an increase in the rates of diseases and disturbances described in chapter 2. World-wide, the medical and social cost associated with these illnesses, and the related reduction in human productivity, can result in substantial economic losses.

Protection against noise generated within a building, or originating from outside the building, is a very complex problem. Soundproofing of ceilings, walls, doors and windows against airborne noise is important. Soundproofing of ceilings has to be sufficient to absorb sounds due to treading. Finally, noise emissions from the technological devices in the house must be sufficiently low. Governments should provide measurement protocols and data for use in reducing noise exposures in buildings. Governments should also be encouraged to support

research on the relationship between noise levels inside buildings and health effects.

5.6.1. Government policy on indoor noise

Many of the problems associated with high noise levels can be prevented at low cost if governments develop and implement an integrated strategy for the indoor environment, in concert with all social and economic partners. Governments should establish a "National Plan for a Sustainable Indoor Noise Environment", that would apply to new construction as well as to existing buildings. Governments should set up a specific structure at an appropriate governmental level to achieve acceptable sound exposure levels within buildings. An example of existing documents that provide guidance and regulations, including strategies and management for the design of buildings, is given by Jansen & Gottlob (1996).

Guidance/education. Because our understanding of indoor noise is still developing, government activity should be focused on raising the awareness of various audiences. This education can take the form of providing general information, as well as providing technical guidance and training on how to minimize indoor noise levels. General information presented in the form of documents, videos, and other media can bring indoor noise issues to the attention of the general public and building professionals, including architects.

Research support. Research is needed to develop technology for indoor noise diagnosis, mitigation and control. Efforts are also required to provide economical and practical alternatives for mitigation and control. Better means of measuring the effectiveness of absorption devices are needed; and diagnostic tools that are inexpensive and easy to use also need to be developed to help facility personnel. There is a particular need, too, for improving soundproofing methods, their implementation and for predicting the health effects of soundproofing techniques.

To provide accurate information for use in setting priorities for public health problems, governments should support problem assessment and surveys of indoor noise conditions. Building surveys are also necessary to provide baseline information about building characteristics and noise levels. When combined with occupant health surveys, these studies will help to establish the correlations between noise levels and adverse health effects. Surveys should be conducted to identify building types or vintages in which problems occur more frequently. The results of these studies will support effective risk reduction programmes. Epidemiological studies are also needed to aid in differentiating between noise-related symptoms and those due to other causes. Moreover, epidemiological studies are needed to assist in quantifying the extent of risk for indoor noise levels.

Economic research is needed to measure the costs of indoor noise control strategies to individuals, businesses and society. This includes developing methods for quantifying productivity loss and increased health costs due to noise, and for measuring the costs of various control strategies, including increased soundproofing and source control.

Development of standards and protocols. Efforts should be made to protect public health by setting reasonable noise exposure limits (immission standards) from known dose-response relationships. In cases where dose-response relationships have yet to be determined, but where

health effects are generally recognized, exposure limits should be set conservatively and take into account risk, economic impact and feasibility. Efforts should also be made to incorporate noise-related specifications into building codes. Areas to target with building codes include ventilation design, building envelope design, site preparation, materials selection and commissioning. Standards and other regulations governing the use of sound proofing materials should also be developed.

Individuals involved in the diagnosis and mitigation of indoor noise problems should be trained in the multidisciplinary nature of the noise field. By instituting a series of credentials that recognize and highlight areas of expertise, consumers would be provided with the information to make informed choices when procuring indoor noise services. Companies which provide such services should be officially accredited. Guidelines or standards for sound emissions of air-conditioners, power generators and other building devices, would also provide useful information for manufacturers, architects, design engineers, building managers and others who play a role in selecting products used indoors.

5.6.2. Design considerations

Site investigation. Potential sites should be evaluated to determine whether they are prone to indoor noise problems. This evaluation should be consistent with national and local land use planning guidelines. Sites should be investigated to determine past uses and whether any sources of sound remain as a result. The potential for outdoor noise being carried to the site from adjacent areas, such as busy streets, should also be evaluated.

Building design. Buildings should be designed to be soundproof, to improve control over indoor noise. Soundproofing requires that outside noise be prevented from entering the building, and this should be estimated as part of the architectural and engineering design process. When soundproofing for outdoor noise, the total indoor noise load and the desired quality of the indoor space should be considered. Adequate soundproofing against outdoor noise is important in residential as well as commercial properties, and should be re-evaluated when interior spaces are rebuilt or renovated.

Indoor Spaces. The architectural layout should aim to reduce noise and provide a good sound quality to the space. This would include designing indoor spaces to have sufficiently short reverberation times. Designers and contractors should be encouraged to use sound-absorbing materials that lead to lower indoor noise levels, and materials with the best sound-absorbing properties should be specified. However, use of these materials should not be the only solution (Harris 1991). Possible conflicts with other environmental demands should also be identified; for example, the special demands by allergic people.

5.6.3. Indoor noise level control

Building maintenance personnel should be trained to understand the indoor noise aspects of their work, and be aware of how their work can directly impact the health and comfort of occupants. Many maintenance activities directly affect indoor noise levels, and some may indicate potential problems. Preventive maintenance is essential for the building systems to operate correctly and

to provide suitable comfort conditions and low indoor noise levels. Detailed maintenance logs should be kept for all equipment. A schedule should be developed for routine equipment checks and calibration of control system components. Selection of low-noise domestic products should be encouraged as far as is possible.

5.6.4. Resolving indoor noise problems

Addressing occupant complaints and symptoms. When complaints are received from occupants of a building, the cognizant authority should be responsive. The initial investigation into the cause of the complaint may be conducted by the in-house management staff, and they should continue an investigation as far as possible. If necessary, they should be responsible for hiring an outside consultant.

Building diagnostic procedures. After receiving complaints related to indoor noise levels, facility personnel or consultants should attempt to identify the cause of the problem through an iterative process of information collection and hypothesis testing. To begin, a walkthrough inspection of the building, including the affected areas and the mechanical systems serving these spaces is required. A walkthrough can provide information on the soundproofing system of the building, the sound pathways and sound sources. Visual indicators of sound sources and soundproofing malfunctions should be evaluated first. Symptom logs and schedules of building activities may provide enough additional information to resolve the problem.

If a walkthrough alone does not provide a solution, measurements of sound pressure levels at various locations should be taken, and indoor and ambient levels of noise pollution should be compared. As part of the investigation, the absorption characteristics of walls and ceilings should be evaluated. Sophisticated sampling methods may be necessary to provide proof of a problem to the building owner or other responsible party. The results may be used to confirm a hypothesis or ascertain the source of the indoor noise problem. Whenever a problem is discovered during the investigation, a remedy to the situation should be attempted and a determination made of whether the complaint has been resolved.

In some cases, it should be recognized that difficulties in interpreting the sampling results may exist. The costs of certain types of testing should also be taken into account. Simple, cost-effective screening methods should be developed to make sampling a more attractive option for both investigators and clients. Finally, it must be remembered that several factors cause symptoms similar to those induced by noise pollution. Examples include air pollutants, ergonomics, lighting, vibration and psychosocial factors. Consequently, any investigation of noise complaints should also evaluate non-noise factors.

5.7. Priority Setting in Noise Management

Priorities in noise management will differ between countries, according to policy objectives, needs and capabilities. Priority setting in noise management refers to prioritizing health risks and concentrating on the most important sources of noise. For effective noise management, the goals, policies and noise control schemes have to be defined. Goals for noise management include eliminating noise, or reducing noise to acceptable levels, and avoiding the adverse health

effects of noise on human health. Policies for noise management encompass laws and regulations for setting noise standards and for ensuring compliance. The amount of information to be included in low-noise implementation plans and the use of cost-benefit comparisons also fall within the purview of noise management policies. Techniques for noise control include source control, barriers in noise pathways and receiver protection. Adequate calculation models for noise propagation, as well as programmes for noise monitoring, are part of an overall noise control scheme.

As emphasized above, a framework for a political, regulatory and administrative approach is required to guarantee the consistent and transparent promulgation of noise standards. This ensures a sound and practical framework for risk-reducing measures and for the selection of abatement strategies.

5.7.1. Noise policy and legislation

Noise is both a local and a global problem. Governments in every country have a responsibility to set up policies and legislation for controlling community noise. There is a direct relationship between the level of development in a country and the degree of noise pollution impacting its people. As a society develops, it increases its level of urbanization and industrialization, and the extent of its transportation system. Each of these developments brings an increase in noise load. Without appropriate intervention the noise impact on communities will escalate (see Figure 5.3). If governments implement only weak noise policies and regulations, they will not be able to prevent a continuous increase in noise pollution and associated adverse health effects. Failure to enforce strong regulations is ineffective in combating noise as well.

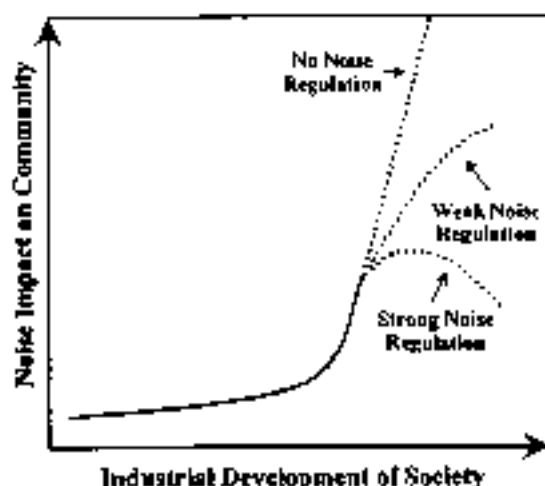


Figure 5.3. Relationship between noise regulation and impact with development (from Hede 1998b)

Policies for noise regulatory standards at the municipal, regional, national and supranational levels are usually determined by the legislatures. The regulatory standards adopted strongly depend on the risk management strategies of the legislatures, and can be influenced by sociopolitical considerations and/or international agreements. Although regulatory standards may be country specific, in general the following issues are taken into consideration:

- a. Identification of the adverse public health effects that are to be avoided.
- b. Identification of the population to be protected
- c. The type of parameters describing noise and the limit applicable to the parameters.
- d. Applicable monitoring methodology and its quality assurance.
- e. Enforcement procedures to achieve compliance with noise regulatory standards within a defined time frame.
- f. Emission control measures and emission regulatory standards.
- g. Immission standards (limits for sound pressure levels).
- h. Identification of authorities responsible for enforcement.
- i. Resource commitment.

Regulatory standards may be based solely on scientific and technical data showing the adverse effects of noise on public health. But other aspects are usually considered, either when setting standards or when designing appropriate noise abatement measures. These other aspects include the technological feasibility, costs of compliance, prevailing exposure levels, and the social,

economic and cultural conditions. Several standards may be set. For example, effect-oriented regulatory standards may be set as a long-term goal, while less-stringent standards are adopted for the short term. As a consequence, noise regulatory standards differ widely from country to country (WHO 1995a; Gottlob 1995).

Noise regulatory standards can set the reference point for emission control and abatement policies at the national, regional or municipal levels, and can thus strongly influence the implementation of noise control policies. In many countries, exceeding regulatory standards is linked to an obligation to develop abatement action plans at the municipal, regional or national levels (low-noise implementation plans). Such plans have to address all relevant sources of noise pollution.

5.7.2. *Examples of noise policies*

Different countries have adopted a range of policies and regulations for noise control. A number of these are outlined in this section as examples.

Argentina. In Argentina, a national law recently limited the daily 8-h exposure to industrial noise to 80 dB, and it has had beneficial effects on hearing impairment and other hearing disorders among workers. In general, industry has responded by introducing constant controls on noise sources, combined with hearing tests and medical follow-ups for workers. Factory owners have recruited permanent health and safety engineers who control noise, supply advice on how to make further improvements, and routinely assess excessive noise levels. The engineers also provide education in personal protection and in the correct use of ear plugs, mufflers etc.

At the municipal level two types of noise have been considered. Unnecessary noise, which is forbidden; and excessive noise, which is defined for neighbourhood activities (zones), and for which both day and night-time maximum limits have been introduced. The results have been relatively successful in mitigating unwanted noise effects. At the provincial level, similar results have been accomplished for many cities in Argentina and Latin America.

Australia. In Australia, the responsibility for noise control is shared primarily by state and local governments. There are nationally-agreed regulatory standards for airport planning and new vehicle noise emissions. The Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) index is used to describe how much aircraft noise is received at locations around an airport (DoTRS 1999). Around all airports, planning controls restrict the construction of dwellings within the 25 ANEF exposure contour and require sound insulation for those within 20 ANEF. Road traffic noise limits are set by state governments, but vary considerably in both the exposure metric and in maximum allowable levels. New vehicles are required to comply with stringent design rules for noise and air emissions. For example, new regulation in New South Wales adopts LAeq as the metric and sets noise limits of 60 dBA for daytime, and 55 dBA for night-time, along new roads. Local governments set regulations restricting noise emissions for household equipment, such as air conditioners, and the hours of use for noisy machines such as lawn mowers.

Europe. In Europe, noise legislation is not generally enforced. As a result, environmental noise

levels are often higher than the legislated noise limits. Moreover, there is a gap between long-term political goals and what represents a "good acoustical environment". One reason for this gap is that noise pollution is most commonly regulated only for new land use or for the development of transportation systems, whereas enlargements at existing localities may be approved even though noise limits or guideline values are already surpassed (Gottlob 1993). A comprehensive overview of the noise situation in Europe is given in the Green Paper (EU 1996b), which was established to give noise abatement a higher priority in policy making. The Green Paper outlines a new framework for noise policy in Europe with the following options for future action:

- a. Harmonizing the methods for assessing noise exposure, and encouraging the exchange of information among member states.
- b. Establishing plans to reduce road traffic noise by applying newer technologies and fiscal instruments.
- c. Paying more attention to railway noise in view of the future extension of rail networks.
- d. Introducing more stringent regulation on air transport and using economic instruments to encourage compliance.
- e. Simplifying the existing seven regulations on outdoor equipment by proposing a Framework Directive that covers a wider range of equipment, including construction machines and others.

Pakistan. In Pakistan, the Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for the control of air pollution nationwide. However, only recently have controls been enforced in Sindh in an attempt to raise public awareness and carry out administrative control on road vehicles producing noise (Zaidi, personal communication).

South Africa. In South Africa, noise control is three decades old. It began with codes of practice issued by the South African Bureau of Standards to address noise pollution in various sectors of the country (e.g. see SABS 1994-1996; and the contribution of Grond in Appendix 2). In 1989, the Environment Conservation Act made provision for the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism to make regulations for noise, vibration and shock (DEAT 1989). These regulations were published in 1990 and local authorities could apply to the Minister to make them applicable in their areas. Later, the act was changed to make it obligatory for all authorities to apply the regulations. However, according to the new Constitution of South Africa of 1996, legislative responsibility for noise control rests exclusively with provincial and local authorities. The noise control regulations will apply to local authorities in South Africa as soon as they are published in the provinces. This will not only give local authorities the power to enforce the regulations, but also place an obligation on them to see that the regulations are enforced.

Thailand. In 1996, noise pollution regulations in Thailand stipulated that not more than 70 dBA LAeq,24h should be allowed in residential areas, and the maximum level of noise in industry

should be no more than 85 dBA L_{eq} 8h (Prasansuk 1997).

United States of America. Environmental noise was not addressed as a national policy issue in the USA until the implementation of the Noise Control Act of 1972. This congressional act directed the US Environmental Protection Agency to publish scientific information about noise exposure and its effects, and to identify acceptable levels of noise exposure under various conditions. The Noise Control Act was supposed to protect the public health and well-being with an adequate margin of safety. This was accomplished in 1974 with the publication of the US EPA "Levels Document" (US EPA 1974). It addressed issues such as the use of sound descriptions to describe sound exposure, the identification of the most important human effects resulting from noise exposure, and the specification of noise exposure criteria for various effects. Subsequent to the publication of the US EPA "Levels Document", guidelines for conducting environmental impact analysis were developed (Finegold et al. 1998). The day-night average sound level was thus established as the predominant sound descriptor for most environmental noise exposure.

It is evident from these examples that noise policies and regulations vary considerably across countries and regions. Moves towards global noise policies need to be encouraged to ensure that the world population gains the maximum health benefits from new developments in noise control.

5.7.3. Noise emission standards have proven to be inadequate

Much of the progress towards solving the noise pollution problem has come from advanced technology, which in turn has come about mainly as a result of governmental regulations (e.g. OECD-ECMT 1995). So far, however, the introduction of noise emission standards for vehicles has had limited impact on exposure to transportation noise, especially from aircraft and road traffic noise (Sandberg 1995). In part, this is because changes in human behaviour (of polluters, planners and citizens) have tended to offset some of the gains made. For example, mitigation efforts such as developing quieter vehicles, moving people to less noise-exposed areas, improving traffic systems and direct noise abatement and control (sound insulation, barriers etc.), have been counteracted by increases in the number of roads and highways built, by the number of traffic movements, and by higher driving speeds and the number of kilometers driven (OECD 1991; OECD-ECMT 1995).

Traffic planning and correction policies may diminish the number of people exposed to the very high community noise levels (>70 dB L_{Aeq}), but the number exposed to moderately high levels (55-65 dB L_{Aeq}) continues to increase in industrialized countries (Stanners & Bordeaux 1995). In developing countries, exposure to excessive sound pressure levels (>85 dB L_{Aeq}), not only from occupational noise but also from urban environmental noise, is the major avoidable cause of permanent hearing impairment (Smith 1998). Such sound pressure levels can also be reached by leisure activities at concerts, discotheques, motor sports and shooting ranges; by music played back in headphones; and by impulse noises from toys and fireworks.

A substantial growth in air transport is also expected in the future. Over the next 10 years large international airports may have to accommodate a doubling in passenger movements. General

aviation noise at regional airports is also expected to increase (Large & House 1989). Although jet aircraft are expected to become less noisy due to regulation of noise emissions (ICAO 1993), the number of passengers is expected to increase. Increased air traffic movement between 1980 and 1990 is considered to be the main reason for the average 22% increase in the number of people exposed to noise above 67 dB LAeq at German airports (OECD 1993).

5.7.4. Unsustainable trends in noise pollution future policy planning

A number of trends are expected to increase environmental noise pollution, and are considered to be unsustainable in the long term. The OECD (1991) identified the following factors to be of increasing importance in the future:

- a. The expanding use of increasingly powerful sources of noise.
- b. The wider geographical dispersion of noise sources, together with greater individual mobility and spread of leisure activities.
- c. The increasing invasion of noise, particularly into the early morning, evenings and weekends.
- d. The increasing public expectations that are closely linked to increases in incomes and in education levels.

Apart from these, increased noise pollution is also linked to systemic changes in business practices (OECD-ECMT 1995). By accepting a just-in-time concept in transportation, products and components are stored in heavy-duty vehicles on roads, instead of in warehouses; and workers are recruited as temporary consultants just in time for the work, instead of as long-term employees.

In addition, the OECD (1991) report forecasts:

- a. A strengthening of present noise abatement policies and their applications.
- b. A further sharpening of emission standards.
- c. A co-ordination of noise abatement measures and transport planning, to specifically reduce mobility.
- d. A co-ordination of noise abatement measures with urban planning.

Planners need to know the likely effects of introducing a new noise source, or of increasing the level of an existing source, on the noise pollution in a community. Policy makers, when considering applications for new developmental projects, must take into account maximum levels, continuous equivalent sound pressure levels of both the background and the new noise source, the frequency of noise occurrence and the operating times of major noise sources.

5.7.5. *Analysis of the impact of environmental noise*

The concept of an environmental noise impact analysis (ENIA) is central to the philosophy of managing environmental noise. An ENIA should be required before implementing any project that would significantly increase the level of environmental noise in a community (typically, greater than a 5dB increase). The first step in performing an ENIA is to develop a baseline description of the existing noise environment. Next, the expected level of noise from a new source is added to the baseline exposure level to produce the new overall noise level. If the new total noise level is expected to cause an unacceptable impact on human health, trade-off analyses should then be performed to assess the cost, technical feasibility and community acceptance of noise mitigation measures. It is strongly recommended that countries develop standardized procedures for performing ENIAs (Finegold et al. 1998; SABS 1998).

Assessment of adverse health effects. In setting noise standards (for example on the basis of these guidelines), the adverse health effects from which the population is to be protected need to be defined. Health effects range from hearing impairment to sleep disturbance, speech interference to annoyance. The distinction between adverse and non-adverse effects sometimes poses considerable difficulties. Even the elaborate definition of an adverse health effect given in Chapter 3 incorporates significant subjectivity and uncertainty. More serious noise effects, such as hearing impairment or permanent threshold shift, are generally accepted as adverse. Consideration of health effects that are both temporary and reversible, or that involve functional changes with uncertain clinical significance, requires a judgement on whether these less-serious effects should be considered when deriving guideline values. Judgements as to the adversity of health effects may differ between countries, because of factors such as cultural backgrounds and different levels of health status.

Estimation of the population at risk. The population at risk is that part of the population in a given country or community that is exposed to enhanced levels of noise. Each population has sensitive groups or subpopulations that are at higher risk of developing health effects due to noise exposure. Sensitive groups include individuals impaired by concurrent diseases or other physiological limitations and those with specific characteristics that makes them more vulnerable to noise (e.g. premature babies; see the contribution of Zaidi in Appendix 2). The sensitive groups in a population may vary across countries due to differences in medical care, nutritional status, lifestyle and demographic factors, prevailing genetic factors, and whether endemic or debilitating diseases are prevalent.

Calculation of exposure-response relationships. In developing standards, regulators should consider the degree of uncertainty in the exposure-response relationships provided in the noise guidelines. Differences in the population structure (age, health status), climate (temperature, humidity) and geography (altitude, environment) can influence the prevalence and severity of noise-related health effects. In consequence, modified exposure-response relationships may need to be applied when setting noise standards.

Assessment of risks and their acceptability. In the absence of distinct thresholds for the onset of health effects, regulators must determine what constitutes an acceptable health risk for the population and select an appropriate noise standard to protect public health. This is also true in

cases where thresholds are present, but where it would not be feasible to adopt noise guidelines as standards because of economical and/or technical constraints. The acceptability of the risks involved, and hence the standards selected, will depend on several factors. These include the expected incidence and severity of the potential effects, the size of the population at risk, the perception of related risks, and the degree of scientific uncertainty that the effects will occur at any given noise level. For example, if it is suspected that a health effect is severe and the size of the population at risk is large, a more cautious approach would be appropriate than if the effect were less troubling, or if the population were smaller.

Again, the acceptability of risk may vary among countries because of differences in social norms, and the degree of adversity and risk perception by the general population and stakeholders. Risk acceptability is also influenced by how the risks associated with noise compare with risks from other pollution sources or human activities.

5.7.6. Cost-benefit analysis

In the derivation of noise standards from noise guidelines two different approaches for decision making can be applied. Decisions can be based purely on health, cultural and environmental consequences, with little weight to economic efficiency. This approach has the objective of reducing the risk of adverse noise effects to a socially acceptable level. The second approach is based on a formal cost-effectiveness, or cost-benefit analysis (CBA). The objective is to identify control actions that achieve the greatest net economic benefit, or are the most economically efficient. The development of noise standards should account for both extremes, and involve stakeholders and assure social equity to all the parties involved. It should also provide sufficient information to guarantee that stakeholders understand the scientific and economic consequences.

To determine the costs of control action, the abatement measures used to reduce emissions must be known. This is usually the case for direct measures at the source and these measures can be monetarized. Costs of action should include all costs of investment, operation and maintenance. It may not be possible to monetarize indirect measures, such as alternative traffic plans or change in behaviour of individuals.

The steps in a cost-benefit analysis include:

- a. The identification and cost analysis of control action (such as emission abatement strategies and tactics)
- b. An assessment of noise and population exposure, with and without the control action.
- c. The identification of benefit categories, such as improved health and reduced property loss.
- d. A comparison of the health effects, with and without control action
- e. A comparison of the estimated costs of control action with the benefits that accrue from such action.

f. A sensitivity and uncertainty analysis

Action taken to reduce one pollutant may increase or decrease the concentration of other pollutants. These additional effects should be considered, as well as pollutant interactions that may lead to double counting of costs or benefits, or to disregarding some costly but necessary action. Due to different levels of knowledge about the costs of control action and health effects, there is a tendency to overestimate the cost of control action and underestimate the benefits.

CBA is a highly interdisciplinary task. Appropriately applied, it is a legitimate and useful way of providing information for managers who must make decisions that impact health. CBA is also an appropriate tool for drawing the attention of politicians to the benefits of noise control. In any case, however, a CBA should be peer-reviewed and never be used as the sole and overriding determinant of decisions.

5.7.7. *Review of standard setting*

The setting of standards should involve stakeholders at all levels (industry, local authorities, non-governmental organizations and the general public), and should strive for social equity or fairness to all parties involved. It should also provide sufficient information to guarantee that the scientific and economic consequences of the proposed standards are clearly understood by the stakeholders. The earlier that stakeholders are involved, the more likely is their co-operation. Transparency in moving from noise guidelines to noise standards helps to increase public acceptance of necessary measures. Raising public awareness of noise-induced health effects (changing of risk perception) also leads to a better understanding of the issues involved (risk communication) and serves to obtain public support for necessary control action, such as reducing vehicle emissions. Noise standards should be regularly reviewed, and revised as new scientific evidence emerges.

5.7.8. *Enforcement of noise standards: Low-noise implementation plans*

The main objective of enforcing noise standards is to achieve compliance with the standards. The instrument used to achieve this goal is a Low-Noise Implementation Plan (LNIP). The outline of such a plan should be defined in the regulatory policies and should use the tactical instruments discussed above. A typical low-noise implementation plan includes:

- a. A description of the area to be regulated
- b. An emissions inventory.
- c. A monitored or simulated inventory of noise levels.
- d. A comparison of the plan with emissions and noise standards or guidelines.
- e. An inventory of the health effects.

- f. A causal analysis of the health effects and their attribution to individual sources.
- g. An analysis of control measures and their costs.
- h. An analysis of transportation and land-use planning.
- i. Enforcement procedures.
- j. An analysis of the effectiveness of the noise management procedures.
- k. An analysis of resource commitment.
- l. Projections for the future.

As the LNIP also addresses the effectiveness of noise control technologies and policies, it is very much in line with the Noise Control Assessment Programme (NCAP) proposed recently (Finnegold et al. 1999).

5.8. Conclusions on Noise Management

Successful noise management should be based on the fundamental principles of precaution, the polluter pays and prevention. The noise abatement strategy typically starts with the development of noise standards or guidelines, and the identification, mapping and monitoring of noise sources and exposed communities. A powerful tool in developing and applying the control strategy is to make use of modeling. These models need to be validated by monitoring data. Noise parameters relevant to the important sources of noise must be known. Indoor noise exposures present specific and complex problems, but the general principles for noise management hold. The main means for noise control in buildings include careful site investigations, adequate building designs and building codes, effective means for addressing occupant complaints and symptoms, and building diagnostic procedures.

Noise control should include measures to limit the noise at the source, to control the sound transmission path, to protect the receiver's site, to plan land use, and to raise public awareness. With careful planning, exposure to noise can be avoided or reduced. Control options should take into account the technical, financial, social, health and environmental factors of concern. Cost-benefit relationships, as well as the cost-effectiveness of the control measures, must be considered in the context of the social and financial situation of each country. A framework for a political, regulatory and administrative approach is required for the consistent and transparent promulgation of noise standards. Examples are given for some countries, which may guide others in their development of noise policies.

Noise management should:

- a. Start monitoring human exposures to noise.
- b. Have health control require mitigation of noise emissions. The mitigation procedures

should take into consideration specific environments such as schools, playgrounds, homes and hospitals; environments with multiple noise sources, or which may amplify the effects of noise; sensitive time periods, such as evenings, nights and holidays; and groups at high risk, such as children and the hearing impaired.

- c. Consider noise consequences when making decisions on transport-system and land-use planning.
- d. Introduce surveillance systems for noise-related adverse health effects.
- e. Assess the effectiveness of noise policies in reducing noise exposure and related adverse health effects, and in improving supportive "soundscapes."
- a. Adopt these Guidelines for Community Noise as long-term targets for improving human health.
- g. Adopt precautionary actions for sustainable development of acoustical environments.

6. Conclusions And Recommendations

6.1. Implementation of the Guidelines

The potential health effects of community noise include hearing impairment; startle and defense reactions; aural pain; ear discomfort speech interference; sleep disturbance; cardiovascular effects; performance reduction; and annoyance responses. These health effects, in turn, can lead to social handicap; reduced productivity; decreased performance in learning; absenteeism in the workplace and school; increased drug use; and accidents. In addition to health effects of community noise, other impacts are important such as loss of property value. In these guidelines the international literature on the health effects of community noise was reviewed and used to derive guideline values for community noise. Besides the health effects of noise, the issues of noise assessment and noise management were also addressed. Other issues considered were priority setting in noise management; quality assurance plans; and the cost-efficiency of control actions. The aim of the guidelines is to protect populations from the adverse health impacts of noise.

The following recommendations were considered appropriate:

- a. Governments should consider the protection of populations from community noise as an integral part of their policy for environmental protection.
- b. Governments should consider implementing action plans with short-term, medium-term and long-term objectives for reducing noise levels.
- c. Governments should adopt the health guidelines for community noise as targets to be achieved in the long-term.
- d. Governments should include noise as an important issue when assessing public health matters and support more research related to the health effects of noise exposure.
- e. Legislation should be enacted to reduce sound pressure levels, and existing legislation should be enforced.
- f. Municipalities should develop low-noise implementation plans.
- g. Cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analyses should be considered as potential instruments when making management decisions.
- h. Governments should support more policy-relevant research into noise pollution (see section 6.3).

6.2. Further WHO Work on Noise

The WHO Expert Task Force proposed several issues for future work in the field of community noise. These are:

- a. The WHO should consider updating the guidelines on a regular basis.
- b. The WHO should provide leadership and technical direction in defining future research priorities into noise.
- c. The WHO should organize workshops on the application of the guidelines.
- d. The WHO should provide leadership and co-ordinate international efforts to develop techniques for the design of supportive sound environments (e.g. "soundscapes").
- e. The WHO should provide leadership for programmes to assess the effectiveness of health-related noise policies and regulations.
- f. The WHO should provide leadership and technical direction for the development of sound methodologies for EIAP and EHIAP.
- g. The WHO should encourage further investigation into using noise exposure as an indicator of environmental deterioration, such as found in black spots in cities.
- a. The WHO should provide leadership, technical support and advice to developing countries, to facilitate the development of noise policies and noise management.

6.3. Research Needs

In the publication entitled "Community Noise", examples of essential research and development needs were given (Berghund & Lindvall 1995). In part, the scientific community has already addressed these issues.

A major step forward in raising public awareness and that of decision makers is the recommendation of the present Expert Task Force to concentrate more on variables which have monetary consequences. This means that research should consider the dose-response relationships between sound pressure levels and politically relevant variables, such as noise-induced social handicap, reduced productivity, decreased performance in learning, workplace and school absenteeism, increased drug use and accidents.

There is also a need for continued efforts to understand community noise and its effects on the health of the world population. Below is a list of essential research needs in non-prioritized order. Research priorities may vary over time and by place and capabilities. The main goal in suggesting these research activities is to improve the scientific basis for policy-making and noise

management. This will protect and improve the public health with regard to the effects of community noise pollution.

Research related to measurement and monitoring systems for health effects

- Development of a global noise impact monitoring study. The study should be designed to obtain longitudinal data across countries on the health effects on communities of various types of environmental noise. A baseline survey could be undertaken in both developed and developing countries and monitoring surveys conducted every 3-5 years. Since a national map of noise exposure from all sources would be prohibitively expensive, periodic surveys of a representative sample of about 1000 people (using standard probability techniques) could be reliably generalized to the whole population of a country with an accuracy of plus-or-minus 3%. A small number of standard questions could be used across countries to obtain comparative data on the impact of all the main types of noise pollution.
- Development of continuous monitoring systems for direct health effects in critical locations.
- Development of standardized methods for low-cost assessment of local sound levels by measurement or model calculations.
- Development of instruments appropriate for local/regional surveys of people's perceptions of their noise/sound environments.
- Protocols for reliable measurements of high-frequency hearing (8000 Hz and above) and for evaluation of such measures as early biomarkers for hearing impairment/deficits.

Research related to combined noise sources and combined health effects

- Research into the combined health effects of traffic noise, with emphasis on the distribution of sound levels over time and over population sub-environments (time-activity pattern).
- Comprehensive studies on combined noise sources and their combinations of health effects in the 3 large areas of transport (road, rail and aircraft).
- Procedures for evaluating the various health effects of complex combined noise exposures over 24 hours on vulnerable groups and on the general population.
- Methods for assessing the total health effect from noise unmission (and also other pollution) in sensitive areas (for example, airports, city centers and heavily-trafficked highways)

Research related to direct and/or long-term health effects (sensitive risk groups, sensitive areas and combined exposures)

- Identification of potential risk groups, including identification of sensitive individuals (such as people with particular health problems; people dealing with complex cognitive tasks; the blind; the hearing impaired; young children and the elderly), differences between sexes, discrimination of risk among age groups, and influence of transportation noise on pregnancy course and on fetal development.
- Studies of dose-response relationships for various effects, and for continuous transportation noise at relatively low levels of exposure and low number of noise events per unit time (including traffic flow composition).
- Studies on the perception of control of noise exposure, genetic traits, coping strategies and noise annoyance as modifiers of the effects of noise on the cardiovascular system, and as causes of variability in individual responses to noise.
- Prospective longitudinal studies of transportation noise that examine physiological measures of health, including standardized health status inventory, blood pressure, neuro-endocrine and immune function.
- Knowledge on the health effects of low-frequency components in noise and vibration.
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Research related to indirect or after-effects of noise exposure

- Field studies on the effects of exposure to specific sounds such as aircraft noise and loud music, including effects such as noise-induced temporary and permanent threshold shifts, speech perception and misperception, tinnitus and information retrieval.
- Studies on the influence of noise-induced sleep disturbance on health, work performance, accident risk and social life.
- Assessment of dose-response relationships between sound levels and politically relevant variables such as noise-induced social handicap, reduced productivity, decreased performance in learning, workplace and school absenteeism, increased drug use and accidents.
- Determination of the causal connection between noise and mental health effects, annoyance and (spontaneous) complaints in areas such as around large airports, heavy-trafficked highways, high-speed rail tracks and heavy vehicles transit routes. The connections could be examined by longitudinal studies, for example.
- Studies on the impact of traffic noise on recovery from noise-related stress, or from nervous system hyperactivity due to work and other noise exposures.

Research on the efficiency of noise abatement policies which are health based

- Determination of the accuracy and effectiveness of modern sound insulation (active noise absorption), especially in residential buildings, in reducing the long-term effects of noise on annoyance/sleep disturbance/speech intelligibility. This can be accomplished by studying sites that provide data on remedial activities and changes in behavioral patterns among occupants.
- Evaluation of environmental (area layout, architecture) and traffic planning (e.g. rerouting) interventions on annoyance, speech interference and sleep disturbance.
- Comparative studies to determine whether children and the hearing impaired have equitable access to healthier lives when compared with normal adults in noise-exposed areas.
- Development of a methodology for the environmental health impact assessment of noise that is applicable in developing as well as developed countries.

Research into positive acoustical needs of the general population and vulnerable groups

- Development of techniques/protocols for the design of supportive acoustical environments for the general population and for vulnerable groups. The protocols should take into account time periods that are sensitive from physiological, psychological and socio-cultural perspectives.
- Studies to characterize good "restoration areas" which provide the possibility for rest without adverse noise load.
- Studies to assess the effectiveness of noise policies in maintaining and improving soundscapes and reducing human exposures.

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Appendix 2 : Examples Of Regional Noise Situations

REGION OF THE AMERICAS

Latin America (Guillermo Fuchs, Argentina).

As more and more cities in Latin America surpass the 20 million inhabitants mark, the noise pollution situation will continue to deteriorate. Most noise pollution in Latin American cities comes from traffic, industry, domestic situations and from the community. Traffic is the main source of outdoor noise in most big cities. The increase in automobile engine power and lack of adequate silencing results in LAeq street levels >70 dB, above acceptable limits. Vehicle noise has strong low-frequency peaks at ~13 Hz, and at driving speeds of 100 Km/h noise levels can exceed 100 dB. The low-frequency (LF) noise is aerodynamic in origin produced, for example, by driving with the car windows open. Little can be done to mitigate these low-frequency noises, except to drive with all the windows closed. Noise exposure due to leisure activities such as carting, motor racing and Walkman use is also growing at a fast rate. Walkman use in the street not only contributes to temporary threshold shifts (TTS) in hearing, but also endangers the user because they may not hear warning signals. Construction sites, pavement repairs and advertisements also contribute to street noise, and noise levels of 85-100 dB are common.

The Centro de Investigaciones Acústicas y Lumínótécnicas (CIAEL) in Córdoba, Argentina has investigated noise pollution in both the field and in the laboratory. The most noticeable effect of excessive urban noise is hearing impairment, but other psychophysiological effects also result. For example, tinnitus resulting from sudden or continuous noise bursts, can produce a TTS of 20-30 dB, and prolonged exposures can result in permanent threshold shifts (PTS). By analyzing sound spectra down to a few Hertz, and at levels of up to 120 dB, discrete frequencies and bands of infrasound were found which damage hearing. With LF sounds at levels of 120 dB, TTS resulted after brief exposure, and PTS after only 30 min of exposure. The effects of noise on hearing can be especially detrimental to children in schools located downtown. Field studies in Córdoba city schools located near streets with high traffic density showed that speech intelligibility was dramatically degraded in classrooms that did not meet international acoustical standards. This is a particularly worrying problem for the younger students, who are in the process of language acquisition, and interferes with their learning process.

In general, community noise in Latin America remains above accepted limits. Particularly at night, sleep and rest are affected by transient noise signals from electronically amplified sounds, music and propaganda. Field research was carried out in four zones of Buenos Aires, to determine the effects of urban noise on the well-being, health and activities of the inhabitants. The effects of confounding variables were taken into consideration. It was concluded that nighttime noise levels in downtown Buenos Aires were barely lower than daytime levels. The results showed that sleep, concentration, communication and well-being were affected in most people when noise levels exceeded those permitted by international laws. The reactions of the inhabitants to protect themselves from the effects of noise varied, and included changing rooms, closing windows and complaining to authorities.

Individual responses to noise also vary, and depend on factors such as social, educational and economic levels, individual sensibility, attitudes towards noise, satisfaction with home or neighborhood, and cognitive and affective parameters. For example, at CIAL, two pilot studies were carried out with a group of adolescents to determine the influence of environmental conditions on the perception of noise. When music was played at very high sound levels (with sound peaks of 119 dBA) in a discotheque, judged to be a pleasant environment, the subjects showed less TTS than when exposed to the same music in the laboratory, which was considered to be an unpleasant environment.

At the municipal level Argentinean Ordinances consider two types of noises, unnecessary and excessive. Unnecessary noises are forbidden. Excessive noises are classified according to neighboring activities and are limited by maximum levels allowed for daytime (7 am to 10 pm) and night-time (10 pm to 7 am). This regulation has been relatively successful, but control has to be continuous. Similar actions have been prescribed at the provincial level in many cities of Argentina and Latin America. Control efforts aimed at reducing noise levels from individual vehicles are showing reasonably good improvements. However, many efforts of municipal authorities to mitigate noise pollution have failed because of economic, political and other pressures. For example, although noise control for automobiles has shown some improvement, efforts have been counteracted by the growth in the number and power of automobiles.

CIAL has designed both static and dynamic tests that can be used to set annual noise control limits. For roads and freeways where permitted speeds are above 80 Km/h, CIAL has also designed barriers which protect buildings lining the freeways. Considerable improvements have been obtained using these barriers with noise reductions of over 20 dB at buildings fronts. The most common types of barrier are concrete slabs or wooden structures, made translucent or covered with vegetation. Planted vegetation does not act as an efficient noise shield for freeway noise, except in cases of thick forest strips. In several cities, CIAL also designed ring roads to avoid heavy traffic along sensitive areas such as hospitals, schools and laboratories.

Efforts have not been successful in reducing the noise pollution from popular sports such as carting, motorboating and motocross, where noise levels can exceed 100 dB. In part, this is because individuals do not believe these activities can result in hearing impairment or have other detrimental effects, in spite of the scientific evidence. Argentinean and other Latin American authorities also have not been successful in reducing the sound levels from music centres, such as discotheques, where sound levels can exceed 100 dB between 11 pm and 6 am. However, public protest is increasing and municipal authorities have been applying some control. For instance, in big cities, discotheque owners and others are beginning to seek advice on how to isolate their businesses from apartment buildings and residential areas. Some improvements have been observed, but accepted limits have not yet been generally attained.

United States of America (Larry Finegold)

Noise Exposure.

In the United States, there have only been a few major attempts to describe broad environmental noise exposures. Early estimates for the average daily exposure of various population groups were reported in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Levels Document* (US EPA 1974), but these were only partially verified by subsequent large-scale measurements. Another EPA publication the same year provided estimates of the national population distribution as a function of outdoor noise level, and established population density as the primary predictor of a community's noise exposure (Galloway et al. 1974). Methodological issues that need be considered when measuring community noise, including both temporal and geographic sampling techniques, have been addressed by Eldred (1975). This paper also provided early quantitative estimates of noise exposure at a variety of sites, from an isolated spot on the North rim of the Grand Canyon to a spot in downtown Harlem in New York City. Another nationwide survey focused on exposure to everyday urban noises, rather than the more traditional approach of measuring exposure to high-level transportation noise from aircraft, traffic and rail (Fidel 1978). This study included noise exposure and human response data from over 2 000 participants at 24 sites.

A comprehensive report, *Noise In America: The Extent of the Problem*, included estimates of occupational noise exposure in the US in standard industrial classification categories (Bolt, Berneik & Newman, Inc. 1981). A more recent paper reviewed the long-term trends of noise exposure in the US and its impact over a 30-year time span, starting in the early 1970's. The focus was primarily on motor vehicle and aircraft noise, and the prediction was for steadily decreasing population-weighted day-night sound exposure (Eldred 1988). However, it remains to be seen whether the technological improvements in noise emission, such as changing from Chapter 2 to Chapter 3 aircraft, will be offset in the long run by the larger carriers and increased operations levels that are forecast for all transportation modes. Although never implemented in its entirety, a comprehensive plan for measuring community environmental noise and associated human responses was proposed over 25 years ago in the US (Sutherland et al. 1973).

Environmental Noise Policy in the United States

One of the first major breakthroughs in developing an environmental noise policy in the United States occurred in 1969 with the adoption of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This Congressional Act mandated that the environmental effects of any major development project be assessed if federal funds were involved in the project. Through the Noise Control Act (NCA) of 1972, the U.S. Congress directed the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish scientific information about the kind and extent of all identifiable effects of different qualities and quantities of noise. The US EPA was also requested to define acceptable noise levels under various conditions that would protect the public health and welfare with an adequate margin of safety. To accomplish this objective, the 1974 US EPA *Levels Document* formally introduced prescribed noise descriptors and prescribed levels of environmental noise exposure. Along with its companion document, *Guidelines for Preparing Environmental Impact Statements on Noise*, which was published by the U.S. National Research Council in 1977, the

Levels Document has been the mainstay of U.S. environmental noise policy for nearly a quarter of a century. These documents were supplemented by additional Public Laws, Presidential Executive Orders, and many-tiered noise exposure guidelines, regulations, and Standards. Important examples include *Guidelines for Considering Noise in Land Use Planning and Control*, published in 1980 by the US Federal Interagency Committee on Urban Noise; and *Guidelines for Noise Impact Analysis*, published in 1982 by the US EPA.

One of the distinctive features of the US EPA *Levels Document* is that it does not establish regulatory goals. This is because the noise exposure levels identified in this document were determined by a negotiated scientific consensus and were chosen without concern for their economic and technological feasibility; they also included an additional margin of safety. For these reasons, an A-weighted Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) of 55 dB was selected in the *Levels Document* as that required to totally protect against outdoor activity interference and annoyance. Land use planning guidelines developed since its publication allow for an outdoor DNL exposure in non-sensitive areas of up to 65 dB before sound insulation or other noise mitigation measures must be implemented. Thus, separation of short-, medium- and long-term goals allow noise-exposure goals to be established that are based on human effects research data, yet still allow for the financial and technological constraints within which all countries must work.

The US EPA's Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ONAC) provided a considerable amount of impetus to the development of environmental noise policies for about a decade in the US. During this time, several major US federal agencies, including the US EPA, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Department of Defense, and the Federal Interagency Committee on Noise have all published important documents addressing environmental noise and its effects on people. Lack of funding, however, has made the EPA ONAC largely ineffective in the past decade. A new bill, the *Quiet Communities Act* has recently been introduced in the U.S. Congress to re-enact and fund this office (House of Representatives Bill, H.R. 536). However, the passage of this bill is uncertain, because noise in the US, as in Europe, has not received the attention that other environmental issues have, such as air and water quality.

In the USA there is growing debate over whether to continue to rely on the use of DNL (and the A-Weighted Equivalent Continuous Sound Pressure Level upon which DNL is based) as the primary environmental noise exposure metric, or whether to supplement it with other noise descriptors. Because a growing number of researchers believe that "Sound Exposure" is more understandable to the public, the American National Standards Institute has prepared a new Standard, which allows the equivalent use of either DNL or Sound Exposure (ANSI 1996). The primary purpose of this new standard, however, is to provide a methodology for modeling the Combined or Total Noise Environment, by making numerical adjustments to the exposure levels from various noise sources before assessing their predicted impacts on people. A companion standard (ANSI 1998) links DNL and Sound Exposure with the current USA land use planning table. The latter is currently being updated by a team of people from various federal government agencies and when completed should improve the capabilities of environmental and community land-use planners. These documents will complement the newly revised ANSI standard on

acoustical terminology (ANSI 1994).

To summarize progress in noise control made in the USA in the nearly 25 years since the initial national environmental noise policy documents were written, the Acoustical Society of America held a special session in Washington, D.C. in 1995. The papers presented in this special session were then published as a collaborative effort between the Acoustical Society of America and the Institute of Noise Control Engineering (von Gierke & Johnson 1996). This document is available from the Acoustical Society of America, as are a wide range of standards related to various environmental noise and bioacoustics topics from the ANSI.

A document from the European Union is now also available, which includes guidelines for addressing noise in environmental assessments (EU 1996). Policy documents from organizations such as ISO, CEN, and ICAO have shown that international cooperation is quite possible in the environmental noise arena. The ISO document, entitled *Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise* (ISO 1996), and other international standards have already proven themselves to be invaluable in moving towards the development of a harmonized environmental noise policy. The best way to move forward in developing a harmonized environmental noise policy is to take a look at the various national policies that have already been adopted in many countries, including those both from the European member states and from the USA, and to decide what improvements need to be made to the existing policy documents. A solid understanding of the progress that has already been achieved around the world would obviously provide the foundation for the development of future noise policies.

Implementation Concepts and Tools

Development of appropriate policies, regulations, and standards, particularly in the noise measurement and impact assessment areas, is a necessary foundation for implementing effective noise abatement policies and noise control programs. A well-trained cadre of environmental planners will be needed in the future to perform land-use planning and environmental impact analysis. These professionals will require both a new generation of standardized noise propagation models to deal with the Total Noise Environment, as well as sophisticated computer-based impact analysis and land-use planning tools.

A more thorough description of the current noise environment in major cities, suburbs, and rural areas is needed to support the noise policy development process. A new generation of noise measurement and monitoring systems, along with standards related to their use, are already providing considerable improvement in our ability to accurately describe complex noise environments. Finally, both active and passive noise control technologies, and other noise mitigation techniques, are rapidly becoming available for addressing local noise problems. Combined with a strong public awareness and education program, land-use planning and noise abatement efforts certainly have the potential to provide us with an environment with acceptable levels of noise exposure.

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AFRICAN REGION

South Africa (Etienne Grand, South Africa)

Introduction

Cultural and developmental levels diverge greatly in South Africa, and the country can be divided into a first world sector, a developing sector and a third world sector. This contributes to huge variations in both the awareness of noise pollution and in population exposure to noise pollution. Noise-related health problems will in all probability show the same large variations.

Legal requirements

Noise control in South Africa has a history dating back about three decades. Noise control began with codes of practice issued by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) to address noise pollution in different sectors. Since then, Section 25 of the Environment Conservation Act (Act 73 of 1989) made provision for the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism to regulate noise, vibration and shock at the national level. These regulations were published in 1990 and local authorities could apply to the Minister to make them applicable in their areas of jurisdiction. However, a number of the bigger local authorities did not apply for the regulations since they already had by-laws in place, which they felt were sufficient. By the middle of 1992 only 29 local authorities had applied the regulations and so the act was changed to make it obligatory for all authorities to apply the regulations. However, by the time the regulations were ready to be published, the new Constitution of South Africa came into effect and this listed noise control as an exclusive legislative competence of provincial and local authorities. This meant that the national government could not publish the regulations. However, provincial governments have agreed to publish the regulations in their respective areas. The regulations will apply to all local authorities as soon as they are published in the provinces, and will give local authorities both the power and the obligation to enforce the regulations.

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism also published regulations during 1997 to make Environmental Impact Assessments mandatory for most new developments, as well as for changes in existing developments. This means that any impact that a development might have on its surrounding environment must be evaluated and, where necessary, the impact must be mitigated to acceptable levels. The noise control regulations also state that a local authority may declare a "controlled area," which is an area where the average noise level exceeds 65 dBA over a period of 24 h period. This means that educational and residential buildings, hospitals and churches may not be situated within such areas.

Occupational noise exposure is regulated by the Department of Manpower, under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act 85 of 1993). These regulations states that workers may not be exposed to noise levels of higher than 85 dBA and that those exposed to such levels must make use of equipment to protect their hearing. The problem, however, is that most workers tend not to make use of the provided equipment, either because the equipment is not comfortable, or because they are not aware of the risks high noise levels pose to their hearing. A further problem is that small industries often do not supply the workers with the necessary

equipment, or supply inferior equipment that is less costly.

Codes of practice

The codes of practice issued by the SABS were for the most part replaced by IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) standards and adopted as SABS ISO codes of practice. They are still being used in South Africa and are regularly updated. A relevant list can be found in the references. The SABS has also published a number of recommended practices (ARP). These include the ARP 020: "Sound impact investigations for integrated environmental management" that is currently being upgraded to a code of practice. Such codes of practice can be referred to as requirements in legislation and will be known as SABS 0328: "Methods for environmental noise impact assessments." The codes of practice published in South Africa cover hearing protection; measurement of noise; occupational noise; environmental noise; airplane noise; and building acoustics, etc.

Courses

Local authorities responsible for applying regulations published by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism must employ a noise control officer who has at least three years tertiary education in engineering, physical sciences or health sciences, and who is registered with a professional council. Alternatively, a consultant with similar training may be employed. Most of the universities in South Africa provide the relevant training, with at least part of the training in acoustics. Universities and technical colleges also provide a number of special acoustics courses. Over the last couple of years awareness of environmental conservation has expanded dramatically within the academic community, and most universities and colleges now have degree courses in environmental management. At the very least, these courses include a six-month module in acoustics, and usually also include training in basic mathematics; the physics of sound; sound measuring methodologies, and noise pollution.

Community awareness and exposure to noise pollution

This topic should be discussed with respect to three separate population sectors: the first-world sector (developed), the developing sector and the third-world sector (rural).

Developed sector

This sector of the population is more-or-less as developed as their European and American counterparts. They have been exposed to noise pollution for a considerable time and, for the most part, are aware of the health consequences of high noise levels. People in this group are also aware of the existence of legal measures by which noise pollution can be addressed. Not surprisingly, most of the complaints and legal action regarding noise pollution are received from this group. Information about noise-related health problems is very limited, but because this group is highly aware of the risks posed by high noise levels, future studies will probably show that people in this category have the fewest health problems. The majority of people in this group are less exposed to high noise levels at work, and they live in more affluent neighborhoods with large plots and separating walls. Their houses tend to be built with materials that are noise

reducing. They also live further away from major noise-producing activities, such as highways, airports and large industries.

Developing sector

This sector of the population has the greatest exposure to high noise levels, both at home and in the workplace. Overall, they are relatively poor and cannot afford to live in quiet areas, or afford large plots or solid building materials. A large component of this sector resides in squatter communities where buildings are made of any material available, from plastic to corrugated sheets and wood. The buildings are right next to each other and there is almost no noise attenuation between residences.

People in this category usually live close to major access routes into the cities, because they make use of public transportation and taxis to get to their places of work. Often, too, they live close to their places of work, which are usually big industries with relatively high levels of noise pollution. These people usually work in high noise areas, and because of their lack of awareness of the effects of high noise levels, often do not make use of available hearing protection equipment. Because of a lack of funds, these people also cannot get out of high noise areas and go to recreational areas for relaxation and lower noise levels. Not much information is available on the adverse health problems in this sector. However, workers in this sector should undergo regular medical examinations and the results can be obtained from the industries involved.

Rural sector

As the name suggests, people in this sector live in rural surroundings and for the most part are not subjected to noise levels that could be detrimental to their health. However, they are almost totally unaware of the risks posed by high noise levels. Some of these people work on farms and work with machinery that emits relatively high noise levels, but because of their lack of awareness they do not make use of hearing protection equipment. One advantage they do have is that they return to homes in quiet surroundings and their hearing has a chance to recover. To date, no studies have been carried out to determine the state of their hearing and it would be impossible to state that they have no health problems related to high noise levels.

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EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION (Shabih H. Zaidi)

Scope

In the Eastern Mediterranean region some countries have highly developed industries, while others have none. In other cases, the agricultural economy is inseparably mixed with high-technology industries, such as the oil industry, which can be seen in nearly the whole of the Arabian Peninsula. Other examples of where agriculture and industry are intertwined can be seen in Pakistan, Jordan and Egypt. The main focus of this paper is community noise, but because industry is so widely distributed, some discussion of industrial noise is inevitable. The scope of this paper is to document the available scientific data on community noise in the WHO Regional Office of the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) region, including preventive strategies, legislation, compensation and future trends.

Sources of Noise Pollution

Sources of noise pollution in the Eastern Mediterranean region include noise from transportation, social and religious activities, building and civil works, roadside workshops, mechanical floor shops and others. During civil works and building booms, noise levels in all countries of the Eastern Mediterranean region could easily reach 85dBA during the daytime over an 8 h work period. In Pakistan, unprotected construction work goes on at all times of the day and night and uses outdated machinery; and the noise is compounded by workers shouting. On a typical building site noise levels reach 90–100 dBA.

In Karachi, the main artery for daily commuters is a long road that terminates at the harbor. In the densest area of this road there are a hundred small and large mechanical workshops, garages, metal sheet workers, dent removers, painters, welders and repair shops, all of which create a variety of noises. In the middle of this area at the Tibet Centre the LAeq,8h is 90dBA (Zaidi 1989). A similar picture is seen elsewhere in cities like Lahore, Peshawar, etc. Fortunately, the same is not true for other newly built cities in the EMRO region, such as Dubai, or Tripoli, where strict rules separate industrial zones from residential areas.

A special noise problem is Karachi harbour. This port serves the whole of Pakistan as well as Afghanistan and several Asian states, such as Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. The noise level at the main wharf of Karachi Port ranges between 90–110 dBA on any given day. Other special sources of noise are the Eastern Mediterranean airports, and indeed most of the airports in the Middle East. Most northbound air traffic originates in Pakistan, Dubai, Sharjah etc. and flights usually depart after midnight so as to arrive in Europe during the daytime. A study is currently underway in Karachi to identify the damage caused by these nocturnal flights to those living under the flight path (SH Zaidi, GH Shaikh & AN Zaidi, personal communication).

Sadly, violence has become part of Eastern culture and is a significant source of noise pollution. Wars generate a lot of noise, and although noise-induced hearing loss is a secondary issue compared with the killing, after the wars many people are hearing impaired. This has been seen following conflicts in Balochistan, Peshawar and Afghanistan, where perforated ear drums,

profound hearing loss and stress-related psychosomatic illnesses are common in the refugee camps. The noise levels during a recent mass demonstration in Karachi, which included the firing of automatic weapons, reached 120 dBA at a distance of 50 m from the scene.

The Effects of Noise on Health

There is good evidence that environmental noise causes a range of health effects, including hearing loss, annoyance, cardiovascular changes, sleep disturbance and psychological effects. Although the health effects of noise pollution have not been documented for the entire EMRO region, data are available for Pakistan and can be used to illustrate the general problem. In this report, noise exposure is mainly expressed as LAeq,24h values.

Noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL).

It is believed that exposure to environmental noise in the EMRO countries is directly related to the living habits, economic prosperity and outdoor habits of people. It has been estimated that no more than 5% of the people are exposed to environmental sound levels in excess of 65dBA over a 24-h period. Similarly, for indoor noise, it is believed that the average family is not exposed to sound levels in excess of 70 dBA over a 24-h period. However, it is difficult to generalize for all countries in the EMRO region, because of ancient living styles and different cultural practices, such as taking siestas between 13:00–16:00 and stopping work at 20:00.

Exposure to noise while travelling to schools, offices or workplaces may vary tremendously between cities in the region. In Karachi, for example, traffic flow is undisciplined, erratic and irrational, with LAeq,8h values of 80–85 dBA. In Riyadh, by contrast, traffic flow is orderly with LAeq levels of 70 dBA during a normal working day. In Karachi, noise levels show significant diurnal variation, reaching levels in excess of 140 dB during the peak rush hour at around 5.00 p.m. (Zaidi 1989). At the Tibet Centre, located at a busy downtown junction, noise levels were 60–70 dB at 9 am, but reached levels in excess of 140 dB between 5–7 p.m. A study conducted on a day that transportation workers went on strike established that road traffic is the most significant source of noise pollution in this city: in the absence of buses, rickshaws, trucks and other public vehicles the LAeq level declined from 90dB to 75dB (Zaidi 1990). Motor engines, horns, loud music on public buses and rickshaws generate at least 65% of the noise in Karachi (Zaidi 1997; Shams 1997). Rickshaws can produce noise levels of 100–110 dBA and do not have silencers. On festive occasions, such as national holidays or political rallies, motorbikes running at high speeds along the Clifton beach in Karachi easily make noise exceeding 120 dBA. (Zaidi 1996).

Another study conducted at 14 different sites in Karachi showed that, in 11 of the sites, the average noise level ranged between 79–80 dB (Hosan & Zaidi 1995). The maximum noise levels at all these sites exceeded 100 dB. Speech interference, measured by the Preferred Speech Interference Level and the Articulation Index, was significant (Shaikh & Rizvi 1990). The study results indicated that two people facing each other at a distance of 1.2 m would have to shout to be intelligible; and the Articulation Indexes demonstrated that communication was unsatisfactory. Of perhaps greater concern are the results of a survey of 587 males between the ages of 17 and 45 years old, who worked as shopkeepers, vehicle drivers, builders and office

assistants. Audiograms showed that 14.6% of the subjects had significant hearing impairment at 3 000–4 000 Hertz (Hasan et al., 2000).

Noise pollution from leisure activities can vary from country to country in the EMRO region. The Panthans in northern Pakistan, for example, like to shoot in the air on festive occasions, such as weddings, without using any noise protection devices. A minimum of 1 000 shots are fired on such occasions; and at a traditional tribal dance called the "Khattak" the noise level recorded during a particularly enthralling performance in a sports arena was 120 dBA. The hunting of wild bear is a common sport in the hinterlands of Sindh. With the rifle shots and the noise made by the hunters, noise levels can easily reach 110–120 dBA. In some EMRO countries, the younger crowd has taken up the Western habit of listening to Pop music for many hours. Discos and floorshows are confined to a few countries, such as Egypt. Open-air concerts are usually held in stadiums. The noise level recorded at a particularly popular concert was 130 dBA at a distance of 20 m from the stage and 35 m from the amplifiers.

In a study of road traffic at 25 different sites in Peshawar, the third most populous city in Pakistan, 90 traffic constables were taken as cohorts to investigate the extent of NIHL. Of these, 50 did not have any previous history of noise exposure and were taken as controls. Detailed evaluation and audiological investigations established that constables exposed to a noise level of 90 dBA for 8 hours every day suffered from NIHL. Compared to the control subjects, the constables had significant hearing impairment at 3 000 Hz, measured by Pure Tone Audiometry (Akhter 1996).

A similar study of traffic constables in Karachi showed that 82.8% of the constables suffered from NIHL (Itrat & Zaidi 1999). The study also showed that 33.3% of rickshaw drivers, and 56.9% of shopkeepers who worked in noisy bazaars, had hearing impairment. If these findings can be extrapolated to the total populations, there are 1 566 traffic constables (out of a total of 1 890 constables), and 4 067 rickshaw drivers (out of a total of 12 202 drivers) who suffer from NIHL. As has been reported by other researchers, the study also found evidence of acclimatization in the subjects: following an initial, rapid decline, hearing loss stabilized after prolonged noise exposure.

Annoyance.

The citizens of Karachi commonly complain that noise causes irritability and stress. The main sources have been identified as traffic noise, industrial noise and noise generated by human activity. Unfortunately no data are available for the level of annoyance caused by noise exposure in the EMRO region. From limited research around the world, it can be estimated that 35–40% of employees in office buildings are seriously annoyed by noise at sound levels in excess of 55–60 dBA. In countries such as Pakistan, Iran, Jordan and Egypt that level is often seen in most offices. Annoyance is a non-tangible entity and cannot be quantified scientifically. It is a human reaction and perhaps its parameters could include irritability, apprehension, fear, anger, frustration, uneasiness, apathy, chaos and confusion. If such are the parameters, then on a scale of 0–10, with 10 being the greatest annoyance, many EMRO countries could easily score 6 or higher.

Effects of noise on sleep and the cardiovascular system.

In the Eastern Mediterranean region no specific data are available on the effects of noise on sleep or the cardiovascular system. However, factory workers, traffic constables, rickshaw drivers and shopkeepers frequently complain about fatigue, irritability and headaches, and one of the most common causes of poor performance in offices is sleep disturbance. The rising incidence of tinnitus in cities like Karachi is also related to noise exposure, and tinnitus itself can lead to sleep deprivation. Although the effects of noise on the cardiovascular system have been well documented for other countries (Herglund & Lindvall 1995), data are lacking for the EMRO region. However, the prevalence of cardiovascular diseases are on the rise in the EMRO countries, particularly hypertension. While most of the increase in these diseases is due to a rich diet and lack of exercise, the relationship between noise and cardiovascular changes is worth investigating.

The risk to unborn babies and newborns.

Although evidence from other countries indicates that noise may damage the hearing of a fetus, there are no data from the EMRO countries to confirm this. With newborn babies, however, noise from incubators is a major cause of hearing loss in the EMRO region, particularly as 20-27% of them are born underweight (Razi et al. 1995). Once exposed to noise in an incubator, the chances of hearing impairment rapidly rises compared with cohorts in developed countries. Several other factors have also been identified as causing deafness and hearing impairment in newborns in the Eastern Mediterranean region (Zaidi 1998, Zakrouk et al. 1994). They are:

- a. Discharge from the ears.
- b. Communicable infections.
- c. Ototoxicity.
- d. Noise.
- e. Consanguinity.
- f. Iodine deficiency.

Noise Control

Although noise control legislation exists in several EMRO countries, it is seldom enforced, particularly in Pakistan and some neighboring countries. Noise control begins with education, public awareness and the appropriate use of media in highlighting the effects of noise. In Calcutta, for instance, public orientation and mass media mobilization have produced tangible results, and this can easily be done in other countries. Three strategies have been devised for noise control, all of which are practicable in EMRO region countries. They are control at the source, control along the path and control at the receiving end.

There are many ways noise can be controlled at the source. For example, most of the equipment and machinery used in EMRO countries is imported from the West. Noise control could begin by importing quieter machinery, built with newer materials like ceramics or frictionless parts. And at the local level, the timely replacement of parts and proper maintenance of the machines should be carried out. Vehicles like the rickshaw should be banned, or at least be compelled to maintain their silencers, and all vehicles must be put to a road worthiness test periodically. This already occurs in some EMRO countries, but not all. Horns, hooters, music players and other noise making factors must also be controlled. The use of amplifiers and public address systems should also be banned, and social, leisure and religious activities should be restricted to specific places and times.

Along the sound path, barriers can be used to control noise. There are three kinds of barriers available, namely, space absorbers made out of porous material, resonant absorbers and panel absorbers. Architects, for example, use hollow blocks of porous material. The air gaps between building walls not only keep the buildings cool in hot weather, but also reduce the effects of noise. Ceilings and roofs are often treated with absorbent material. In large factories, architects use corrugated sheets and prefabricated material, which are helpful in reducing noise levels. In Pakistan, some people use clay pots in closely ranked positions on rooftops to reduce the effect of heat as well as noise. For civic works and buildings, special enclosures, barriers and vibration controlling devices should be used. Public halls, such as cinemas, mosques and meeting places should have their walls and floors carpeted, and covered with hangings, mats etc. An effective material is jute, which is grown in many countries, mainly Bangladesh, and it is quite economical. Some of the old highways and most of the busy expressways need natural noise barriers, such as earth banks, trees and plants.

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SOUTH-EAST ASIAN REGION. (Sudhakar B. Ogale)

Introduction

The ability to hear sound is a sensory function vital for human survival and communication. However, not all sounds are wanted. Unwanted sounds, for which the term "noise" is normally used, often originate from human activities such as road traffic, rail traffic, aircraft, discos, electric power generators, festivals, firecrackers and toys. In general, however, data on noise pollution in South east Asian countries are not available. For example, there are no comprehensive statistical data regarding the incidence and etiology of hearing impairment. Consequently, it is difficult to estimate the exact percentage of the population affected by community noise.

Excessive noise is the major contributor to many stress conditions. It reduces resistance to illness by decreasing the efficiency of the immune system, and is the direct cause of some gastrointestinal problems. Noise also increases the use of drugs, disturbs sleep and increases proneness to accidents. An increased incidence of mental illness and hospital admissions, increases in absenteeism from work and lethargy from sleep disturbance all result from noise pollution and cause considerable loss of industrial production.

Noise Exposure in India

India is rapidly becoming industrialized and more mechanized, which directly affects noise levels. However, no general population study regarding the magnitude of the noise problem in India has been performed.

Road Traffic Noise

Exposure A study by the Indian Institute of Road Traffic (IRT) reported that Delhi was the noisiest city in India, followed by Calcutta and Bombay (IRT 1996; Santra & Chakrabarty 1996). The survey examined whether road-traffic noise affected people with respect to annoyance, sleep disturbance, interference with communication and hearing impairment. It showed that 35% of the population in four major cities have bilateral sensory neural hearing loss at noise emission levels above 82 dBA. This is of particular concern in light of a second study, showing that LAeq,24h levels at 24 kerbside locations in Calcutta were 80–92 dBA (Chakrabarty et al. 1997). The mean noise emission levels of four different vehicle categories are presented in Table A2.1.

Table A2.1: Mean noise emission levels of vehicles

Type of vehicle	Mean sound pressure level
2 wheelers (motor cycle)	82 dBA
3 wheelers (auto rickshaw)	87 dBA
Motor car (taxi, private cars)	85 dBA
Heavy vehicles (trucks)	92 dBA

Control Measures. Only recently has noise pollution been considered an offence in India, under the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986. Several measures are being taken to reduce traffic-noise exposure. These include:

- Planting trees, shrubs and hedges along roadsides.
- Mandatory, periodic vehicle inspections by road traffic control.
- Reintroduction of silent zones, such as around schools, nursing homes and hospitals that face main roads.
- Regulation of traffic discipline, and a ban on the use of pressure horns.
- Enforcement of exhaust noise standards.
- Mandating that silencers be effective in three-wheeled vehicles.
- The use and construction of bypass roads for heavy vehicles.
- Limiting night-time access of heavy vehicles to roads in residential neighbourhoods.
- Installation of sound-proof windows.
- Proper planning of new towns and buildings.

Air Traffic Noise

Many airports were originally built at some distance from the towns they served. But due to growing populations and the lack of space, buildings are now commonly constructed alongside airports in India.

Exposure A survey revealed that aircraft produced a high level of noise during take-off, with sound pressure levels of 97–109 dBA for the Airbus, and 109 dBA for Boeing aircraft (SB Ogale, unpublished observations). During landing, the aircraft produced a sound pressure level of 108 dBA. Although exposure to aircraft noise is considered to be less of a problem than exposure to traffic noise, the effects of air traffic noise are similar to those of road traffic, and include palpitations and frequent awakenings at night.

Control measures. The use of ear muffs must be made obligatory at the airport. This can reduce noise exposure to a safe level. An air-traffic control act should also enforce the use and introduction of low-noise aircraft, and mandate fewer night-time flights.

Rail Traffic Noise

Very little attention has been paid to the problems of railway noise.

Exposure. In Bombay, where the majority of residential buildings are situated on either side of railway tracks, residents are more prone to suffer from acoustic trauma. More than 14% of the population in Bombay suffer from sleep disturbances during night, due to high-speed trains and their whistling. A study on surface railways (SB Ogale, unpublished observations) revealed that platform noise was 71–73 dBA in the morning and 78–83 dBA in the evening. The noise from loudspeakers mounted in the platform was 87–90 dBA. At a distance of 1 m from the engine, the whistle noise was 105–108 dBA for a train with an electric engine, up to 110 dBA for a train with diesel engine and 118 dBA for steam engine trains. Vacuum brakes produced noise levels as high as 95 dBA. This suggests that unprotected railway staff on platforms are at risk of permanent noise induced hearing loss.

Festival noise

Festival noise in India was first surveyed in Bombay in late 1970, during the Ganapati festival period. A similar study (Santra et al. 1996) was conducted soon after in Calcutta at the Durga Pooja festival during evening hours (18:00–22:00). The music from loudspeakers produces sound pressure levels of more than 112 dBA. During the festival period the residents experienced a noisy environment for 8–10 h at a stretch, with noise level of 85–95 dBA. This level is above the 80 dBA limit set by WHO for industrial workers exposed to noise for a maximum period of 8 hours.

Control measures. In a religious country, it is politically difficult to restrict religious music, even in the interests of public health. A ban on all music from loudspeakers after 22:00 would decrease the sound pressure levels to below the permissible legal limit. A preventive programme is advocated to measure noise levels with sound level metres.

Fire crackers and toy weapons noise

Exposure. A study conducted by Gupta & Vishvakarma (1989) at the time of Deepawali, an Indian festival of fireworks, determined the auditory status of 600 volunteers from various age groups, before and after exposure to firecrackers. The study also measured the acoustical output of representative samples of toy weapons and firecrackers, and the noise intensity level at critical spectator points. The average sound level at a distance of 3 m from the noise source was 150 dBA, exceeding the 130 dBA level at which adults are at risk for hearing damage. On average, 2.5% of the people surveyed during Deepawali had persistent sensory neural hearing loss of 30 dBA, with those in the 9–15 year old age group being most affected.

Control Measures. A judicious approach in the manufacture and use of toy weapons and firecrackers is encouraged, in addition to legal restraints. Fireworks should be more a display of light, rather than sound.

Generator Noise

Diesel generators are often used in India to produce electric power. Big generators produce sound pressure levels exceeding 96 dBA (SB Ogale, unpublished observations).

Conclusions

No comprehensive statistical data are available for community noise in India, however, the main sources of environmental noise are road traffic, air traffic, rail traffic, festivals, firecrackers and diesel generators. The adverse effects of noise are difficult to quantify, since tolerance to noise levels and to different types of noise varies considerably between people. Noise intensity also varies significantly from place to place. It should also be noted that noise data from different countries are often not obtained by the same method, and in general models have been used which are based on data from a limited number of locations. Noise control measures could be taken at several levels, including building design, legal measures, and educating the people on the health dangers of community noise. In India, what is needed now is noise control legislation and its strict enforcement, if a friendly, low-noise environment is to be maintained.

Noise Exposure in Indonesia

According to a report by the WHO, the noise exposure and control situation in Indonesia is as follows (Dickinson 1993).

Exposure. No nationwide data are available for Indonesia. However, during the last three decades there has been rapid growth in transportation, industry and tourism in Indonesia.

Control Measures. With the large majority of people having little income, protection of the physical environment has not been a first-order priority. The following recommendations have been made with respect to community noise (Dickinson 1993):

- a. The cities of Indonesia have relatively large populations and each provincial government will need the staff and equipment to monitor and manage the environment.
- b. Sound level meters with noise analysis computer programmes should be purchased.
- c. Training courses and adequate equipment should be provided.

- d. Noise management planning for airports should be promoted.
- e. Reduction measures should be taken for road-traffic noise.

Noise Exposure in Bangladesh

Exposure. In Bangladesh no authentic statistical data on the effects of community noise on deafness or hearing impairment are available (Amin 1995).

Control Measures. Governments have meager resources, a vast population to contend with and high illiteracy rates; consequently, priorities are with fighting hunger, malnutrition, diseases and various man-made and natural calamities. The governments are unable to give the necessary attention towards the prevention, early detection and management of noise disabilities in the country. Close cooperation is needed between the national and international organizations, to exchange ideas, skills and knowledge (Amin 1995).

Noise Exposure in Thailand

Exposure. Noise from traffic, construction, and from factories and industry has become a big problem in the Bangkok area. The National Environmental Board of Thailand was set up two decades ago and has been active in studying the pollution problems in Thailand. Indeed, a committee on noise pollution control was set up to study the noise pollution in Bangkok area and its surroundings. Although regulations and recommendations were made for controlling various sources of noise, the problem was not solved due to a lack of public awareness, the difficulty of proving that noise had adverse effects on health and hearing, and the difficulty of getting access to control noise. A general survey revealed that 21.4% of the Bangkok population is suffering from sensory neural hearing loss (Prasanchuk 1997). Noise sources included street noise, traffic noise, industrial noise and leisure noise.

Control Measures. In 1996, regulations for noise pollution control set LAeq,24h levels at 70 dBA for residential areas, and less than 50 dBA to avoid annoyance. The National Committee on Noise Pollution Control has been asked to study the health effects of noise in the Bangkok area and its surroundings, and determine whether these regulations are realistic and feasible.

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WESTERN PACIFIC REGION.

In this section, information on noise pollution and control will be given for three countries in the Western Pacific Region, namely Australia, the People's Republic of China and Japan. From a noise pollution point of view China may be viewed as a developing country, whereas Japan and Australia, with their high level of industrialization, represent developed countries.

Australia (Andrew Hede & Michinari Kahuta)

Exposure. Australia has a population of 18 million with the majority living in cities that have experienced increasing noise pollution from a number of sources. The single most serious source of noise is road traffic, although in major cities such as Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, large communities are exposed to aircraft noise as well. Other important sources of noise pollution are railway noise and neighbourhood noise (including barking dogs, lawn mowers and garbage collection). A particular problem in Australia is that the climate encourages most residents to live with open windows, and few houses have effective noise insulation.

A study of road-traffic noise was conducted at 264 sites in 11 urban centres with populations in excess of 100 000 people (Brown et al. 1994). Noise was measured one metre from the façade of the most exposed windows and at window height. From the results, it was estimated that over 9% of the Australian population is exposed to LA10,18h levels of 68 dB or greater, and 19% of the population is exposed to noise levels of 63 dB or greater. In terms of LAeq values for daytimes, noise exposure in Australia is worse than in the Netherlands, but better than in Germany, France, Switzerland or Japan.

Control. In the mid-1990's, when a third runway was built at Sydney Airport, the government funded noise insulation of high-exposed dwellings. Increasingly, too, major cities are using noise barriers along freeways adjacent to residential communities. In most states barriers are mandatory for new freeways and for new residential developments along existing freeways and major motorways. There has been considerable testing of noise barriers by state agencies, to develop designs and materials that are cost effective.

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China (Chen Ming)

Introduction

Urban noise pollution has become a contemporary world problem. Urban noise influences people's living, learning and working. People exposed to noise feel disagreeable and cannot concentrate on work. Rest and sleep are also disturbed. People exposed to high-intensity noise

do not hear alarm signals and cannot communicate with each other. This can result in injury and, indeed, with the modernization of China, construction accidents related to noise are increasing. According to statistics for several cities in China, including Beijing, Shanghai, Tientsin and Fuzhou, the proportion of total accidents that were noise related was 29.7% in 1979, 34.6% in 1980, 44.8% in 1981 and 50% in 1990. It is therefore very important to control noise pollution in China.

Long-term exposure to urban environmental noise can lead to temporary hearing loss (assessed by temporary threshold shift), permanent hearing loss (assessed by permanent threshold shift) or deafness. Microscopy studies have shown that in people exposed to noise for long periods, hair cells, nerve fibers and ganglion cells were absent in the cochleae, especially in the basal turns. The primary lesion is in the 8–10 mm region of the cochlea, which is responsible for detecting sound at a frequency of 4 000 Hz. People chronically exposed to noise may first complain about tinnitus and, later on, about hearing loss. This is especially true for patients who have bilateral hearing loss at 4 000 Hz, but who have relatively good hearing at other frequencies. Non-auditory symptoms of noise include effects on the nervous system, cardiovascular system and blood system. These symptoms were rarely observed in China in the past, but today more and more people complain about hearing damage and non-auditory physiological effects.

Urban environmental noise has thus become a common concern of all members of society. A key to resolving the complex noise issue lies in the effective control of urban noise sources. Control measures include reducing noise at its source, changing noise transmission pathways, building design, community planning and the use of personal hearing protection.

Urban environmental noise sources can be divided into industrial noise, traffic noise, building architecture noise and community district noise sources. Only the last three types are of concern here.

Traffic Noise

There are four sources of traffic noise: road traffic, railway transport, civil aviation and water transport; of these, road traffic is the main source of urban noise. The sound emission levels of heavy-duty trucks are 82–92 dBA and 90–100 dBA for electric horns; air horns are even worse, with sound emission levels of 105–110 dBA. Most urban noise from automobiles is in the 70–75 dB range, and it has been estimated that 27% of all complaints are about traffic noise. When a commercial jet takes off, speech communication is interrupted for up to 1 km on both sides of the runway, but people as far away as 4 km are disturbed in their sleep and rest. If a supersonic passenger plane flies at an altitude of 1 500 m, its sound pressure waves can be heard on the ground in a 30–50 km radius.

Building Noise

As a result of urban development in China, construction noise has become an increasingly serious problem. It is estimated that 80% of the houses in Fuzhou were built in the past 20 years. According to statistics, the noise from ramming in posts and supports is about 88 dB and the noise from bulldozers and excavators is about 91 dB, 10 m from the equipment. About 98% of

industrial noise is in the 80–105 dB range, and it is estimated that 20% of all noise complaints is about industrial noise.

Community Noise

The main sources of community noise include street noise, noise from electronic equipment (air conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines, televisions), music, clocks, gongs and drums. Trumpets, gongs, drums and firecrackers, in particular, seriously disturb normal life and lead to annoyance complaints.

In conclusion, urban noise pollution in China is serious and is getting worse. To control noise pollution, China has promulgated standard sound values for environmental noise. These are summarized in table A2.2

Table A2.2: LAeq standard values in dB for environmental noise in urban areas.

Applied area	day	night
Special residential quarters ¹	45	35
Residential and cultural education area ²	50	40
Type 1 mixed area ³	55	45
Type 2 mixed area ⁴ or commercial area	60	50
Industrial area	65	55
Arterial roads ⁵	70	55

1 Special residential quarters: quiet residential area

2 Residential and cultural education area: residential quarters, cultural, educational offices

3 Type 1 mixed area: mixture of commercial area and residential quarters

4 Type 2 mixed area: mixture of industrial area, commercial area, residential quarters and others

5 Roads with traffic volume of more than 100 cars per hour

The peak sound levels for frequent noises emitted during the night-time are not allowed to exceed standard values by more than 10 dBA. Single, sudden noises during the night-time are not allowed to exceed standard values by more than 15dBA.

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Japan (Michimori Kabuto)

Environmental Quality Standards

Noise standards for both general and roadside areas were set in Japan in 1967, through the "Basic Law for Environmental Pollution." This law was updated in September 1999. Each standard is classified according to the type of land use and the time of day. In ordinary residential areas, the night-time standard is 45 dB LAeq, but in areas that require even lower noise exposure, such as hospitals, this is lowered to 40 dB LAeq. In contrast, the daytime levels for commercial and industrial areas is as high as 60 dBA. Standards for roadside areas are 70 dB LAeq for daytime and 65 dB LAeq for nighttime. Between 1973-1997 noise standards for aircraft noise, super-express train noise and conventional railway train noise were also implemented. Standards for aircraft noise were set in terms of the weighted equivalent continuous perceived noise level (WECPNL). For residential areas, the WECPNL standard is 70 dBA, and is 75 dBA for areas where it is necessary to maintain a normal daily life.

For super-express trains, the Environmental Agency required noise levels to be below 75 dBA in densely populated residential areas, such as along the Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen lines, as well as in increasingly populated areas, such as along the Tohoku and Joetsu Shinkansen lines. The standards were to be met by 1990, but by 1991 this level had been achieved at only 76% of the measuring sites on average. Noise countermeasures included the installation of new types of sound-proof walls, and laying ballast mats along densely populated stretches of the four Shinkansen lines. Noise and vibration problems can also result from conventional trains, such as occurred with the opening of the Tsugaru Strait and Seto Ohashi railway lines in 1988. Various measures have since been taken to address the problems.

Complaints About Community Noise.

In Japan, complaints to local governments about environmental problems have been summarized annually and reported by Japan Environmental Agency. Thirty-seven percent of all complaints was due to factory (machinery) noise; 22% to construction noise; 3% to road traffic noise; 4% to air traffic noise; 0.8% to rail traffic noise; 4% to night-time business; 6% to other commercial activities; 2.5% to loudspeaker announcements; 9% to domestic noise; and 8% was due to miscellaneous complaints.

Sources of Noise Exposure and their Effects

Road-traffic noise. The number of automobiles in Japan has increased from 20 million in 1971 to 70 million in 1994, a 3.5-fold increase. One-third of this increase was due to heavy-duty vehicles. Since 1994, out of a total of 1 150 000 km of roads in Japan, only 29 930 km have been designed according to noise regulations. According to 1998 estimates by the Environmental Agency, 58% of all roads passed through residential areas. Daytime noise limits were exceeded in 92% of all cases, and night-time limits were exceeded in 87% of all cases. The study also estimated that 0.5 million houses within 10 m of the roads were exposed to excessive traffic noise. In a recent lawsuit, the Japanese Supreme Court ruled that people should be compensated when exposed to night-time noise levels exceeding 65 dB LAeq. This would apply to people living alongside 2 000 km of roads in Japan.

A recent epidemiological study examined insomnia in 3 600 women living in eight different roadside areas exposed to night-time traffic. Insomnia was defined as one or more of the following symptoms: difficulty in falling asleep; waking up during sleep; waking up too early; and feelings of sleeplessness one or more days a week over a period of at least a month. The data were adjusted for confounding variables, such as age, medical care, whether the subjects had young children to care for, and sleep apnea symptoms. The results showed that the odds ratio for insomnia was significantly correlated with the average night-time traffic volume for each of the eight areas and suggested that insomnia could be attributed solely to night-time road traffic.

From the most noisy areas in the above study 19 insomnia cases were selected for a further in-depth examination. The insomnia cases were matched in age and work with 19 control subjects. Indoor and outdoor sound levels during sleep were measured simultaneously at 0.6 s intervals. For residences facing roads with average night-time traffic volume of 6 000 vehicles per hour, the highest sound levels observed were 78–93 dBA. The odds ratios for insomnia in each of the quartiles for LAmax,1min; L50,1min; L10,1min and LAeq,1min generally showed a linear trend and ranged between 1 (lowest quartile) and 6–7 (highest quartile). It was concluded that insomnia was likely to result when night-time indoor LAeq,1min sound levels exceeded 30 dBA.

Air-traffic noise At the larger Japanese airports (Osaka, Tokyo, Fukuoka), jet airplanes have rapidly increased in number and have caused serious complaints and lawsuits from those living nearby. Complaints about jet-fighter noise are also common from residents living in the vicinity of several U.S. airbases located in Japan. In the case of Kadena and Futenma airbases on Okinawa, a recent study by the Okinawa Prefecture Government suggested that hearing loss, child misbehaviour and low birth-weight babies were possible health effects of the noise associated with these bases (RSCANIII 1997). Using measurements taken in 1968 during the Vietnam War, it was estimated that the WECPNL was 99–108 dBA at the Kadena village fire station. Similar WECPNL estimates of 105 dBA were also obtained for Yara (Kadena-cho) and Sunabe (Chatan-cho) bases. These levels correspond to a LAeq,24h value of 83 dB, and are of serious concern in light of recommendations by the Japan Association of Industrial Health that occupational noise exposure levels should not exceed 85 dB for an 8-h work day if hearing loss is to be avoided.

Audiogrammes of subjects living in areas surrounding Kadena airport indicated that they had progressive hearing loss at higher frequencies. Eight subjects had hearing impairment in the 3-6 kHz range, which strongly suggested that the hearing loss was due to excessive noise exposure. Since the examiners confirmed the subjects had not been exposed to repeated intense noise at their residences or workplaces, the most likely cause of their hearing loss was the intense aircraft noise during take-offs, landings and tune-ups at Kadena airport.

The effects of noise were examined in children from nursery schools and kindergartens in towns surrounding Kadena airport. The children were scored with respect to seven variables, cold symptoms, emotional instability, discontentment-anxiety, headache-stomachache, passivity, eating problems and urination problems. Confounding factors, such as sex, age, birth order, the number of parents living together, the mother's age when the child was born, reaction to noise and the extent of noise exposure, were taken into account. The results showed that children exposed to noise had significantly more problems with respect to their behaviour, physical condition, character and reaction to noise, when compared to a control group of children that had not been exposed to airport noise. This was especially true of for children exposed to a WEC/NL of 75 or more. Thus, small children acquire both physical and mental disorders from chronic exposure to aircraft noise.

Chronic exposure to aircraft noise also affects the birth-weight of children. The birth-weights of infants were analyzed using records from 1974 to 1993 in the Okinawa Prefecture. Confounding factors such as the mother's age, whether there were single or multiple embryos, the child's sex, and the legitimacy of the child were considered. The results showed that 9.1 % of all infants born in Kadena-cho, located closest to Kadena airport, had low birth-weights. This was significantly higher than the 7.6 % rate seen in other municipalities around Kadena and Futenma airfields, and much higher than the 7 % rate in cities, towns and villages on other parts of Okinawa Island.

Rail-traffic noise. Commuter trains and subway cars expose Tokyo office workers to much higher noise levels than do other daily activities (Kabuto & Suzuki 1976). Exposure to indoor noise may vary according to railway line or season (there are more open windows in good weather), but the levels range from 65-85 dBA. In general, these values exceeded the LAeq,24h level of 70 dBA for auditory protection (US EPA 1974)

Neighbourhood noise. Neighbourhood noise, including noise from late-night business operations, noise caused by loudspeaker announcements, and noise from everyday activities, have accounted for approximately 39% of all complaints about noise in recent years. At present, noise controls for late-night business operations have been enforced by ordinances in 39 cities and prefectures, and in 42 cities for loudspeaker announcements.

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Appendix 3 : Glossary

Acoustic	Pertaining to sound or to the sense of hearing (CMD 1997)
Acoustic dispersion	Change of speed of sound with frequency (ANSI 1994)
Acoustic trauma	Injury to hearing by noise, especially loud noise (CMD 1997)
Adverse effect	(of noise) A change in morphology and physiology of an organism which results in impairment of functional capacity or impairment of capacity to compensate for additional stress or increase in susceptibility to the harmful effects of other environmental influences. This definition includes any temporary or long term lowering of physical, psychological or social functioning of humans or human organs (WHO 1994)
Amoyance	A feeling of displeasure associated with any agent or condition known or believed by an individual or a group to be adversely affecting them" (Lundvall and Radford 1973; Koelega 1987). Any sound that is perceived as irritating or a nuisance (ANSI 1995)
Anxiety	A feeling of apprehension, uncertainty, and fear without apparent stimulus, and associated with physiological changes (tachycardia, sweating, tremor, etc.) (DHMT 1985). A vaguer feeling of apprehension, worry, uneasiness, or dread, the source of which is often nonspecific or unknown to the individual (CMD 1997).
Audiometry	Testing of the hearing sense (CMD 1997). Measurement of hearing, including aspects other than hearing sensitivity (ANSI 1995)
Auditory	Pertaining to the sense of hearing (CMD 1997)
Auditory threshold	Minimum audible sound perceived (CMD 1997)
A-weighting	A frequency dependent correction that is applied to a measured or calculated sound of moderate intensity to mimic the varying sensitivity of the ear to sound for different frequencies

Ambient noise	All-encompassing sound at a given place, usually a composite of sounds from many sources near and far (ANSI 1994)
Articulation index	Numerical value indicating the proportion of an average speech signal that is understandable to an individual (ANSI 1995)
Bel	Unit of level when the base of the logarithm is ten, and the quantities concerned are proportional to power; unit symbol B (ANSI 1994)
Cardiovascular	Pertaining to the heart and blood vessels (DMD 1985)
Cochlea	A winding cone-shaped tube forming a portion of the inner ear. It contains the receptor for hearing (CMD 1997)
Cognitive	Being aware with perception, reasoning, judgement, intuition, and memory (CMD 1997)
Community noise	Noise emitted from all noise sources except noise at the industrial workplace (WHO 1995a)
Cortisol	A glucocortical hormone of the outer layer of the adrenal gland (CMD 1997)
Critical health effect	Health effect with lowest effect level
C-weighting	A frequency dependent correction that is applied to a measured or calculated sound of high intensity to mimic the varying sensitivity of the ear to sound for different frequencies
dB	Decibel, one-tenth of a bel
dBA	A-weighted frequency spectrum in dB, see A-weighting
dB(C	C-weighted frequency spectrum in dB, see C-weighting
dB in	Unweighted frequency spectrum in dB
Decibel	Unit of level when the base of the logarithm is the tenth root of ten, and the quantities concerned are proportional to power; unit symbol dB (ANSI 1994)

Ear plug	Hearing protector that is inserted into the ear canal (ANSI 1994)
Ear muff	Hearing protector worn over the pinna (external part) of an ear (ANSI 1994)
Effective perceived noise level	Level of the time integral of the antilogarithm of one tenth of tone-corrected perceived noise level over the duration of an aircraft fly-over, the reference duration being 10 s (ANSI 1994)
Emission	(of sounds). Sounds generated from all types of sources
Epinephrine	A hormone secreted by the adrenal medulla (inner or central portion of an organ) in response to stimulation of the sympathetic nervous system (CMD 1997)
Equal energy principle	Hypothesis that states that the total effect of sound is proportional to the total amount of sound energy received by the ear, irrespective of the distribution of that energy in time
Equivalent sound pressure level	Ten times the logarithm to the base ten of the ratio of the time-mean-square instantaneous sound pressure, during a stated time interval T, to the square of the standard reference sound pressure (ANSI 1994)
Exposure-response curve	Graphical representation of exposure-response relationship
Exposure-response relationship	(With respect to noise.) Relationship between specified sound levels and health impacts
Frequency	For a function periodic in time, the reciprocal of the period (ANSI 1994)
Frequency-weighting	A frequency dependent correction that is applied to a measured or calculated sound (ANSI 1994)
Gastro-intestinal	Pertaining to the stomach and intestines (CMD 1997)
Hearing impairment, hearing loss	A decreased ability to perceive sounds as compared with what the individual or examiner would regard as normal (CMD 1997)
Hearing threshold	For a given listener and specified signal, the minimum (a) sound pressure level or (b) force level that is capable of

	evoking an auditory sensation in a specified fraction of trials (ANSI 1994)
Hertz	Unit of frequency, the number of times a phenomenon repeats itself in a unit of time, abbreviated to Hz
Hysteria	A mental disorder, usually temporary, presenting somatic (pertaining to the body) symptoms, simulating almost any type of physical disease. Symptoms include emotional instability, various sensory disturbances, and a marked craving for sympathy (CMD 1997)
Inmission	Sounds impacting on the human ear.
Impulsive sound	Sound consisting of one or more very brief and rapid increases in sound pressure
Incubator	An enclosed crib, in which the temperature and humidity may be regulated, for care of premature babies (CMD 1997)
Isolation, insulation	(With respect to sound:) Between two rooms in a specified frequency band, difference between the space-time average sound pressure levels in the two enclosed spaces when one or more sound sources operates in one of the rooms (ANSI 1994). (With respect to vibrations:) Reduction in the capacity of a system to respond to excitation, attained by use of resilient support (ANSI 1994).
Ischaemic Heart Disease	Heart disease due to a local and temporary deficiency of blood supply due to obstruction of the circulation to a part (CMD 1997)
Loudness level	Of a sound, the median sound pressure level in a specified number of trials of a free progressive wave having a frequency of 1000 Hz that is judged equally loud as the unknown sound when presented to listeners with normal hearing who are facing the source; unit phon (ANSI 1994)
Level	Logarithm of the ratio of a quantity to a reference quantity of the same kind; unit Bel (ANSI 1994)
Maximum sound level	Greatest fast (125 milliseconds) A-weighted sound level, within a stated time interval (ANSI 1994)

Mental Health	The absence of identifiable psychiatric disorder according to current norms (Freeman 1984). In noise research, mental health covers a variety of symptoms, ranging from anxiety, emotional stress, nervous complaints, nausea, headaches, instability, argumentativeness, sexual impotency, changes in general mood and anxiety, and social conflicts, to more general psychiatric categories like neurosis, psychosis and hysteria (Berglund and Lindvall 1995).
Morphological	Pertaining to the science of structure and form of organisms without regard to function (CMD 1997)
Nausea	An unpleasant sensation usually preceding vomiting (CMD 1997)
Neurosis	An emotional disorder due to unresolved conflicts, anxiety being its chief characteristic (DMD 1985)
Noise	Undesired sound. By extension, noise is any unwarranted disturbance within a useful frequency band, such as undesired electric waves in a transmission channel or device (ANSI 1994).
Noise induced temporary threshold shift	Temporary hearing impairment occurring as a result of noise exposure, often phrased temporary threshold shift (adapted from ANSI 1994)
Noise induced permanent threshold shift	Permanent hearing impairment occurring as a result of noise exposure, often phrased permanent threshold shift (adapted from ANSI 1994)
Noise level	Level of undesired sound
Norepinephrine	A hormone produced by the adrenal medulla (inner or central portion of an organ), similar in chemical and pharmacological properties to epinephrine, but chiefly a vasoconstrictor with little effect on cardiac output (CMD 1997)
Oscillation	Variation, usually with time, of the magnitude of a quantity with respect to a specified reference when the magnitude is alternately greater and smaller than the reference (ANSI 1994)

Ototoxic	Having a detrimental effect on the organs of hearing (CMD 1997)
Paracusis	Any abnormality or disorder of the sense of hearing (CMD 1997)
Pascal	Unit of pressure, equal to one newton per square meter, abbreviated to Pa
Peak sound pressure	Greatest absolute instantaneous sound pressure within a specified time interval (ANSI 1994)
Peak sound pressure level	Level of peak sound pressure with stated frequency weighting, within a specified time interval (ANSI 1994)
Perceived noise level	Frequency-weighted sound pressure level obtained by a stated procedure that combines the sound pressure levels in the 24 one-third octave bands with midband frequencies from 50 Hz to 10 kHz (ANSI 1994)
Permanent threshold shift, permanent hearing loss	Permanent increase in the auditory threshold for an ear (adapted from ANSI 1995) (see also noise induced permanent threshold shift)
Presbycusis, presbycusis	The progressive loss of hearing ability due to the normal aging process (CMD 1997)
Psychiatric disorders	Mental disorders
Psychosis	Mental disturbance of a magnitude that there is a personality disintegration and loss of contact with reality (CMD 1997)
Psychotropic drug	A drug that affects psychic function, behaviour or experience (CMD 1997)
Reverberation time	Of an enclosure, for a stated frequency or frequency band, time that would be required for the level of time-mean-square sound pressure in the enclosure to decrease by 60 dB, after the source has been stopped (ANSI 1994)
Sensorineural	Of or pertaining to a sensory nerve; pertaining to or affecting a sensory mechanism and/or a sensory nerve (DIME 1985)

Signal	Information to be conveyed over a communication system (ANSI 1994)
Signal-to-noise ratio	Ratio of a measure of a signal to the same measure of the noise (ANSI 1995) (see also: noise—in its extended meaning)
Silencer	Duct designed to reduce the level of sound: the sound-reducing mechanisms may be either absorptive or reactive, or a combination (ANSI 1994)
Sound absorption	Change in sound energy into some other form, usually heat, in passing through a medium or on striking a surface (ANSI 1994)
Sound energy	Total energy in a given part of a medium minus the energy that would exist at that same part with no sound waves present (ANSI 1994)
Sound exposure	Time integral of squared, instantaneous frequency-weighted sound pressure over a stated time interval or event (ANSI 1994)
Sound exposure level	Ten times the logarithm to the base ten of the ratio of a given time integral of squared, instantaneous A-weighted sound pressure, over a stated time interval or event, to the product of the squared reference sound pressure of 20 micropascals and reference duration of one second (ANSI 1994)
Sound intensity	Average rate of sound energy transmitted in a specified direction at a point through a unit area normal to this direction at the point considered (ANSI 1994)
Sound level meter	Device to be used to measure sound pressure level with a standardized frequency weighting and indicated exponential time weighting for measurements of sound level, or without time weighting for measurement of time-average sound pressure level or sound exposure level (ANSI 1994)
Sound pressure	Root-mean-square instantaneous sound pressure at a point, during a given time interval (ANSI 1994), where the <i>instantaneous</i> sound pressure is the total instantaneous pressure in that point minus the static pressure (ANSI 1994)

Sound pressure level	Ten times the logarithm to the base ten of the ratio of the time-mean-square pressure of a sound, in a stated frequency band, to the square of the reference sound pressure in gases of 20 μPa (ANSI 1994)
Sound reduction index	Single-number rating of airborne sound insulation of a partition (ANSI 1994)
Sound transmission class	Single-number rating of airborne sound insulation of a building partition (ANSI 1994)
Speech interference level	One-fourth of the the sum of the band sound pressure levels for octave-bands with nominal midband frequencies of 500, 100, 2000 and 4000 Hz (ANSI 1994)
Speech intelligibility	That property which allows units of speech to be identified (ANSI 1995)
Speech perception	Psychological process that relates a sensation caused by a spoken message to a listener's knowledge of speech and language (ANSI 1995)
Speech comprehension	(a) Highest level of speech perception. (b) Knowledge or understanding of a verbal statement (ANSI 1995)
Speech transmission index	Physical method for measuring the quality of speech-transmission channels accounting for nonlinear distortions as well as distortions of time (ANSI 1995)
Stereocilia	Nonmotile protoplasmic projections from free surfaces on the hair cells of the receptors of the inner ear (CMD 1997)
Stress	The sum of the biological reactions to any adverse stimulus, physical, mental or emotional, internal or external, that tends to disturb the organism's homeostasis (DMD 1985)
Temporary threshold shift, temporary hearing loss	Temporary increase in the auditory threshold for an ear caused by exposure to high-intensity acoustic stimuli (adapted from ANSI 1995) (see also: noise induced temporary threshold shift).
Tinnitus	A subjective ringing or tinkling sound in the ear (CMD 1997) Otological condition in which sound is perceived by

a person without an external auditory stimulation. The sound may be a whistling, ringing, buzzing, or cricket type sounds, but auditory hallucinations of voices are excluded (ANSI 1995).

Vibration

Oscillation of a parameter that defines the motion of a mechanical system (ANSI 1994)

For references see Appendix A.

Appendix 4 : Acronyms

AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
AI	Articulation Index
AMIS	Air Management Information System (WHO, Healthy Cities)
ANEF	Australian Noise Exposure Forecast
ANSI	American National Standard Institute, Washington DC, USA
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rockville, MD, USA
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials, West Conshohocken, PA, USA
CEN	Comité Européen de Normalisation, Brussels, Belgium (European Committee for Standardization)
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations (United States)
CIAL	Centro de Investigaciones Acústicas y Luminotécnicas, Córdoba, Argentina (Centre of acoustical and light-technical investigations)
CMD	Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary
CNRC	Conseil National de Recherches du Canada (National Research Council)
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CSD	Commission for Sustainable Development
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization
CVS	Cardiovascular System
DNL	Day-Night Average Sound Level (United States)
EC DG	European Commission Directorate General
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECMT	European Conference of Ministers of Transport
EHIAP	Environmental Health Impact Assessment Plan
ELAP	Environmental Impact Assessment Plan
EMRO	WHO Regional Office of the Eastern Mediterranean
ENIA	Environmental Noise Impact Analysis
EPNL	Effective Perceived Noise Level measure
EU	European Union
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration (United States)
FFT	Fast Fourier Transform technique
GIS	Geographic Information System
Hz	Hertz, the unit of frequency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICBEN	International Commission on the Biological Effects of Noise
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
ILO	International Labour Office, Geneva, Switzerland
INCE	Institute of Noise Control Engineering of the United States of America
INRETS	Institut National de Recherche sur les Transports et leur Sécurité, Arcueil, France (National Research Institute for Transport and their Safety)
ISO	International Standards Organization
I-INCE	International Institute of Noise Control Engineering
L10	10 percentile of sound pressure level

L50	Median sound pressure level
L90	90-percentile of sound pressure level
LA	Latin America
L _{Aeq,T}	A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level for period T
L _{Amax}	Maximum A-weighted sound pressure level in a stated interval
L _{dn}	Day and night continuous equivalent sound pressure level
L _{eq,T}	Equivalent sound pressure level for period T
LEQ(FLG)	Descriptor used for aircraft noise (Germany)
LNIP	Low Noise Implementation Plan
Lp	Sound pressure level
MTF	Modulation Transfer Function
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (United States)
NC	Noise Criterion
NCA	Noise Control Act (United States)
NCB	Balanced Noise Criterion procedure system
NEF	Noise Exposure Forecast
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act (United States)
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NIHL	Noise Induced Hearing Loss
NIPTS	Noise Induced Permanent Threshold Shift
NIITS	Noise Induced Temporary Threshold Shift
NNI	Noise and Number Index
NR	Noise Rating
NRC	National Research Council (United States, Canada)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, France
ONAC	Office of Noise Abatement and Control of the US EPA
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Pa	Pascal, the unit of pressure
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PHE	Department for Protection of the Human Environment, WHO, Geneva
PNL	Perceived Noise Level
PSIL	Preferred Speech Interference Level
PTS	Permanent Threshold Shift
RASTI	Rapid Speech Transmission Index
RC	Room Criterion
SABS	South African Bureau of Standards
SEL	Sound Exposure Level
STC	Sound Transmission Class
STI	Speech Transmission Index
TTS	Temporary Threshold Shift
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, June 1992)
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USA	United States of America
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission)
WECPNL	Weighted Equivalent Continuous Perceived Noise Level
WHO	World Health Organization
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

Appendix 5 : Equations and other technical information

Basic acoustical measures

Sound Pressure Level

The time-varying sound pressure will completely define a sound in a given location. The sound pressure range is wide within which human listeners can receive (10^{-5} - 10^2 N/m²). Therefore, it is practical to measure sound pressure level on a logarithmic scale. Sound intensity level is defined as 10 times the logarithm (to the base 10) of the ratio of the sound intensity of a target sound to the sound intensity of another (reference) sound. Sound intensity is proportional to the squared sound pressure because the static mass density of the sound medium as well as the speed of sound in this medium are invariant. The sound pressure level (L_p) of a sound may be expressed as a function of sound pressure (p) and is, thus, possible to measure:

$$L_p = 10 \log_{10} (p/p_{ref})^2$$

For the purpose of measuring sound pressure level in a comparative way, the reference pressure, p_{ref} , has an internationally agreed value of $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ N/m² (earlier 20 μ Pa). Sound pressure level is then expressed in decibel (dB) relative to this reference sound.

Sound Pressure Level of Combined Sounds

Whereas sound intensities or energies or pressures are additive, non-correlated time-varying sound pressure levels have first to be expressed as mean square pressure, then added, and then transferred to a sound pressure value again. For example, if two sound sources are combined, each of a sound pressure level of 80 dB, then the sound pressure level of the resulting combined sound will become 83 dB:

$$L_p = 10 \cdot \log_{10} (10^8 + 10^8) = 10 \cdot \log_{10} (2 \cdot 10^8) = 10 \cdot (\log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 10^8) = 10 \cdot (0.3 + 8) = 83$$

It is only sounds with similar sound pressure levels that when combined will result in a significant increase in sound pressure level relative to the louder sound. In the example given above, a doubling of the sound energy from two sources will only result in a 3-dB increase in sound pressure level. For two sound sources that emit non-correlated time-varying sound pressures, this represents the maximum increase possible. The sound pressure level outcome, resulting from combining two sound pressure levels in dB, is displayed in Figure A.5.1.

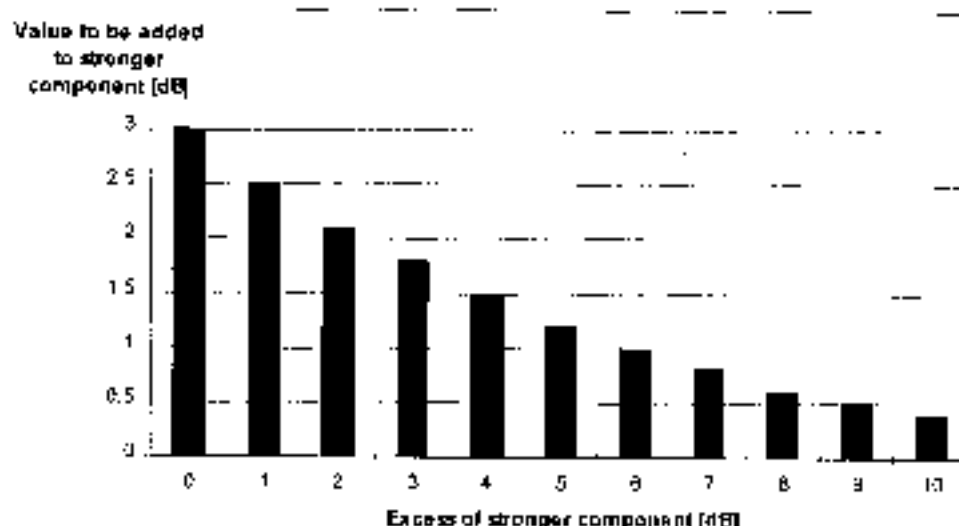


Figure A.5.1: Estimate of combined sound levels

Equivalent Continuous Sound Pressure Level

Average sound pressure level is determined for a time period of interest, T , which may be an interval in seconds, minutes, or hours. This gives a dB-value in L_{eq} that stands for equivalent continuous sound pressure level or simply sound level. It is derived from the following mathematical expression in which A-weighting has been applied:

$$L_{Aeq,T} = 10 \log_{10} \left\{ (1/T) \int_0^T 10^{L_{A(t)/10} dt} \right\} \text{ [dBA]}$$

Because the integral is a measure of the total sound energy during the period T , this process is often called "energy averaging". For similar reasons, the integral term representing the total sound energy may be interpreted as a measure of the total noise dose. Thus, L_{eq} is the level of that steady sound which, over the same interval of time as the fluctuating sound of interest, has the same mean square sound pressure, usually applied as an A-frequency weighting. The interval of time must be stated.

Sound exposure level

Individual noise events can be described in terms of their sound exposure level (SEL). SEL is defined as the constant sound level over a period of 1 s that would have the same amount of energy as the complete noise event (Ford 1987). For a single noise event occurring over a time interval T , the relationship between SEL and $L_{Aeq,T}$ is,

$$SEL = L_{Aeq,T} + 10 \log_{10} (T \cdot T_0)$$

In this equation T_0 is 1 s.

Day and night continuous sound pressure level

There are different definition in different countries. One definition is (von Gierke 1975; Ford 1987):

$$L_{dn} = L_{Aeq,16h} - L_{Aeq,8h} - 10 \text{ dBA}$$

Where $L_{Aeq,16h}$ is the day equivalent sound pressure level and $L_{Aeq,8h}$ is the night equivalent sound pressure level.

Sound Transmission into and within buildings

An approximate relationship between sound reduction index (R), the frequency (f), the mass per unit area of the panel (m) in kg/m^2 , and the angle of incidence (θ) is given by

$$R(\theta) = 20 \log\{f m \cos(\theta)\} - 42.4, \text{ (dB)}$$

This relationship indicates that the sound reduction index will increase with the mass of a panel and with the frequency of the sound as well as varying with the angle of incidence of the sound. It is valid for limp materials but is a good approximation to the behaviour of many real building materials at lower frequencies.

The sound reduction index versus frequency characteristics are usually complicated by a coincidence dip which occurs around the frequency where the wavelength of the incident sound is the same as the wavelength of bending waves in the building façade material. The frequency at which the coincidence dip occurs is influenced by the stiffness of the panel material. Thicker, and hence stiffer materials, will have coincidence dips that are lower in frequency than less stiff materials. Figure A.5.2 plots measured sound reduction index values versus frequency for 4 mm thick glass and illustrates the coincidence dip for this glass at a frequency centered just above 3 kHz.

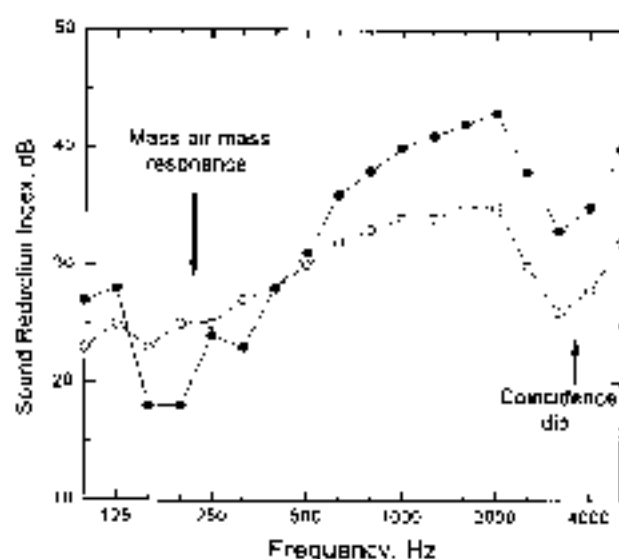


Figure A.5.2: Sound reduction index versus frequency for single and double layers of 4 mm glass (air separation 13 mm).

As also illustrated in Figure A.5.2 for two layers of 4 mm glass, the low frequency sound reduction can be severely limited by the mass-air-mass resonance. This resonance is due to the combination of the masses of the two layers and the stiffness of the enclosed air space. As the Figure A.5.2 example shows, this resonance can often dramatically reduce the low frequency sound reduction of common double window constructions.

The sound reduction of various building constructions can be calculated as the difference between the average sound levels in the two rooms ($L_1 - L_2$) plus a correction involving the area of the test panel (S) in m^2 and the total sound absorption (A) in m^2 in the receiving room,

$$R = L_1 - L_2 + 10 \log \{S/A\} \text{ [dB]}.$$

For outdoor-to-indoor sound propagation, the measured sound reduction index will also depend on the angle of incidence of the outdoor sound as well as the position of the outdoor measuring microphone relative to the building façade,

$$R = L_1 - L_2 + 10 \log \{4S \cos(\theta/4)\} + k \text{ [dB]}.$$

When the outdoor incident sound level L_1 is measured with the outdoor microphone positioned against the external façade surface, measured incident sound pressures will be 6 dB higher due to pressure doubling. This occurs because the incident sound and reflected sound arrive at the microphone at the same time. If the external microphone is located 2 m from the façade, there will not be exact pressure doubling but an approximate doubling of the measured sound energy corresponding to a 3 dB increase in sound level. The table below indicates the appropriate values of k to be used in the above equation, depending on the location of the outdoor microphone, to account for sound reflected from the façade.

$k = 0$, dB	L_1 does not include reflected sound.
$k = -3$, dB	L_1 measured 2 m from façade and includes reflected energy.
$k = -6$, dB	L_1 measured at the façade surface and includes pressure doubling effect

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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)

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None

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Support

Tell us why

Not fair for visitors to just come and use Auckland as a transiting destination.

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I don't know

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Howick, Waitematā

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 most

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

Investigate options to provide a dump station at Half Moon Bay

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

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)

Arts and community centres – programme and activation,Community programmes and services,Community events

Waitematā 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?

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

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Very important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very 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

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support the key areas of transport, water and fairer communities. I believe the environment, climate change preparedness and resilience are also extremely high priorities that are even more important for the sustainability of our city and the future of our communities.

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Support

Tell us why

Works well in many countries around the world.

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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?

Waitematā



Waitematā 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 believe we need on stronger focus on the environment, air quality, waste management, sustainability and climate resilience.

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

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Less important

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Very important

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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)

I believe the environment, sustainability and building stronger more resilient communities is crucial.

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

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Tell us here

A strong environmental focus is key to building healthy communities with a bright future. We need to focus on air quality, water quality, green spaces, climate change resilience, sustainability and building stronger more resilient communities.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

We need modal shift with transport. Capping at \$50 for PT is a good incentive. I have concerns that the 'Local Water Done Well' restructure opens the door to privatization. However we need to finance the significant upgrades so increasing the debt limits should achieve this. Local Board funding has spatial inequities and I support reforms to address this.

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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

I support this in principle. However, I have concerns about the enforceability of this. How will vendors sing Airbnb's be charged? Is it collectable from short term stays? I am absolutely for visitors paying a small share of the usage of our city, even if these visitors help local business.

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Standardised services across the city should see cost savings in the longer run

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

The Auckland domain needs work done to repair the bush walks through it. Some of them have been out of commission for too long.

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

Less important

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

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)

All the priorities are important. Ending homelessness is so crucial for so many reasons, not least among them is the how we treat our most vulnerable reflects who we are.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The Mayor has not done the one thing I voted for him to do, and that is sort out and reverse Auckland Transports anti car disastrous policies in Auckland CBD. So if people vote like me, he won't be mayor after the next election and the ***** cheek to increase buisness levies in Auckland CBD after destroying them with anti car/customer policies! I am not interested in the

arguments for why we now need to borrow and spend more like drunken sailors funding things that should be left to private enterprise. Auckland needs a DOGE like the US as there is likely huge waste and abuse throughout the council like all other bloated and out of control bureaucracies. I don't want the council to do anything really other than empty the bins, clean the streets and maintain the roading/drains and waterways. They should get out of everything else and reduce the huge burden they are putting on business and homeowners who like other jurisdictions around the world will abandon the inner city turning it into a ghetto before big landlords sweep in and buy the place up for cents on the dollar. In the meantime Auckland will go to rack and ruin. How come the Swiss and Singaporeans can do this properly but everywhere else cannot! Its the leadership followed by the electorates fault!!! you cant blame bureaucracy for doing what it does.

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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

Because I now boycott any place that applies this levy around the world. I pay my taxes at home being robbed blind on holiday means I go somewhere else or stay at home.

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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)

It should be left for Soley the people in the lifestyle blocks/rural to vote on whether they want to continue with the current system or change. Why are you not just polling them and ask them what they want to do? it has nothing to do with anyone else.

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?

Do not support any

Tell us why

What the ***** do these people do for me for all the money they get out of me. I even pay extra for private waste collection.

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.

Less 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.

Less important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Less 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.

Less important

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

Please don't try and con me by instead of saying increase the spending, using the word 'support'. Stop with all this *****. If people want this *****, let em pay for it.

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Other than please stop wasting other peoples money! nope. If you wanna help, all resign, we will cope!!



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Support all

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

stick to core services only and reduce expenditure, the rate increase is too high and will shift more people into poverty

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Support

Tell us why

why should the rate payer fund visitor overnight stay ?

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Support

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stop the food scrap bin, many people have compost bins and do not use this service

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

again, core services are important, in times like now, we do not need flash buildings, pools , parks, etc

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Less important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Less important

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

homelessness should not exist in this city. The continuous rate increase will also increase this problem

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

Local waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support

Tell us why

This is long overdue—let's make it happen.

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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**
Very 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

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Very important

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information

Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

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, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community events

Question 5: Other feedback

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Albert-Eden

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Support most

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How important are these priorities to you?

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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.

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

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Support most

Tell us why

I am particularly excited to see the investment in libraries, community events, supporting public transport options, and kauri dieback management. I would like to see more emphasis on land acquisition for public open spaces throughout the districts, as well as cycleways and walkways to encourage those forms of transportation. I really appreciate how quick council/AT is to repair things

on the sidewalks once reported, and while it likely won't change, it would be nice to see a continued commitment to that int eh documentation - not just potholes!

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I don't know

Tell us why

I do in general think that this sounds like a good solution. My only worry is that this will discourage short term visitors, or that they will in turn simply spend less on local businesses while they are here (ie. they may still come for events, but the cost of accomodation may mean they cut costs elsewhere, for instance food, souvenirs, visiting museums). I think that those things are equally as important for the energy of those who live in and visit the city.

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Support most

Tell us why

I think they are all good - my only questions/uncertainties are; - what does 'support for ending homelessness in Auckland' mean? I absolutely support this! It would just be great to hear more specifics for how you want to achieve it. I saw bits about community facilities, supporting Kainga ora, libraries, and opens spaces, which all sound great!

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Very important

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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)

I think prioritising flood resilience is fantastic. Would love to see it outside of the parks listed, too. Footpath improvements would be fantastic throughout - especially if we could do more about stopping cars from parking OVER the footpath in residential streets! Prioritising community and recreation for all is also a fantastic priority, benefiting us all and the vibrancy of the city. I love to see the Leys Institute on here, and hope that the library spaces can continue to be supported and grow. I love the library service in Auckland, as it is easy and cheap, and welcoming.

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Do not support

Tell us why

Whilst we need more marketing spend in Auckland, local bed taxes is not the right way to go about this.

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Question 4:

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Tell us why

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stop the bed tax



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Support most

Tell us why

Overall vision seems to be good for Auckland but I don't support a rate increase as it has increased already over the past few years and in the past 12 months many people have experienced job layoffs and significant loss of income with the city's economic/commercial decline. Meanwhile spending in past year seems to be on traffic projects that are not popular with the community.

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Support

Tell us why

A levy happens in most other countries, however it has to be a low fee (eg. 1-2% as proposed) for it to be palatable to visitors, as if it's too high, people will stay away.

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Question 4:

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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?

Support all

Tell us why

Focusing on libraries and community centres in those areas are meaningful to the local community. Would like to see what plans the board has for Grey Lynn.

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.

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.

Fairly important

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

Neighbourhood safety is a top priority especially for the local dairies. Also great to see plans to promote the Waioreea Recycle centre, it's a fantastic idea and place, I already go there but it should be a LOT busier. I don't think a lot of people know about what it does there. The sign is outside, there's some signage out front but there needs to be a wider campaign to make it THE place to go first when shopping.

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support the concept of fairer funding across local boards. However, I am already seeing local boards negatively impacted by the change comment on how they will be unable to support existing programmes and facilities. Perhaps a gradual shift could mitigate this unfortunate consequence.

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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

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, Waitematā

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

The need for the existing Pt Chevalier Library to be demolished is disappointing, but I'm glad there are plans to recycle its materials. I feel conflicted about the cost of creating a temporary modular replacement when there is already a temporary replacement, but this seems well underway.

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.

Less important

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

Less 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.

Fairly 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)

Libraries have long had a policy of doing more with less. It's great that you plan to increase support for them, but I don't think this should be tied to an obligation to deliver more community programmes as I haven't personally seen these are lacking from a quantity perspective. I would welcome improvements to the Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.

Waitematā 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?

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

Very 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.

Very important

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

Ending homelessness is a vital goal, but this should definitely come from a perspective of understanding homelessness and helping the homeless. Reconstruction of Leys Institute Library is long overdue. Please make something that will truly stand the test of time. I wonder if Grey Lynn Paddling Pool is more useful as-is than a splashpad would be. Splashpads seem relatively common, whereas I am aware of fewer 'fun' community facilities specifically geared towards toddlers learning to swim in a shaded environment with a lifeguard on duty. Is this a cost-saving measure? Please consult parents of young children on this matter.

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, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local waste minimisation activities

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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

Won't address immediate shortfall and depends on government passing legislation

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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Very important

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

This submission is from a group of community development focussed people based in the central city. Several of our group are also central city residents. We have determined there are three very important priorities for Waitemata Local Board. For us the clear priority was a focus on community safety and community safety programmes. Some community safety needs can be addressed through the application of CPTED strategies including footpath quality and other public amenity, the creation and maintenance of public realm – including the western side of the central city especially south of Wellesley St where there is a high concentration of residents. Having more 'eyes' on the street seeing, not watching and people out in our community are the vital aspects of

building safer communities. Public amenity and accessibility also featured in our discussion, especially around an increase in older people and also those with disabilities living independently in the city being part of a diverse community. But the core of our submission is that safer communities are created when communities are better connected amongst each other and into organisations like Auckland's Central City Community Safety Task Force. Auckland Central City faces several unique challenges to creating and supporting safer communities. 1. Unlike the suburbs, there are no schools or sports grounds where communities can naturally gather – think informal third spaces 2. There is high density housing which does not tend to be owner occupied and attracts a more transient population(who may be financially stressed) including students and people in socially funded accommodation 3. The central city has a 24/7 economy – and some of it is covert and leads to anti-social behaviour 4. Most residents live behind a locked lobby and typical methods of notification and engagement are inaccessible 5. Some of our roads are designed to move high volumes of traffic, especially Hobson st and Nelson St which make it challenging to build a sense of community The challenge therefore is building better connected communities in the central city to build a sense of safety. There are many ways this could be approached and residential community-led placemaking initiatives should be encouraged. One great example is Aaiotanga Community Space and the community activation of Emily Place. Albert Park and Myers Park Cottages also provide similar opportunities as does the vacant site in Vincent St. It could be possible to fold in and fund sport and recreation opportunities for groups with less access to activities, like our older community members The other important priority is acknowledging the impact of homelessness in Central Auckland and supporting initiatives that contribute to ending it. Many of the potential solutions are beyond the scope of Council but with Council support and advocacy support should be given to organisations and initiatives that mitigate the impact of homelessness, mental health and addiction related issues on an individual, organisational and system wide level.

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation,Community development and support activities,Grants

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Do not support any

Tell us why

This is my second response, prepared after having received further information from the Council. The Council continues to increase the imbalance between urban business and residential rates. In the 2024/25 year the general rate business was 2.642 times the residential rate. The proposal is to make that 2.662 times in 2025/26. The basis for the increase is unclear.

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Support most

Tell us why

I'd be happy with a higher rates increase and more funding towards housing developments. Auckland will have a long-term problem with young people moving away due to housing unaffordability, drying up the rates base. I'm 28, in a DINK household with another professional, and we don't see a future for ourselves here largely due to housing unaffordability. Obviously we're

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Support

Tell us why

I doubt it would significantly drive away visitors from these events, and I live here, I wouldn't have to pay it myself. Visitors would probably grumble, but they'll still come, so it would be effective. The type of people visiting the ASB Classic and AWF can afford it.

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Support

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No comment--none of these directly affect me.

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Waitematā

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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

Don't like the deprioritising of: Pools--purely selfish, but if this refers to the Olympic in NM, please don't cut hours for this facility--this houses NZ's only 50m swimming pool Arts--Auckland's the de facto art capital of NZ, council should support this. Not sure why Leys is getting prioritised over existing arts/cultural institutions--it's fine in isolation, but not in the context of a tight budget (Ponsonby really doesn't need the help compared to other areas of the board) I strongly support ending of homelessness, which would go a long way towards enhancing perceptions of safety (love the phrasing). I also support pathway improvement for the Auckland Domain. I'd suggest Symonds St. Cemetery also needs similar care and attention. I know that's not the highest priority given Auckland took the worst possible lessons from US urban development to cut it in half with a stupid motorway... Heard Park--again, like Leys, this smacks of the richer parts of the board getting their niche projects through. Heard Park is a tiny nothing in the middle of Parnell, which should rank dead last in areas of the board that need help and attention. Parnell is doing just fine.

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Very important

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Question 5: Other feedback

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Support

Tell us why

I don't believe the small amount on top of accommodation would be noticed in the big scheme of things. There are so many insidious costs involved in travel. We often note bed tax on the bill when overseas.

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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?

Support most

Tell us why

Priority for preserving the island to be pest free and supporting the organisations involved in working towards that. Likewise the marine environment . Should visitor numbers be managed? a fine balance. Support the 2 ferry companies to provide reliable service. Support the competition. Keep lighting to a minimum - dark sky and see the stars.

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**

Very 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

Fairly 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

Fairly important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Fairly important

Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.

Fairly important

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

Continued maintenance of the Te Ara Hura walking tracks which are a wonderful asset and valued.. Likewise provision and maintenance of public toilets as the island gets busier. As a counter to the stunning natural environment the arts and culture events and facilities on Waiheke are exciting. Support for the Art Gallery and related spaces is most important. A mention for the

movie theatre which is just fabulous. Similarly the Whittakers Music Museum . The Library is such a great space.

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?

Yes

Tell us why

A short term levy on the rates specifically for the Pool could fast track the process ?

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Support all

Tell us why

No reason

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Support

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Support

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

No reason

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Aotea/Great Barrier



Aotea/Great Barrier 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

No reason

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Very important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Very important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

Very important

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

No reason

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Local arts and culture activities and centres are very important! Same with Community climate action and sustainability activities Same with pool and library hours. These must be protected.

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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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, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Seems quite sensible. Not sure of changes to Auckland Transport. It's good to have services that require expertise to run independently of politicians, as long as the visions are agreed on and governance 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?

I don't know

Tell us why

The proposal still needs government approval, and it seems private providers e.g. Airbnb will fall into too hard category...

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Support

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There's nothing to reward people with less rubbish.

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Support

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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 all

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)

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I don't know

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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?

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?

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.

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.

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.

Less important

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

Fairly important

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I am specifically concerned with the lack of indoor sporting facilities for our community. We need more pools and we need more basketball courts. Water Polo and Basketball are two of the fastest growing sports in schools and our communities. Central or Inner West Auckland desperately needs a large pool facility. There is not enough access to indoor basketball courts and the sport desperately needs more multicourt venues to run tournaments and cater to the sports growth. Again, the Central Auckland and Inner West areas need a large indoor stadium. I'm also aware of two indoor facility projects; namely: The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre. I would like to put my support behind these and any similar projects that cater to the growth of basketball and water sports such as water polo and swimming.



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Support most

Tell us why

Do not support the way of proposed funding 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

Hospitality sector is already suffering on revenue outcome. Just like any other business in Auckland or any other area we do pay our taxes plus compliances, employees, overheads, rates etc which is over whelming. It is the responsibility of the council to promote and improve infrastructure and promote venues or utilise them 100% than using them as a prestige assets. I council is to impose a levy on visitor bed nights what about the other businesses who are gaining out of the same event which is happening without paying any levy. It has to be reasonable. We are experiencing drop of occupancy levels due to new additions of hotels in Auckland and not accepting exclusive concerts due to lack of competent in decision making. Therefore I do not support this suggestion at all and this will lead to closing down of tourism properties as we are just hanging on at present.

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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?

(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,Aotea/Great Barrier

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

The plan comes up with sensible policies that will be good for the residents of Auckland City and they cover a lot of ground.

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Support

Tell us why

If it works it will fund activities will attract people to the city.

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Support

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Support promotion and facilitating of biking as everyday transport Support retention of funding for Manawa Taio, Urban Ark for the leverage they create for maintaining and developing natural vegetation in local parks



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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 already exists in other tourist destinations. We should do the same. Consider going a step further and have local and tourist prices for activities.

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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

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

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.

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.

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.

Fairly 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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

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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 accommodation sector of Auckland plays an important role to the economy as a whole, creating thousands of jobs and spending dozens of millions every year to advertise our city, and our country to the world. As an example, in 2024, hotels spent over \$100 million on marketing, sales, and commissions. This amount alone exceeds some of the contributions provided by the Council of Auckland and the local tourism office. In addition, hotels help in promoting Akld as a Tourists Destination, and more so, they pay a lot of revenue to the local council — but, I must say, I am very disappointed with the lack of support from the council in promotion of the region and event recruitment. So here's the bottom line: Auckland is behind on destination marketing and event recruitment. These areas, and the money that is so desperately needed is void, and so is our visitor economy and it is getting worse by the minute. The negative effects of tourism do no reach the native people in a substantial way. It always fascinates me how much money the central government makes from tourists in taxes, while only a portion is spent on reinvesting in the regions from which the revenue came from. A consolidated effort has been neglected for quite some time. There's a gap of understanding between Council and the tourism sector. Instead of working hand in hand with the operators, the Council has usually struck out on its own – suggesting funding strategies that have not been endorsed by the industry and frustrating attempts to have a united front. This gap in understanding is more worrying with the commencement of the major infrastructure projects such as the City Rail Link, upgrades to Eden Park and the construction of the International Convention Centre which has been in the plans for years. These projects will not realize their full benefits unless there is a commensurate expenditure directed at attracting visitors to the city. To sustain the competitive edge of Auckland, capture more high spending visitors and enhance the business activities of the locals, marketing and the attraction of events needs to get serious attention. Sooner or later, this has to be accepted by all cities in Australia and New Zealand because the rest of Auckland already knows what Auckland has got to offer. We can stop postponing decisions now. A careful and comprehensive strategy for Auckland is long overdue to promote industrial growth led by tourism. Rather than continue to discussing every aspect, start providing the much-needed funds to support all of our lofty goals.

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Question 4:

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

None

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Support

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Visitors expect to support the places that they visit and as long as it is applied to help fund the events that makes Tāmaki a vibrant city. .

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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

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Less important

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Less important

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Fairly important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very important

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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)

Do not change the Grey Lynn paddling pool (it is in my community and I have used it for 35 years for my children and grandchildren). Build more of these community facilities. We need to provide more for those who have the least voice.

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Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities
- opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

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Support most

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

Waitematā 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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Local arts and culture activities, Local events, Local waste minimisation activities

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Tell us why

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Other

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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**

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly 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

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)

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.

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Do not support most

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

I don't know

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Fairly important

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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

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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 support most if not all of the key council activities listed on pages 10-11 of the consultation document - I particularly support all proposed public transport, housing and infrastructure improvements

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Support

Tell us why

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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

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)

Waitematā 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

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.

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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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



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Transport needs greater implementation of CONGESTION CHARGING for the city centre.
Separation of WaterCare finances from Council is good as long as WaterCare has a focus on long term infrastructure with a shorter term focus on reducing water leakage.

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

Fairer distribution of funding sources for Auckland events and infrastructure.

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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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I also favour increasing the City Centre Targeted Rate for residential units to better support and fund city centre projects and events that directly benefit residents.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Good choice of proposed projects and community support.

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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

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Fairly important

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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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support most

Tell us why

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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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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?**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

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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)

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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, Sports and park activation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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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?

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?**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

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

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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.

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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

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

The plan is about spending a lot of ratepayer money. There no monetary benefits given in the plan to justify the spend. It is just another exercise in doing 'stuff' and getting someone else to pay for it. Projects should have clear costs and benefits. There is no clear benefit to those that are paying for the plan.

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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

Events should be paid for by the people attending the event, not people that happen to be in a hotel. If the Council want a Rugby world cup or similar then the ticket owners should pay not the ratepayer. If council invests in the event then it should get a return from the event it should not be a donation.

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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)

Council fees and charges should be reduced. From discussions with business owners the amounts charged by council to business owners and workers for licences is excessive particularly for Food and alcohol licences is excessive and should be reduced.

Question 4:

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

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Fairly important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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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, Sports and park activation activities, Local water quality activities

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I don't know

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Support

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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I don't know

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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

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

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

It's really sad how inaccessible our biggest inner city park is, especially considering it is located next to a hospital and other care facilities (places with lots of people with accessibility requirements, who would absolutely benefit from dignified access to green space). I hope the Auckland Domain improvements address not only the uneven footpaths, but also the excessive prioritisation of motor vehicles, and the terribly few marked pedestrian crossings on Domain Drive and Lower Domain Drive.

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Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

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Please stop delaying and implement the NPS-UD to upzone the walkable catchments around rapid transit stations. We are in a housing crisis and need as many new homes enabled as soon as possible.



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Support most

Tell us why

Support most, would love even more bus, bike and train initiatives, especially when they're cheap to implement and gets more people onto PT to reduce congestion.

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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 don't support increasing costs on visitors, however, if the tourism sector heads think it'll help, I'm happy to agree.

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I don't know

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Slightly higher rates are fine with me, to fund the various initiatives.

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Local parks strategy and planning,Sports and park activation activities,Local waste minimisation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Please keep working hard Wayne and team.



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Support most

Tell us why

Under the area titled 'Well-managed local government', you mention continuing investment into fit-for-purpose technology to deliver better and more efficiently. I am not criticizing this direction; rather, I recommend that you reconsider the technology you have used or are using. Instead of buying new shiny technology off the shelf, consider whether you have used or are using what you

had or have completely. For example, were your personnel adequately trained to use the technology completely? Did you know many functions of accounting software on the market can be reproduced in Microsoft Excel using macros? How many of your personnel know how to use Excel macros? What is cheaper and meaningful in the long run? Replacing and integrating new technology or training personnel new skills?

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Support

Tell us why

The funds raised from the bed night visitor levy should also cover the costs of cleaning up the mess left by the visitors. If the cleanup cost is included in the destination management, then it should be separate and distinct like marketing. Additionally, more investment is required in the city centre's waste management. Particularly, people's behaviour toward waste. Distributing more flyers better waste management defeats the purpose. You need stronger deterrents, such as hefty fines or imprisonment. Not \$100 fines. \$10,000 fines.

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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?

(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?**

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Proposed projects and activities are endemic to certain neighbourhoods and communities. I understand that you have to start from somewhere. However, I believe there are other projects and activities that all Aucklanders would holistically benefit from.

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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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Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities, Youth activities

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I don't know

Tell us why

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I don't know

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

3A. Do not wish to comment as it doesn't apply to me.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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?

Support most

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.

Very 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.

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Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

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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.

Fairly important

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

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1. I would like to see a focus on improving public transport - eg the use of smaller feeder buses to make better connections. 2. We have an issue with water supply at the moment. Many people seem to have no idea about it. Perhaps an email from Watercare would be a better way to ensure this information reaches all households - not just relying on the water saving tips included in their latest bill. 3. I hope the council will continue to resist Government pressure for building/development on productive soil. 4. The decision for Eden Park to be the city's main stadium seems to be problematic as international cricket games cannot be hosted there.



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Support most

Tell us why

More investment is needed in active transport to encourage more walking and cycling which in turn will reduce congestion and make our streets safer in particular support AT to complete the cycle network cost effectively (if Christchurch can so it so can Auckland!)

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Support

Tell us why

Funding is needed to promote events.

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No

Question 4:

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Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Complete the Greenway between Meola Rd/ Garnet Rd and Coxes Bay to link to the Bayfield greenway connection to Jervois Rd.

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

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Very important

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Community climate action and sustainability activities,Community development and support activities,Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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All the local board services are important. I'd like to be able to give that feedback not just select 3. Support the TMA plan.



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Support all

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?

Albert-Eden, Aotea/Great Barrier, Waiheke, Waitematā

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?

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

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

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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.

Very important

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

Aotea/Great Barrier 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?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Very important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Very important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

Very important

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

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 all

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

Very 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

Very important

Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall

Less 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

Very 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?

Yes

Tell us why

Waitematā 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?

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

1.7 . million cant support Auckland alone. must charfe Air BnB as well.

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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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Hope we are getting a rates review as house prices have dropped.

Question 4:

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

Waitemata is unfairly treated as looking after central city and assets that are not local. eg Central Library should be Council responsibility. Parnell Pools mainly used by people outside Waitemata Local Board which has 4 pools to look after Orakei should have Parnell pools. Symonds Street Cemetery a Heritage Park should be Council responsibility. It is not local but for all Auckland

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Do not support most

Tell us why

A 6.40 per cent increase for existing ratepayers is too high. Clearly you aren't charging enough for new builds, as people who are putting increased demand on infrastructure should be the ones to pay for the infrastructure.

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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 strongly oppose this proposal, but have an alternative proposal. As a small scale accommodation provider, the price I am charging the price that the market will bear, and I have had to reduce my prices over the last year as a result of reduced demand as the economy has slowed. I don't have the option to increase prices, so the bed tax visitor levy will not actually be paid by visitors, it will be paid by small businesses like mine. According to this article <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/auckland-bed-tax-city-needs-this-initiative-to-attract-world-class-sport-and-cultural-events-desley-simpson/3QQND4FDMBFTFL7ZJKKHUZYR6A/> written Desley Simpson, major events are worth hundreds of million dollars to the economy and provides a vital boost to local businesses, particularly in the hospitality sector (such as bars and restaurants) and retail centres. I don't see why it's reasonable to ask small businesses like me to help subsidise events like ASB Classic tennis tournament, SailGP, Cold Play, Fifa Women's World Cup 2023, Laneway Festival, Auckland FC, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, when most of the benefit is going to other businesses. I would like to propose that the shortfall is half funded by business rates, and half funded by a major events levy of 3.5% that is applied to all tickets of major events. If people can pay \$300 for tickets for Metallica, they can pay \$310.50 and help Auckland Council pay for major events.

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Do not support

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I strongly oppose this proposal. It seems counter productive to move from a user pays rubbish system that encourages people to reduce waste, to a bulk funded system that moves the requirement to pay for rubbish from tenants to landlords and encourages people to fill the bin with rubbish each week. This is a bad idea.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

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How important are these priorities to you?

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Very important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Less important

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

Ending homelessness in Auckland should be a central government issue and not a local board issue.

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Support all

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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

Much like a visitor tax on the museum, it makes sense for tourism to fund major events which have a large cost to the city,

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Support

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Support all

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Support for ending homelessness is the most important priority for me, as a centre city resident and worker I have seen homelessness ramp up considerably over the last 2 years and it has considerable flow-on effects to the rest of the centre city. There would be less investment needed in services to 'enhance perceptions of safety' if there was less homelessness in the area.

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It is important to me that Auckland Council continues to support the arts and cultural hubs in the city, as the lifeblood of the centre city, a major driver of tourism, and major employers of arts and creative workers. Entities such as Auckland Philharmonia and Auckland Arts Festival bring tens of thousands into the centre city every year and make our city feel alive.



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Kaipātiki

Kaipātiki 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?

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

Pools and leisure service enhancements and affordability

Fairly important

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

Very important

Business support and engagement across Kaipātiki.

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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Do not support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Priorities

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Local board priorities

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Waitematā 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

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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?

Do not support

Tell us why

might be discouraging tourists

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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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Food scraps collection needs a review. multi units (like us at 57 Livingstone str) pay the \$80 on rates but don't have a collection yet. I would encourage and local community initiative like Kelmarna Garden.

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Tell us why

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Very important

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Westmere - Coxes's bay - Pt Chev?

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Review performance and efficiency of people doing maintenance of parks, roads. Empower some people (pensioners, community guides; maybe provide a training)to fine/ report things like bad dog owner, idiots littering, tags and graffiti, vandalism, dangerous use of scooters, hazard on public area due to bad maintenance of adjacent private propriety etcetcetc. Imagine having an App of the council were you can report in real time and you have council officers amongst the community (sort of local police like the police Municipale in France or the Vigili Urbani now Polizia Locale in Italy).



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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.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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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)

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

We are going through difficult times, I'm interested in seeing confidence and stability increase within our city. That means looking out for all Aucklanders.

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Support

Tell us why

Many international cities already impose this so tourists are accustomed to paying this fee. Even travelling on a frugal budget, travellers can have a very enjoyable and positive experience visiting West Coast beaches, parks etc.

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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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

Any opportunity to streamline processes should be considered.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

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

Working to support rough sleepers with programmes that will aid wellbeing and having a greater level of functioning for vulnerable individuals.

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Do not support

Tell us why

It's better to have a one off fee for entry to NZ rather than a little tax here and a little tax there. It's a better overall experience rather than a traveler having to pay for every little thing all the time.

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Other

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I only support if this streamlines and saves time and money during the processing of the rubbish. Otherwise, user pays works better. Someone who recycles or doesn't create much rubbish only pays for what they need rather than subsidising others that create a lot of rubbish for whatever reason.

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Other

Tell us why

I would support it if it wasn't levied on the accommodation providers...? It would need to be imposed on International Visitors and collected at the airport because otherwise you are asking each person that has a staycation or any domestic visitor that's already paid rates to pay. Local should always be exempt from this type of tax.

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Support

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I have no issue with a fair rates rise as it is the only way things like events etc can be funded. However, I believe a universal bed tax where the accommodation providers have to pay is wrong. Fina another way....



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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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Rates should be calculated by size of property NOT by value of property which is out of the property owners hands.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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None

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

The hotel bed tax proposed is an unfair burden on this struggling sector Auckland benefits in so many ways from internal and external visits/hotel stays and there is no need to clip the ticket directly to hotels Home stays and Nz and to benefit?

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Do not support

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Tell us why

Some of these initiatives are not for the entire community, but only parts of it. We all pay rates so should be treated equally with the same level of focus and investment

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Do not support

Tell us why

We are already expensive, so let's not add additional charges to put potential visitors off as they are very integral to our economic success

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Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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Support most

Tell us why

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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)

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I have no idea what the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan is, Can we please have a translation so the majority of Kiwis/Aucklanders understand it, not just a very small percentage. I also do not support non-voting teenagers being on Board, as with Tauranga or Maori Boards etc of unelected Councillors



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Support most

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Need to focus on the increase of extreme weather events, how our infrastructure handles that, identify the issues and fix those.

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Support most

Tell us why

I feel we are constantly being asked for more, but we are getting less for it. There is little transparency around accountability for spend, yet you are looking to provide more autonomy to other groups. There is no confidence/transparency that we seek quotes for work, other than consistency in the news that it costs us \$xxx for work, which seems mostly extremely excessive.

Councillors need to ask themselves (as I did at work managing a multi million dollar budget), 'would I spend this money or accept this quote if it was my fish and chip shop', i.e. my personal money or investment. I don't think this level of thinking comes in, ever and that is certainly the impression we get. Rate increases are already substantial and should be in line with inflation. Auckland is becoming undesirable to live in due to continued rising costs that wages and salaries cannot keep up with. Lending/borrowing \$14B is absolutely ridiculous, and will no doubt impact rate payers even further (even with good intentions now). Not mentioned in the plan, but I am also concerned about a congestion tax, how this would be managed, paid for and people made accountable. We have already an enormous debt on unpaid tolls and parking and this sounds like it will become another administrative nightmare that gives people another reason not to come into the city. I do believe in general Auckland is doing well, but have a lot of concern over the way spend and costs are managed and those spending it being made accountable.

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Do not support

Tell us why

It is the Council's responsibility to confirm events in Auckland using the substantial income they already receive from residents rates. Taupo does an exceptional job with this ensuring the city is always busy with accommodations and restaurants doing well. If this was being done well we wouldn't need a bed tax. If money is required to fund events perhaps the extremely wealthy organisers (in some cases) of these events should contribute more. Introducing a bed tax is ludicrous and I believe will damage Auckland City's reputation even further, giving visitors reason to choose another destination. This of course is on top of the increased fee tourists now need to pay to enter the country. Your comment in the plan is at odds, i.e. visitor attraction and a bed tax?. I'm also not confident that it will be charged honestly and appropriately and could be another

excuse to raise costs with no transparency (and I'm sure no follow up to make sure it's being done correctly). Comes back to accountability and unless someone is checking there is no way to know.

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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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All of Auckland, regardless of where you live should have the same standards, services and related fees that apply. Consideration needs to be given to areas such as Great Barrier Island (in terms of fees), as charging what the 'city' pays is unfair, as they do not receive anywhere near the services etc that the city does.

Question 4:

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

I think the balance is right to ensure people's safety, continue supporting free activities and focus on those less fortunate. Particularly pleased to see a focus on ending homelessness.

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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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Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Fairly important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

2. Not sure footpath improvements in the Domain should be a priority as there are plenty of inner city street footpaths that are unsafe due to tree roots etc. 6. A private philanthropist maybe? 7. Would rather focus on safety itself, not just the perception of it. 8. Everyone should have a roof over their head if they want it. We need to solve for them a way to receive benefits etc (i.e. give them an address, bank account and way to access funds for food etc, even if those cards are able to be spent only in certain places).

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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

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I think we always supported transport and not all families have cars. Tress planted within the roads are very annoyed that caused queue when it's busy. Mangere for example is getting very busy after work. It's hardly a space for cars when too many buildings and a lot of cars parked by the road blocking the flow of the traffic.

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Support

Tell us why

It is fair enough since they do not pay Landrates and other maintenance that mostly pay by home owners.

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Do not support

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I think it is too much additional fees since we already struggle of the cost of living. I am only me and my mother of 86 years and left work to care for her. We paying for the mortgage, and a lot of bills, land rates is huge overdue since a lot of additional fees.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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?

Explore a site for a recycling centre

Less important

Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge

Fairly important

Maintain local road safety with limited budgets

Fairly important

More support to volunteer networks

Fairly important

Push to deliver local business initiatives.

Fairly important

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

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Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme

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

No

Tell us why

Too much overcrowded in Mangere area and road blocking all the times.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Transport needs to focus more on light rail

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Do not support most

Tell us why

There needs to be a great focus on upgrading bf cycle lanes

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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 climate action and sustainability activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

Question 5: Other feedback

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

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Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Rate increases are just more taxx On income . Most people haven't seen a rise in their own income for some years now. Cut the cloth to suit . !!

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's a small percentage for a good return. As long as the revenue is used appropriately . Not wasted on stupid pet projects.

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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

I live in freeman's bay and do not support paying for parking on street as I don't have anywhere for my visitors to park especially when there's events at the local high school

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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

Because that's what they're coming for and there's too many short term accommodation providers

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Very 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

Very 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)

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable): Massive Theatre Company

Local Board: Waitemata

Your feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

I am wondering where substantial focus and support on the arts in Tāmaki Makaurau is? I can see it within a few things, but most of this is big events, and not supporting the arts companies (theatre, dance companies etc) that create the basis of the arts within Tāmaki Makaurau. The research shows clearly and absolutely that the arts are imperative to the wellbeing of a city, both fiscally and

everything else. These turbulent times both nationally and globally require even more the need for arts to be at the core of all thinking and planning. It is not a 'nice to have' it is an essential component and should be adopted in the wider thinking of all leaders. Where is the support and growth for a thriving arts community In Tāmaki Makaurau? Where is the vision for this as an absolut?

Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

Tell us why

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I don't know

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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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

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Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Very important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

Very 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)

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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, Grants

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

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Tell us here

As the biggest city in Aotearoa the arts and culture sector should have a much bigger funding focus and it should be seen as imperative for our city on all levels. It is embarrassing and shows a lack of deep thinking in how little this council provides and values the arts.



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Support most

Tell us why

Important to plan for the future

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Support

Tell us why

Common practice overseas

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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?

None

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

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Tell us here

I support Wayne Brown 100% as Mayor. I like his direct down to earth approach & not afraid to tackle the hard stuff



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Organisation (if applicable): S Marys Bay Association

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Other

Tell us why

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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)

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Less important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

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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.

Fairly important

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

We are delighted to see that the Local Board has prioritised the commencement of planning and construction upgrade works to the Leys Institute during the 2025/26 period. The Leys Institute represents the cultural heart of St Marys Bay and to this end we welcome all direct communications and consultation with the Local Board to assist with the planning and future direction of our Community Centre. There's a need to define the broader future purpose of Leys Institute. Libraries around the globe are no longer just the repositories of old books – an opportunity exists to make the Leys a comprehensive community asset. Flood resilience actions for our parks are essential. St Marys Reserve adjoining the motorway acts as a well used dog

playground and a walking access route into Wynyard Quarter and the City. A significant access point - The Ring Terrace steps - was destroyed in the January 23 floods and we would welcome the Local Boards assistance to reactivate this important connection point. Point Erin pools is, we believe, a regional facility, due in part to its relative ease of access/parking facilities and setting. SMBA seeks the Boards consideration to an upgrade of Point Erin Pools, a regional facility that could assist with prioritising sport and recreation for groups that have less, perhaps more so than the Grey Lynn Paddling Pool.

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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, Local water quality activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable): Kelmarna Community Farm Trust

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

There is minimal focus on community and food resilience programmes, such as community gardens and kai sovereignty. There is a need to address a more sophisticated analysis towards localised solutions to food resilience for all communities in Auckland. The burgeoning network of

local food systems is increasingly utilised by communities, and more recognition of this community movement needs to be included in the plan.

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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?

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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

Support for local food production spaces is important for long term community sustainability and resilience. Education for waste minimisation and community agency towards food sovereignty is an important aspect of long term community resilience. There is rapidly growing awareness for food independence and localised solutions throughout the community, as people move towards a greater agency in their food needs due to rising costs and dissatisfaction with industrial food systems.

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

Less 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

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)

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

Community climate action and sustainability activities, Local events, Local waste minimisation activities

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

The natural environment aspects of the Annual Plan are very strong and we fully support resources being committed to pest control, kauri dieback mitigation, marine biosecurity education and resource recovery. These are grounded in sound environmental long-term thinking, and can support other nature-based initiatives throughout the city.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Transport in Auckland is a joke and need serious infrastructure spent. Why do you not look at tolling some more roads. If you look at Sydney and how they build under the city but toll people to use it, it is a tried and tested model. NZ local and central governments do not have the money to

build the necessary infrastructure. Making it harder to drive around Auckland will not make people use the underdeveloped public transport system.

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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

The GST change that was bought in goes to central government, this should go to local government and then the above levy wouldn't be needed. If you make too many charges onto accommodation people won't come. Holding events in Auckland is critical to having a successful and inviting city. People have to be able to move around the city easily.

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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

The revaluation amounts will be interesting given the very slow market, values are not what they use to be, therefore the CVs should come in less than what they are, but you have increased the

rate to be charged this year. As a rate payer it has been incredibly frustrating that I could not talk to someone about my rates notice that was rated incorrectly. If our rates charges are the main source of income for the council, why can we not talk to someone, either by phone or in person? both of which I tried and no one could help. It is a major floor in the council structure for ratepayers.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None

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

What does the Future fund actually invest in, could not find details of its investments. given the US, Russia and Middle East issues there should be transparency on what it invests in.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I support the following which are not all considerations in the current plan: Transport- priority in improved public transport networks for the long term. Continuous bike lanes that are not just for a few bikes but many commuters. Public spaces and parks- climate resilience for common extreme weather events through increased native planting and strengthening riparian buffers and

corridors. I have grown up and live near Grey Lynn park and am infuriated by the continued planting of exotic plain trees species. They provide nothing for our native ecosystem and the pollen is hazardous to those with asthma and eczema. We are educated enough now to know that only native species should be planted to support our natural ecology. Support continued funding for community facilities including Libraries and community centres. Support the collection of green waste food scraps to divert to landfill. Greater education needs to be promoted around what can and cannot be recycled. Support the continued funding of community festivals such as Pasifika, Grey Lynn Park festival, Matariki celebrations, Diwali, Chinese New Year and Polyfest etc. For all matters concerning fresh water, I support a 'Te Mana o te Wai' approach which is an ideology that places the importance of fresh water for its natural purposes and ecological requirements first and foremost, what can be used without any detriment to the environment is then utilised for fresh drinking water for people (and farmed animals), then lastly what is remaining after that is used for economic benefit and purposes - and not the reverse.

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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

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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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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?

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.

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.

Very important

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

Restoring the native ecology in parks is very important.

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Regarding the Kauri die back management plan, having limited access to areas of kauri through rāhui etc is futile if there isn't also serious pest management to stop pests such as pigs spreading the disease on their feet. This is definitely an issue to work closely with iwi and support iwi lead research. On a bigger note we need to ensure the Govetment does not disestablish the RMA and we need to ban cutting down native forest, native mature trees and seriously limit the spralling of new housing on green sites throughour Tāmaki Makaurau.



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Support most

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Do not support

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I think the current waste system is fairer - the more bags of rubbish you create the more you pay.

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Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Community climate action and sustainability activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities

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Support most

Tell us why

Need to focus more on funding for the arts and for small businesses!

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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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

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Question 4:

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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?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the bed tax in particular.

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

Very 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

Very important

Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall

Very important

Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate

Fairly important

Revitalising Ostend and Oneroa village centres

Fairly important

Commissioning the research of data and surveying residents to understand the state of the motu.

Very 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?

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Local board priorities

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Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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)

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27 March 2025

We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission to Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/26.

Ko wai tatou?

We are the KRd Community Forum. Our members are a mix of residents, business owners/operators, community agencies and representatives of Council and Government.

The group formed in 2023 following an escalation of anti-social behaviour, criminal activity, including violence in the KRd area. We meet monthly to work together with a vision of making the area a place where "Everyone can live (and work) in a community that feels safe".

The Positives

We have noted some great initiatives and support both from Council and others. These include:

- Introduction of compliance officers (City Watch) for the central City, including KRd
- Funding of the KRd Security Officers
- Support for the Auckland City Mission (ACM), Merge and Lifewise Outreach teams
- Increased Police (on the beat) presence
- Additional Social Housing in the CBD (e.g. Te Mātāwai, HomeGround and Te Ao Mārama)
- Onsite activities for whānau (e.g. Myers Community Hub, Te Mātāwai, ACM and Toi Ora)
- Events run by the KRd Business Association and others
- Revisions to the Alcohol Policy limiting access to alcohol
- Weekly agency stand-ups (KRd Community Forum)

We have also noted physical changes that are having a positive effect including:

- KRd Street upgrade (2021)
- Public Toilets – Mercury Lane
- CCTV – additional cameras and the active monitoring
- Lighting on Day St
- Myers Park upgrade, including the Art Installation (Waimahara)

Our concerns

While we have noted the positive initiatives, and we noted a slight improvement last year, the issues that led the group to form persist. Specifically, the group have observed:

- Shoplifting / theft / assaults on retail staff
- Violence and intimidation
- Open drug dealing / taking – drug paraphernalia in parks/playgrounds
- Non-compliance with alcohol ban
- Access to alcohol (five off licence premises on KRd)
- Antisocial behaviour (including defaecation, vandalism (broken windows))
- Rough sleeping, particularly youth
- Pedestrian safety
 - Day St (speeds and non-compliance with one way street, narrow footpath)
 - Speeds of scooters and cyclists in cycle lanes
- Lighting black spots along the street and off streets

Resident members of the group have noted that a lot the behaviour has been from people coming in from outside the area or are new to the street. These issues affect the community's perceptions of safety which in turn impact on the KRd economy. We understand there has been a 15% reduction in pedestrian traffic from 2019 levels.

We acknowledge that there are wider systemic causes and that the issues we have seen are a result of failings in society rather than the fault of individuals. We note increased Methamphetamine use (a doubling in wastewater levels in Quarter 3 of 2024¹) a reduction in the availability of emergency housing, the effects of benefit sanctions that reduce income, and inadequate funding for providers to meet an increase in demand for services. In addition, recent changes to attending mental health call outs, appear to have also had an impact on how whānau are attended to in times of deterioration or escalation.

The Ask

There have been a number of unconnected initiatives and assessments of the area over time. We request that funding for a **comprehensive** independent Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment that covers the whole of KRd and surrounding streets, is allocated through the Council's Annual Plan 2025/26.

The introduction of the City Rail Link will increase the number of people interacting with the environment and existing community. More people in the area will provide increased natural guardianship and could be taken into consideration in the CPTED assessment.

The KRd Community Forum would like to be included as a key stakeholder and could be involved in developing an RFP scope and with the subsequent assessment process.

Secondly, we would like to request regular attendance from the Council's Safe Communities team/function to the monthly forum meeting. This would provide a vital link between the Council and the community. We note that the Waitāmata Community Board Coordinator attends providing a great link with the Board and other parts of Council. We have also asked Police to regularly attend.

We think there are some quick wins that could be achieved with the following initiatives:

- Signage to identify sharps disposal bins in Mercury Lane toilets
- Re-assessment of Street Furniture and installation of appropriate seating at the hospitality nodes
- Improved gardening maintenance
- Clarification of who is responsible for Lighting maintenance (Auckland Transport or Auckland Council)
- Continued and increased funding for Social Support Agencies
- Continued Advocacy to central government to support better access to mental health

We note the Karangahape Road Plan 2014-2044 with the vision of "a safe and well-connected place". Some of the actions have been completed, however the medium (3-10 years) to long term (10 years plus) actions are listed as unfunded and are mostly incomplete. We request this plan is also updated or at least referred to in the completion of a CPTED assessment.

¹ National Drugs in Wastewater Testing Programme, Quarter 3, 2024 – NZ Police

Finally, we would like to support the continuation (or increase) in funding support for events in the KRd area, particularly for KRd Business Association.

Thank you for considering our submission to the Annual Plan.

Ngā mihi

KRd Community Forum

Members

Karangahape Road Business Association

Auckland City Mission

Lifewise

Merge Community (Lifewise)

Neighbourhood Support

KRd Residents Group

Residents – Day St

Residents – Greys Ave

Te Mātāwai

Advisory Attendees

Chloe Swarbrick Electorate Office

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Support most

Tell us why

Don't support further borrowing. Cut back on cycle lane.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Commercial events bring spending to Auckland

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Support

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

Homeless people on Queen Street is destroying businesses and intimidating pedestrians.

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Community programmes and services, Local events, Local parks strategy and planning

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Please restore Albert Street and Queen Street. The road work is destroying the city. And, it's spreading to Nelson Street and Hobson Street.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates keep going up higher and higher, I feel sorry for low income earners despite the small rates rebate. Either keep the rates down or offer a higher rebate for people who are unable to work full time and help them.

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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

Why do visitors have to pay a bed night levy? Ridiculous

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(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

I've made myself clear

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Albert-Eden

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

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Support most

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Very 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

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,Community climate action and sustainability activities,Local parks strategy and planning

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna



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?

I don't know **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**

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

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Very important

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information

Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

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

Because I have seen first-hand the value these bring to the community; through representations, support, social interaction, expression—even economically!

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

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Tell us why

Please make all forms of transport efficient including for private drivers. Taking away roads for drivers in preference for cyclist pathways which are hardly used or only used by boomers cyclists on weekend does not seem to justify the cost and 'opportunity cost' to private drivers. Public transport should not be run at the cost of private transport, vice versa. Please add good public

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Support

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The Ponsonby rd pavement is dangerousl to walk along it. It needs resurfacing. I have seen many people, especially older , and myself, trip or stumble.



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Tell us why

Some expenditure is still too much, though coming down.

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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?

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

Fairly important

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

Fairly 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

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Less 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

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Support most

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Not a fan of how the Auckland Future Fund is funded. doesn't seem to make sense to having a indirect fund that 'could' invest in what's good for Auckland rather than having more control over Auckland international airport which can determine the future of Auckland directly.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

There is too much being spent on unnecessary and undesirable things. Concentrate on your core responsibilities.

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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

There is no reason for the council to be involved in funding destination management, marketing and major events activities at all. Any money spent on it should definitely not come from rates. For fairness, the levy should be extended to Air B'nB, bookabach etc.

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)

The Uniform Annual General Charge should be increased as this is a fairer way of funding local government. Property rates are outdated and unjust; fairer sources should be sought.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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?

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

Very important

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Very 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)

2. By improving footpaths in the Domain I trust you mean providing more of them! The Domain needs to be more welcoming to pedestrians. I walk through it most days and have to jump out of

the way of double decker buses on a narrow road with no footpath but car parking on one side! Car parking in the Domain should be progressively removed. It has been much more pleasant to walk between the grandstand and the Park Road end since the parking was removed and the road closed to cars. 3. The Leys Institute is an important heritage building with enormous cultural value. 4. Heard Park is much loved and used by locals as it is and does not need redevelopment.

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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, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us here

There is no mention of the stadiums debate. Stop subsidising the privately owned Eden Park and make better use of the existing council owned stadiums instead.



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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

not enough wasteful spending cut

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Do not support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Question 4:

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Do not support any

Tell us why

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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)

all wasteful spending

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

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Support most

Tell us why

Continuing the necessities within restrictions of budget

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Support

Tell us why

Seems fair

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Support

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Local board priorities

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

Ōrākei



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?

Support all

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

Fairly important

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

Fairly 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

Very important

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

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

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Really fundamental that Council Invests in broad community engagement and reach to all, public transport and reducing car congestion, whilst balancing the necessity of playing catch up on the city wide infrastructure upgrades that have been neglected for too long.

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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 have to keep growing events that attract Auckland as a visitor destination and if these are world-class quality events people will be willing to cover this to help make it 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?

(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 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** In support of the work and dedication of the people that prioritise progressive community development and cohesion. 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** Fairly 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

Very important

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Very important

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

Very 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.

Very important

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

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Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Grants

Waitematā 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

Priorities that have been agreed to and need action to progress

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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

Very important

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Very important

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

Fairly important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Really important that our central city local board covers urgent needs and is progressive in both infrastructure improvements and community facilities, cohesion and well being.

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Community development and support activities, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Youth 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 encourage the speedy implementation of the Te Ara Tukutuku development on the old tank farm. Maximising the restoration and enhancement of the natural environment coast-line, over-all site and community shared spaces as highlighted in the Plan's proposal. There has been successful community input into improving community outcomes of this fantastic development and it should not be compromised by commercial interests that would restrict access and flow,. It will be worth the investment.



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I don't know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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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?

None

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

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Tell us here

No commercial trucks should be allowed in the CBD, this includes the route along Beach Rd. They are very disruptive. There also needs to be loading zones in front of all residential apartment buildings.



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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 don't think the council should focus on tourism. Central government should. Auckland is an expensive place to visit and this makes it more unaffordable. Tax business not consumers. The tenniss is commercial and unobtainable for most Aucklanders and shouldn't be subsidised by council

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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

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.

Fairly 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.

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.

Fairly 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)

Waitematā 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

See below.

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

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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Very important

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

Perceptions of safety. Who cares about perceptions if the reality doesn't align. Make our streets safer. Increase support for homeless. Move them on from our streets to places where they don't intimidate the public. I think it has got better but it's still not great. Grey Lynn pool. While I would love it to be a splash pad, the pool has its place and is well utilised. Leys Institute. I am supportive of protecting out built heritage. Work should be conservative with a view to retaining as much original features and character as possible and any additions should be easily 'reversible' or removable. Flooding remediation - we built these parks on historic river/stream beds. Now we are living with the consequences. Natural choices should be prioritised. Foot paths and parks should be deprioritised unless there are actual risks. The council has done a great job of destroying historic scoria pathways in many of our historic parks - western springs. Albert Park. The domain. Mission Bay/ a long tamale drive also used to have scoria paths. Not sure if that was the council or nzta that made it boring and less iconic

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Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning, Local water quality activities

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Put more shade sails on playgrounds. That'd be a better use of money. Stop kids getting skin damage.



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Support most

Tell us why

Support greater investment in transport, water quality and parks. Utterly opposed to you spending 3.5m to remove safer speed zones around schools. I will remember which councillors voted to endanger my child at the next election.

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Support

Tell us why

It is an effective mechanism to charge visitors for a share of the cost of 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?

Waitematā

Waitematā 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 oppose the proposal to turn the Grey Lynn paddling pool. There are many other splash pads, the pool is an invaluable facility for introducing young children to water safely, when they are too little for longer trips with the crowds and noise of the bigger pools.

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

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.

Fairly important

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

Oppose removal of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool. Also expect Board to advocate against the changes to safe speed limits around schools. I have an 8 year old who currently walks to Newton Central School, on narrow footpaths with no verges that are often blocked by bins. AT advised the Walking

School Bus to walk a block away from the school, as the most direct route is too dangerous even with adult supervision, and now AT wants to raise speeds on these dangerous streets to ensure that any misjudgment by a child is likely to be fatal.

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, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

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 DO NOT support the removal of safer speed zones around schools.



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Your feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I strongly support what Auckland has done so far in terms of improvements to urbanisation, walkability, multi-modal transit and downtown regeneration. Reducing car-dependency and promoting people-centric design are values that will help to create a sense of place that Aucklanders can be proud of.

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?

Support

Tell us why

In theory, a levy on visitors takes pressure off of ratepayers and residents to make up for funding shortfalls via increased rates or budget cuts. However, I would like to see data on examples where this kind of levy has been successful overseas. Council needs to start backing up proposals with real world evidence that voters can digest and understand.

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)

Funding waste management via fees that better reflect the actual costs of the service is a positive in the short term. Replacing bags with bins will hopefully cut down on plastic waste.

Question 4:**Local board priorities**

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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'd like to see less budget cuts for the arts, culture and community activities. I'd like the board and council to comment on what exactly they mean by reducing spending in water quality improvement activities. That seems like an important activity.

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

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)

Flood resilience and more stormwater infrastructure is highly important for long term sustainable development and safety in the city. The domain is an iconic public space and improving walking/cycling paths is important. Heritage buildings are not important to me and their restoration appears to stifle high density, mixed use, productive development and inflate housing costs. The Heard Park Civic Space plan looks attractive for Parnell Road. Budgets for Cultural and Arts programmes in the city are being slashed. It is nice to see a line in the plan for prioritising sport and recreation activities for disadvantaged members of the community. I highly support ending homelessness in the city. This is not a field I am well versed on, but the problem is apparent and I am open to mutually beneficial solutions both for those suffering from homelessness and the city.

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, Community development and support activities, Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control 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

Please continue the advancement of separated cycleways and multi modal transit corridors. Auckland is becoming a great example of a city moving away from car dependency and towards more people-orientated spaces. Auckland should look to close lower Queen Street and portions of Quay Street to cars. Ponsonby Road has a lot of potential for improvements in walkability as well.



#7993



Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Local Board: Waitemata

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I don't see any plan to solve major issues: 1. reduce commuting costs for children and students 2. almost complete abandonment of cyclepaths development despite more and more people using bikes everyday 3. very vague plan to end homelessness

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 long as the management does not cost as much as the increase in budget.

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)

If it standardises and simplify the rates, while reducing operation cost, I support it,

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

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.

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.

Very 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.

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.

Very important

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

#3: Lots of business owners do not realize that more walkable spaces and more public transportation and less carparks will result in more customers. They seem to think that removing parking near their businesses will cost them money when it does not.

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

Very important

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Less 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

Fairly important

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

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)

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities
- opening hours and services, Local water quality 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

Fairly important

Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan

Fairly important

Capital projects including the Tawaipareira Reserve playground and loop track, and replacement of the Rakino Hall

Very important

Continuing to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and investigate consulting on a local targeted rate

Fairly 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?

Yes

Tell us why

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

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

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.

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?

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

Fairly important

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

I'd like to know more what's the plan for ending homelessness.

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, Youth activities

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

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Support most

Tell us why

I think investment in water Transport is important But I am not sure about funding for all community 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

I enjoy the events supported by the levy

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)

3A if you make rubbish you should pay foot it's disposal

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I think the Future Fund is a great idea although I wasn't fully onboard with selling off Auckland Airport shares. The \$50 weekly public transport cap is fantastic and 100% support it. It brings Auckland more in line with cities such as Sydney regarding fare caps. Auckland's water infrastructure has been in dire need of investment so this is a good start. Fairer funding models

seem good on paper so hopefully this has positive results in practice. Would like to have seen a bit more on some more Shared Path spaces in higher traffic areas which already have wide footpaths as it seems like a cost-effective way of improving walkability and safety.

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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

Completely agree with this proposal. It's a great idea to have a portion of the money brought in by tourism to towards attracting events which can bring in more tourism, which can help create a sustainable funding cycle.

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)

Doesn't apply to me so have no opinion.

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

Waitematā

Waitematā 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

I agree a lot with the priorities. It's just within a few key areas of the plan I would have liked to have seen some more improvements around walkability/shared spaces. For example, from the university along Symonds Street and around Khyber Pass Road has a lot of people walking, cycling and using electric scooters (Lime etc). The roads around this area (especially around Newton Road intersection) is a high crash risk area, with the crossing being a bit sketchy for pedestrians with the narrow little island. The existing footpaths are already very wide along most of Symonds Street and Khyber Pass Road, and with how much pedestrian, cycling and e-scooter traffic goes along here, I thought it might be worth investigating whether repurposing it into a shared path would be a cost-effective means of improving safety and encouraging more walking, cycling, public transport use etc and reducing congestion.

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

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)

With the current economic situation it's unfortunately a side-effect that crime and anti-social behaviour typically increase. Community services programming to enhance perception of safety during these times is a great way to ensure people still feel safe going out and spending money within the city (rather than having it become a cycle of people not going out due to lack of perceived safety, which hurts businesses). The above also applies to homelessness when the economy is in a downturn, so support services that help with ending homelessness in Auckland are all positives.

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,Community programmes and services,Local events

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 most

Tell us why

Because in a difficult situation with high inflation, the burden of game loans will increase further.

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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

May cause a decline in tourism

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?

(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)

This is because the amount of waste varies from household to household and the time of disposal may also vary depending on the amount of waste.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Devonport-Takapuna



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?

Do not support most **Tell us why** While it is necessary to maintain various facilities, I would like to see more support and investment in reviving retail shops, general stores, and local businesses. 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**

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Because these are the most important things, and we need them.

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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

Everyone should be equal, and that also helps in the development of this country in which we live and work.

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)

Even though life is expensive, nothing is permanent, it is necessary and worthy and I support it, because it is not an easy job for those who deal with waste collection.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Upper Harbour

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

It is necessary and toe fa'alebi here and safety is public.

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

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

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

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

Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have

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

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

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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

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The increase in property taxes should not include apartments that do not own the land. We live in apartments that are like concrete shells, in a downtown area with no lawns or gardens. We pay very expensive property taxes, but no one cares about the ants and cockroaches that are rampant in the apartments. The property taxes should not be increased any further!

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Support

Tell us why

These tourists are also using all the city's public facilities and their stay creates all kinds of garbage, so they should pay overnight taxes.

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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)

The more the property tax is changed, the more expensive it will be. The quality of life will only go down and not up. It makes no sense at all!

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

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?

Do not support any

Tell us why

None of the reforms have been good for my life.

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

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

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

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?

Tell us why

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Property taxes should be lowered for downtown apartment owners.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates go up too much every year

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Do not 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?

None

Question 5: Other feedback

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Traffic in downtown Auckland is very bad. Roads are being repaired everywhere. In addition, cement flower pots are placed in the original parking spaces at Viaduct. This brings great inconvenience to the citizens.

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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

Without the overnight visitor tax, more tourists can be attracted, which can promote more tourists to spend money in New Zealand. The government can collect more tax revenue. Much higher than NZ\$7 million.

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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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Ōrākei

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?

Do not support most

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

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

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

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

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

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

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?

Tell us why

Question 5: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Devonport-Takapuna



Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Priorities

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Waitematā

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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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Starting construction for Leys Institute

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Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety

Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.

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Caring for the elderly



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Support most

Tell us why

Seems mostly reasonable

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Support

Tell us why

Reasonable

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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?

Waitematā, Kaipātiki



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 most

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)

Waitematā 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

Auckland's leaky apartment issue has put many families in financial distress. Some so-called consultants and lawyers in Auckland have taken advantage of the situation, creating unnecessary problems, nitpicking, and ultimately exploiting property owners for their money. I sincerely hope that the Auckland Council will take immediate action to address this issue, put a stop to such malpractice, and protect affected residents from further harm. Thank you.

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)

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Do not support most

Tell us why

There is too much focus on housing and property investment. It is not a productive investment for Auckland. 5.8% rate increase encourages housing investment over business investment and makes it harder for people to get on the property ladder.

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Support

Tell us why

This makes sense, I don't know about the %, if it threatens being too costly it could be more like 1-1.5% which would still recoup the shortfall. but increasing ways to pay for our events seems very reasonable.

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Other

Tell us why

Stop building these cycleways where they hardly get used, its a waste of Ratepayers Money. Meloa Rd has already had a major accident with all the safety factors been in place/ i have witnessed a close near miss accident already with a cyclist carrying a child in a basket on back of bike, now I hardly use the road. With this in mind, i have witnessed a very slow working project in

Gt Nth Rd Grey lynn- many hrs are wasted just standing around doing nothing-the project appears unorganised or no management to fine tune a work process - i.e watched one got sweep the dust off a clean path for neary a hour repeating going over same area= really is that necessary. Keep rate inflation down to pre 4% -its becoming very hard to live on a pensioner rate. I know i get rebate (which is time consuming to do every yr) when already in the system,must be an easier way.

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1/ Air conditioning units within 3-4 metres of your bedroom should not be allowed if no insulation walls are placed between Unit and outside walls of a home. The unit as pictured was placed there unknowingly to me behind fence. The unit is so loud at night it sometimes keeps me awake until they auto switch it off which can be after 1am I don't wish to ask them to switch off earlier as do not want a bad reaction. I have accompanied to noise control but the don't test during nights and only during weekdays. (nothing has been done). My point here is neighbours should have to apply with noise regulations if putting such a big unit on property. Picture shows the size approx on there property looking back where i have a privet tree growing as a barrier. Unit is about 1 metre long and 1200 high with two fans. Really i need double glazed windows but cannot afford them. I now take sleeping pills on regular basis because of noise (Hum/rattling whirring/ while all depends on power settings they use. p.s -when i have time i will pursue this further. Please Retain Western Springs Speedway as it was. Very few object (in fact i don't know any and have lived in area for 35 yrs) . Shutting down a historic event for a limit few complainers is very sad - Mt Eden gets more complaints re restricted parking on event day and thats still going with increasing events. The last sounds of the Western springs park is very sad vrs the Zoo i can hear all the time. I took my children to this park 40 yrs ago and they loved the atmosphere of it. 3/ Stop the Back handlers(15 councillors) retaining Gifts/free seating to Eden park events whilst negotiations are in place to extend & refurbish. (looks like they were suitably convinced as of 27/3/25. 4/ Speed bumps need to stop being built on main roads, theres far too many damaging the long term use of a car. I fear the emergency services will arrive much later to some areas and be too late for people saved, similarly for any accidents. A typical example is the main Meola Rd westmere to Pt Chev. I cannot travel anywhere now without driving an obstacle course. I would rather see 30 KL areas of travel. Economics equal to more petrol usage/suspension damage/ time wasting & build costings using Ratepayers \$\$\$. Reduce the sleep grading of existing speed bumps on main roads of get rid of lighted Predrestian speed bumps, they are not needed if very few used the crossing. I.e Gt Nth Rd near Blockhouse Bay Rd intersection. I'm very disturbed at the under handed way the 3yr Auckland House Valuation was just swept under the carpet for a feeble excuse of not applying it at end of last yr. The house values are always performed of current rentable values and real estate estimates and realised prices. The feeble excuse just shows how bad the council management has dealt with this. To most people its a scam to gain extra rates on grounds of higher home pricing.

My records show pricing has not changed this year compared to last year when council conveniently ignored the low pricing of home values compared to 2-3yrs ago. Because council conveniently did not activate the valuation last yr the ratepayers have forked out more in rates than ever before

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Support most

Tell us why

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Albert-Eden

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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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)

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Rubbish



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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

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Support

Tell us why

good for community

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

Albert-Eden

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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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?

Support all

Tell us why

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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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stop charging resident parking permit fees

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Local board priorities

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Albert-Eden

Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support infrastructure funding with a long-term view. I do not support (1) Reduced arts and creative funding. (2) The sale of Auckland Airport (3) Overnight bed levy (4) Fair funding for boards

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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 this levy on short-stay commercial accommodation for domestic tourists but agree for it to be on international tourists. I strongly object to the festival of Diwali as it is a space that other rises Indians and erases our minorities fascists in the system.

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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 am OK with rates, fees and changes.

Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Albert-Eden, Aotea/Great Barrier, Devonport-Takapuna, Franklin, Henderson-Massey, Hibiscus and Bays, Howick, Kaipātiki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Manurewa, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Ōrākei, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura, Puketāpapa, Rodney, Upper Harbour, Waiheke, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā, 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?

Support most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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How important are these priorities to you?

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

Aotea/Great Barrier 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

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

How important are these priorities to you?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

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

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** I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity. 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**

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

Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs

Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information

Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice

Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

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)

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 most

Tell us why

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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)

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 most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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.

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Support most

Tell us why

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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.

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Kaipātiki Local Board Priorities

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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 most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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)

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)

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 most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

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 object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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)

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?

Support most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

Continue local initiatives to enhance neighbourhood connections and increase safety and emergency preparedness, such as through funding for Neighbourhood Support

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

Maintain efforts to monitor and improve water quality in our local waterways

Continue activating facilities at Tagalad Reserve and The Landing

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

Find a new partner to develop the Meadowbank Community Centre

Develop an action plan to improve access and the environment at Dingle Dell

Work to enhance the Ellerslie Town Square by improving access, activation ability, safety and public amenity through improved tree management, landscaping and seating.

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?

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?

Support most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

Addressing safety concerns in neighbourhoods, common areas and town centres

Delivering on increased local economic outcomes

Supporting small businesses to act on environmental sustainability

Progressing the planning for options to address community service needs in Old Papatoetoe

Supporting local environment groups to work collaboratively with community volunteers in efforts to clean, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces

Planning for the delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl

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)

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)

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

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?

Support most

Tell us why

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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

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

Advocating for access to the legacy parking fund for carparking projects

Assisting the Takanini Business Association's proposed establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) programme and BID targeted rate for Takanini

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)**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?

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?

Support most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Investing in more climate action and environmental projects

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

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

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.

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

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

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

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

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

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

Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have

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

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)

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

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

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience

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

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?

Tell us why

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 most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

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

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

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.

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.

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

Support most

Tell us why

I object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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)

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 object to the reduction in arts & creative funding, especially in the suburban boards South & West. I also don't agree with fair funding. Local boards must be funded on need & equity.

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

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

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

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

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

Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community

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

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.

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 am really interested to know what the council is doing to improve intercultural interaction, particularly between tangata whenua & tauwiwi o Nga Tae. And who are your ethnic representatives that make decisions excluding large parts of our marginalised people. Also, abolish Diwali.



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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

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?

Tell us why

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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

Bed tax preferable than other taxes! Money should stay local be distributed by

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?

Aotea/Great Barrier



Aotea/Great Barrier 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?

All current projects and programmes including community grants, environmental work, and parks upgrades

Very important

Set up of a new community-run local fish-supply

Very important

Community marine education and marine biosecurity work

Very important

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

Anything related to nature + environment is important. Insects as a food source

Question 5: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Question 4:

Local board priorities

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe



Ōtara-Papatoetoe 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?

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

Very 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)

Yes

Tell us why**Hunters Corner Business Improvement District**

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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, Grants

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

Community development and support activities, Community programmes and services, Local events

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Local Board: Waitematā

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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

See attached Summary of Attachment: Funding Destination Management and Major Events Supports a bed night visitor levy (2.5% to 3%) to raise around \$27 million annually for destination management and major events. Opposes the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (APTR) as it is not closely tied to sector revenue. Emphasizes the importance of events for local businesses and the economy.

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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)

See attached: Summary of attachment: Business Differential Opposes the business differential in rates, arguing it unfairly impacts small businesses. Disagrees with increasing the share businesses pay for targeted rates from 25.8% to 31%.

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Local board priorities

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Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain

Starting construction for Leys Institute

Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space

Very important

Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less

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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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proposed for St Georges Bay Rd, scheduled for January 2026. • Completion of the Parnell wayfinding project. • Continued advocacy for improvements around Parnell Station as soon as the land becomes available.

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 events,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



SUBMISSION TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2025/2026

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Introduction

The Parnell Business Association represents over 1,100 businesses and a capital value in excess of \$2.2 billion.

Our role in the Auckland economy is to improve the business environment of our area, promote innovation, prosperity and employment as well as attract new businesses, customers and visitors.

We share this common goal with the Auckland Council group to promote Auckland's economic prosperity. The council group plays a pivotal role in providing efficient and effective core services for the city. In addition, Auckland must continually strive to attract more visitors, and bid competitively to host major events, as well as support economic development activities.

Funding destination management and major events

You have noted you would continue to fund cultural festivals, but that without a bed night visitor levy, you would have a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events for the 2025/2026 financial year.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and government have yet to agree to introduce this legislation.

A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by visitors who stay in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27 million each year to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

Investment at this level would allow you to deliver a full 'destination management' and major events programme, including ongoing national sport content and major one-off international events.

You have also noted that due to time limitations, you are unable to reintroduce the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate for Annual Plan 2025/2026. Unlike the bed night visitor levy, the APTR is not closely tied to sector revenue as it is based on the capital value of a property and is payable regardless of the number of visitor nights the accommodation provider has, and you believe that bed night visitor levy is a better funding tool.

We agree that attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major festivals and events, is vital to developing Auckland's economy.



We agree that Auckland needs a sustainable long-term solution for the funding of major events, destination marketing and visitor attraction. We have never supported the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate and agree that a bed night visitor levy is a better funding tool as it is well recognised in cities worldwide.

We are however concerned about the time it will take for government to implement such as plan and that for the upcoming year there will be a shortfall in income for major events. In a competitive global tourism landscape, fuelled by a constant fight for attention in the minds of potential visitors, the absence of highlighting and profiling the attributes of our city, could make us instantly forgettable, the impetus of which cannot be caught up simply by turning on the tap again.

We would like to reiterate the importance of events on the trade in our town centres such as Parnell. Our hospitality providers report a definite uptake in days pre and post a large concert, especially if it is held in Spark Arena or Eden Park, and to a far lesser extent if it takes place at Mount Smart. Even the smaller concerts such as Chris Stapleton recently was reported by Parnell hospitality as providing additional traffic. It is harder to measure a definite uptake in trade from waterside events such as Moana Auckland, potentially due to the amount of hospitality near the event, but we still support their importance as contributing to a vital exciting city.

We ask that you continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy as soon as possible so a good pipeline of events can be planned by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited. Ultimately, Auckland Council is in the drivers seat to champion 'Brand Auckland.'

Business Differential

You have noted that the council will set the business differential to raise around 31 per cent of general rates (UAGC and value based general rates) from business properties. You have said this approach to the business differential removes the impact on the split of rates between business and non-business properties that changes in property values have resulting from the triennial region-wide revaluation.

We were opposed to your proposal to discontinue the Long Term Differential Strategy which has been gradually lowering the share of general rates paid by businesses and for business ratepayers.

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Local Board Priorities – Waitematā Local Board

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We are very grateful and looking forward to the delivery of the upgrade in Heard Park as well as a new playspace, which we believe will be well utilised by locals and employees in our community.

You have asked for feedback on which 3 areas of activity are the most important to us. While all the activities are important, the one that would probably provide the most benefit to the business community, would be that of Local events & Grants.

While large city events & concerts provide indirect benefits and uptake within our town centres, local events provide a tangible and immediate benefit. The Waitematā Local Board host the Parnell Festival of Roses every year, and while it is a well-loved event for local residents, it does not provide any benefit to the business community due to its locality. We would like to advocate for support from the local board for an annual event in the town centre.

The current range of grants via the Waitematā Local Board are fairly limited. Even though we are funded by our members, additional grants would be really welcome to support our extensive activities in crime prevention, towards events or business development, or even to progress sustainable objectives.

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Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

General Manager

Parnell Business Association

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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

See attached: Summary of Attachment: Funding Destination Management and Major Events
Importance: Major events and festivals are crucial for Auckland's economic development. Funding
Mechanism: Support for a bed night visitor levy as a sustainable funding solution. Impact Example: Coldplay concert in November 2024 boosted Newmarket sales by \$500k.

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Other

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Opposition: NBA opposes discontinuing the Long Term Differential Strategy and increasing the business share of targeted rates. Justification: Arguments against the business differential, especially for small businesses.

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See attached: Summary of Attachment: Local Board Priorities – Waitematā Local Board Top Projects: Streetscape Upgrades: Kent & York Streets need improvements. Parnell Cycleway:

Support for a cycleway through the disused railway tunnel. Northern Accessway: Creation of a new northern entrance to Newmarket Train Station. Support and Advocacy Events: Continued support for major events and financial contributions from the Local Board. Grants: Seeking further investment for listed priorities.

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27 March 2025

Annual Plan Feedback
Auckland Council

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ANNUAL PLAN – OUR SUBMISSION

Introduction

The Newmarket Business Association (NBA) represents over 3,000 property owners and businesses, who between them employ around 21,000 employees within the Newmarket precinct. Through the Business Improvement District (BID) programme, we work on behalf of the private sector, and in partnership with Auckland Council, its CCOs, and the Waitemātā Local Board. Our combined ratable commercial property portfolio is valued at around \$5.5B. Our role, with a single-minded focus on the Newmarket precinct, is to improve the business environment of the area, promote innovation, safety, prosperity and employment as well as attract new businesses, consumers and visitors.

Funding destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major festivals and events, is absolutely crucial for Auckland's on-going economic development. To be recognised, credibly as a true international destination, we must be associated with major events and attractions. Auckland needs a sustainable long-term solution for the funding of major events, destination marketing and visitor attraction. The Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate has never been supported by us, but we agree a bed night visitor levy is a better mechanism for funding, as it is very common in many cities around the world. We do have concerns about the timeframe for central government to legislate, design and implement the appropriate mechanic to capture the levy. This will take time, likely meaning for the upcoming financial year Council will have a shortfall in income for major events. *The momentum of events and attractions needs to be maintained so our international visibility does not fade.*

We cannot overstate how significant events are, and the positive financial impact they have on our town centre. As an example, just on the Saturday that Coldplay played at Eden Park in November 2024, Newmarket alone experienced a 500k lift in sales compared to other similar Saturdays – very positively impacting both retail and hospitality providers.

Please continue to advocate to central government to introduce this levy as soon as possible so a good pipeline of events can be planned by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, alongside the private sector.

Ultimately, Auckland Council is the key guardian of 'Auckland Inc.'

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The Waitematā Local Board have stated their key priorities for the Annual Plan 2025-2026. We completed our Annual Presentation to the Local Board earlier this year, and provided our key areas in need of their support and advocacy. It should be noted a few of these areas have been on our priority list for almost 10 years.

Our Top Three projects we are seeking Waitematā Local Board advocacy and support for:

- *Streetscape upgrades of Kent & York Streets.* The Newmarket Laneways Masterplan, developed by the Waitematā Local Board over 10 years ago, earmarked key areas for a “Laneways upgrade”. Teed Street was completed in 2017, no further progress has been made. The current streetscapes are poor quality and have health and safety hazards, compared to other busy retail areas in Newmarket.
- *Parnell cycleway through dis-used railway tunnel.* We lend our full support to Parnell Business Association’s efforts to have the greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell tunnel to Newmarket realised. A significant safety advancement for cyclists and this will create an accessible pedestrian and cycling link between Newmarket the Domain, The Strand and Parnell.



(Proposed safe cycleway running alongside southern railway line, through Newmarket and Parnell via the disused rail tunnel. Then onward to connect with existing cycleways at the Domain, Beach Road, Quay St and Tamaki Drive)

- *Open up Northern Accessway to Newmarket Station.* Following the closure of the Kingdon Street railway crossing, which we are advocating to be reopened as a railway platform, we are supporting the creation of a new northern Broadway entrance to the main Newmarket Train Station concourse on the overbridge adjacent to 88 Broadway.



Proposed new train station entry at beside 88 Broadway. Providing access to Newmarket Station and Kingdon Street platforms.



(Proposed raised walkway through to Newmarket Station from new northern Broadway entrance, and lower walkway through to Kingdon Street platforms via tunnel)

We are aligned to Waitematā Local Board supporting major events in the central Auckland area, and remain grateful for their financial contribution to the Festival Italiano. These major events bring in domestic and international visitors.

We are also appreciative of the Local Board's grants that we have been given from time to time, however we are seeking further investment and commitment for the priorities listed above.

Best regards

[Redacted signature]

Chief Executive

[Redacted name]



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

See attached: Summary of Attachment: Work in Progress Historic Mural: Initial cleaning and graffiti removal completed. Repairs and anti-graffiti measures are underway. Reinstallation scheduled for May 2025. Ayr Reserve: Closed due to storm hazards; ongoing safety improvements. Pontoons at Judges Bay remain out of water due to contamination. Te Ha (The Breath): A new boardwalk will be built to protect the sand dune Pohutukawa species. Other Matters Broken Sea Wall: Issue at Judges Bay remains unresolved. Robbies Harbour Lookout: Canopy repair is overdue. Taurarua Heritage Precinct: Application for heritage status is pending. Urban Tree Taonga: Protection application for notable Pohutukawa is in progress. Pt

Resolution/Taurarua Planting: Needs reactivation post-Covid. St Stephens Church: Restoration of historic graves funded by local grants. Mangrove and Rubbish Removal: Community volunteer session planned. Cat Colony: Managed by volunteers; new members welcome. Possum Control: Successful eradication efforts continue. Auckland Domain/Pukekawa Wayfinding Signage: Issues with signage for Auckland Museum and Bledisloe Track. Track Safety: Unauthorized track openings pose safety risks; future-proofing paths is planned

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Tell us here



Annual Plan 2025/26 Consultation – inputs from PCC, 28 March 2025

Introduction

Parnell is Auckland's first European suburb (established in September 1841), and it remains one of Auckland's highest density residential living suburbs.

Our residents love to walk and enjoy nature. We ask our Local Board prioritise the inputs given herein in this Annual Plan.

Community led is vital.

1. Work in Progress

A - From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2024 at 12:39
Subject: RE: Historic Mural
To: [REDACTED]

Here is update of our mural from Council that I received in late October.

Turkington Mural Update October 22, 2024

The mural has undergone an initial cleaning, followed by a second pass by a stone conservator to successfully remove the graffiti.

Based on a condition assessment and subsequent recommendations of expert art conservators, a stone conservator has been contracted to repair previous damage and implement measures to prevent future issues, such as addressing cracks, wear on the bedding material, and applying an anti-graffiti coating. Additionally, a frame for mounting the mural tiles is in development and currently out for tender.

Following completion of this activity the mural is scheduled to be reinstalled in May 2025. When we have any more update, we will let you know.

B -

Wed, 28 Feb
2024, 09:46

to

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Ayr reserve has been closed for some time due to the hazards created from the storm of which many have been taken care of but there are still things we need to do to make the path safe for everyone to use.

The pontoons at Judges Bay will remain out of the water until such time it is safe to swim there. The Safe Swim website still has this black flagged due to contamination. It would be irresponsible for us to encourage swimming there when this is the case.

C. Te Ha (The Breath) is a sand dune species of Pohutukawa and everyone marvels at the 200-year-old 'land hoping' growth pattern. An all new boardwalk is to be built on the lawn area on the eastern edge so the pathway beneath can be removed to let nature take its full course

2. Other Matters

- Broken Sea wall in Judges Bay

As far as we are aware our Local Board have never; progressed this matter which we first raised prior to Covid

- Robbies Harbour Lookout repair

The canopy for this popular harbour look out was broken by a chap doing chin-up in date. Repair is long overdue and we urge Council to do it with a roof cover for all season enjoyment

- Taurarua Heritage Precinct

The application to Heritage NZ dated January 2022 from Parnell Heritage to have Point Resolution, Judges Bay Reserve/Saint Stephens Chapel and Mataharehare/Dove Myer Robinson Park/Parnell Rose Gardens and surrounds to be a combined park, known as Taurarua, and listed as a Heritage One site to properly protect it. Heritage NZ has been asked by the Minister of Arts Culture and Heritage why it has taken so long to get this into their works schedule, Heritage NZ has been asked by the Minister of Arts Culture and Heritage why it has taken so long to get this into their works schedule, which will hopefully see it progress in the next scheduling.

- Our urban tree Taonga (In Maori culture an object or natural resource which is highly prized)

The application to Heritage NZ dated July 2021 from iwi representing Ngā Uri o Tuperiri, Ngāti Whātua and Tainui, for protection of the notable Pohutukawa, Te Hā, with wāhi tapu status. Heritage NZ has come back with some questions so that they can move the application forward.

- Pt Resolution/Taurarua planting

Discussions with Ngāti Whātua pre-Covid went nowhere. This matter needs to be reactivated as this iconic part of Parnell is looking more and more shabby

- St Stephens Church

This land and historic Church is owned by all Aucklanders and a Sunday service is conducted by the Anglican Church for up to xx people from xam to yam. In 2024 a Local Board grant of sixty thousand spear headed the restoration of 27 historic grave sites and then two were funded by the generosity of local Parnell residents

- Mangrove and rubbish/road cone removal in Judges Bay

A community volunteer session is planned for late April this year.

- Cat colony

The Rose Garden Cat colony in Parnell is looked after by a dedicated group of volunteers. One or two of our team feeds them each day... If you would like to join our group you would be welcomed by feeders and cats, it is very rewarding. Go to <https://www.thenzcatfoundation.org.nz/>

- Possum control

In 2023 our local resident team eradicated 120 possums and were awarded Good Citizen Awards. They continue to monitor three traps and a zero count remains.

Auckland Domain/Pukekawa

- Wayfinding signage - Bledisloe Track & Parnell Train Station

It is so underwhelming that Auckland Transport have significantly reduced any wayfinding for the iconic Auckland Museum in the Parnell Train Station. .

The newest Museum signage on the Bledisloe Track has disappeared and again no genuine care by the Council Parks team to reinstate.

Only with community passion has the Domain Forest track been open for public use

email in Feb 2024 If I may also, I would appreciate it if you would not open up tracks as you have done in Auckland Domain unauthorised by council. These are closed due to the significant H&S risks in that there are some significant hazards due to slips and paths/steps which need a lot of work which is simply not just topping up with gravel. Whilst there are people who use the tracks, who know these tracks well, we have to be mindful of those that are not familiar with the tracks and could potentially injure themselves which then is Councils responsibility.

We have a project under investigation and design to future proof the paths integrating more drainage etc to allow water to channel in a more controlled manner.

We have not been able to do any remedial work due to the significant amount of rain we had over the winter period.

It was stated late last year at the Domain Committee that the Domain Forest Tracks on the Parnell side were a key focus for early 2025 but they remain unloved



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Support all

Tell us why

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Whoever thought of this idea is very short sighted and has personal agenda with hotels. Events in the city does not ONLY benefit hotels, but the travelers also spend in restaurants, taxis, shopping, etc. Only taxing hotels does not make sense, and it will not go down easily. Operators are already struggling; we have not made any profit in this FY and its evil to apply this tax. We thought this Govt will work to boost tourism but applying visitor levy, now bed tax are all bad decisions!!

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not my area. but wasting money on organic food scraps in an unnecessary use of funds.

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